

UWM Center for Nursing History

Cunningham Building, 1921 E. Hartford Ave. Milwaukee History of Historical Gallery

1973- Was designed into the Cunningham Building by Inez Hinsvark, nurse historian and first Dean.

1977- Named "Historical Gallery" by the faculty

1980- 20% faculty appt. "Director", plus 25-35% PA/RA position

Therefore, UWM becomes the 1st school in the country to financially support nursing history. (Deans Conway/Lang)

1992-CON Academic Planning Committee est. Center for Nursing History. "Was more than a museum".

1993 - Museum is dedicated as the Inez G. Hinzvark Historical Gallery

2016- One of 6 in the country with probably the largest collection

Our collection was built by donations from many individuals, nursing alumni groups, UW Madison School of Nursing

Original gallery





"the Local Room" Added in January 2018



Personnel and space

Director- Laurie K Glass, RN, PhD, FAAN- 20% volunteer (since 2005)

Research Assistant- Anne Molineu, MA – 20% volunteer (since 2014)

Location: Cunningham Hall, UW Milwaukee campus

Historical Gallery – G75

Expansion opened January 2018 – G97 "the Local Room"

Research lab, workroom- B85 Storage – B51

Funding- Donations to UWM Foundation, CON –supplies, computers

Then and Now





Collecting: a 3 pronged approach

1. Papers, records, class photos- UWM Archives

- Rare, old books UWM Library Special Collections
 1252 titles in the History of American Nursing Collection.
 - 490 titles in the nurse fiction collection (400 received from a former professor in the UWM Department of Art & Design).
- 3. Artifacts, "stuff" College of Nursing Historical Gallery

Purpose

The purpose of the Center for Nursing History is to provide an historical view of advances in the art and science of nursing that have had an influence on health care. The Center for Nursing History also aims to:

- instill appreciation of the historical past related to nursing, nursing education and health care.
- increase awareness to the significant role played by nurses in history.
- serve as a learning resource for faculty, staff, students and the community.
- provide a viewing experience of artifacts, mementoes, and photographs which may not be available from other resources.

Collections

Schools (uniforms, photos, pins, some records)

- St Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, Milwaukee
- Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing, Milwaukee
- Mt. Sinai Hospital School of Nursing, Milwaukee
- Milwaukee Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing, Milwaukee
- Milwaukee County Hospital/ John Doyne Medical Center, Milwaukee (limited amount)
- Milwaukee General Hospital School of Nursing, Milwaukee
- UW-Milwaukee College of Nursing, Milwaukee
- UW Madison School of Nursing (limited amount)

Collections continued

110 Caps, Signe Cooper cap collection

35 bedpans

Other- syringes, BP equipment, tool cases, bed warmers

School pins, capes from 40 schools/hospitals

Scrapbooks, student notebooks, instructor plans,

photographs, posters, brochures, pamphlets

World War I and World War II uniforms, records, photos, posters





Lots of uniforms- 1890 to 1980



Cadet Nurse Corps, WWII

Airline stewardess 1940s





WWI Army nurse uniform and bathing suit

Lots of photograph and slides













110 caps. 45 displayed in 4 places in Cunningham Hall

40 Capes. 10 on display



Milwaukee Lutheran Hospital SoN



Local Room

Mt. Sinai Hospital SoN



St. Mary's Hospital SoN



UW UW Milwaukee Madison



Deaconess Hospital SoN

We need a Deaconess pin and an older uniform.

















ADM Rykowski, UWM Alum



WWII Navy Nursing



2010, 1970, 1943

Who Visits?

CON Faculty and Students- Self guided tour notebook

Other Faculty and students- history, women's study, Osher LLI

Other university staff/fac- Research librarians

Museum directors/ staff

Nursing school alumni groups

Nurses of all ages

Families who donate items

Our Visitors



Faculty from Turkey





Taiwanese nursing students



Verlee & Agnes (92 yo)with family. St. Luke's Racine grads

Reis family, Ada Garvey relatives





Mt. Sinai grads visit the Mt. Sinai exhibit



The Conditt sisters donated their mother's items.

Things a nursing history scholar (me) does: there aren't

many of us, 6 in Midwest

- Historical research, writing, publications
- Teach classes, give presentations on nursing history
- Review manuscripts, serve on dissertation, thesis, project committees
- Represent the UWM at:
 - the American Association for the History of Nursing and the American Academy of Nursing
- Consultation- local nursing groups, national nursing groups, museums