

Geraldine Gorman Papers 1919-2001

Creator: Geraldine Gorman

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Language: English

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Administration Information

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Provenance: Geraldine Gorman donated the records to the Loyola University Chicago Archives and then approved their transfer to the Women and Leadership Archives in summer 2003 (WLA2003.13). The portion of materials related to Geraldine Gorman specifically was accessioned separately as WLA2012.12.

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Separations: 0.5 linear feet of extraneous and duplicate material was removed.

See Also: Visiting Nurse Association North Records at the Women and Leadership Archives.

Biographical History

Geraldine Gorman is currently an Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Illinois at Chicago. With an MA in English Literature and a PhD in Nursing, both from Loyola University Chicago, she has contributed to numerous publications and has been involved in social services and volunteer work in the Chicago area for many years. Her past professional life includes involvement in the Visiting Nurses Association North (VNAN). In 2009 she received the Heroes award from the Greater Chicago Red Cross. She has co-authored two publications on the subject of nursing from a social work perspective, and her specific focus is the blend of humanities with the medical profession. She has been invited to participate in the Artist in Residency program at The Ragdale Foundation in Lake Forest, Illinois. As can be seen in this collection, Gorman's personal interests in literature and poetry have influenced her professional nursing and educational career.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of 0.5 linear feet (1 box) and spans the period 1919-2001, with the vast majority pertaining to 1995-2001. The records contain items related to the Visiting Nurses Association North (VNAN), the contentious absorption of the VNAN into a larger hospital/health care system, and the role that Gorman played as an advocate for the organization. Also included are examples of the literary, spiritual and professional writings generated by Gorman, as well as personal and professional correspondence. Several unidentified photographs are included in this collection, as well as an obsolete electronic format. There are three series in this collection as noted below.

Series 1: Personal, 1997-1999, undated, Box 1

Contains examples of Gorman’s literary and spiritual writings, correspondence with friends and family, and related ephemera that she collected.

Series 2: Professional, 1919-2001, undated, Box 1

Contains professional writing, presentations, correspondence, interview transcripts, health industry articles in newsprint and magazine formats, and records pertaining to professional development. It also contains early twentieth century VNA pamphlets and annual reports.

Series 3: Audiovisual, 2001, undated, Box 1

Contains several unidentified photographs and a 3.5” floppy disk containing Word Perfect documents.

Subjects:

Evanston, Illinois
Gorman, Geraldine
Visiting Nurses Association North
Evanston Hospital
Nursing
Loyola Medical Center

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
		<i>Geraldine Gorman Papers 1919-2001</i>	
		Series 1: Personal, 1997-1999, undated	
1	1	Correspondence (family and friends)	1997-1999, undated
1	2	Ephemera	1997-1998
1	3	Writings	1997, undated
		Series 2: Professional, 1919-2001, undated	
1	4	Colleague Contacts	undated
1	5	Correspondence: General	1997-1999, undated
1	6	Correspondence: Loyola University Chicago	1997, undated
1	7	Correspondence: Visiting Nurses Association	1995-2001, undated
1	8	Research: Interviews with VNA Personnel	undated

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1	9	Research: Miscellaneous Articles	1976-1998, undated
1	10	Research: VNA Pamphlets, Annual Reports	1919-1993
1	11	Writings and Speeches	1996-2001
		Series 3: Audiovisual, 2001, undated	
1	12	Buffalo, Gannon Presentations [3.5" floppy disk]	undated
1	13	Unidentified Photographs	undated