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[Dorothy E. Reilly Papers](#)

**REILLY, DOROTHY E., 1920-1996.**

**Papers, 1943, 1958-1992.**

**2.5 cubic feet (8 boxes)**

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** Dorothy E. Reilly, nursing educator, was born Feb. 6, 1920 in Holyoke, Massachusetts, the daughter of James A. and Mary E. Kincaide Reilly. She attended Mount Holyoke College for two years before transferring to the Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing (now the Columbia University School of Nursing) where she received her B.S. in 1943.

After several years as a practicing nurse, Reilly began her teaching career as an instructor at the Holyoke Hospital School of Nursing in her home town. She received her MA in nursing from Boston University in 1950 and the next year joined the faculty of Columbia's School of Nursing. There she rose from instructor to Associate Professor (1958) and was primarily responsible for curriculum development and program planning for undergraduates.

Reilly received her Ed.D. from New York University in 1967. She moved to Wayne State University College of Nursing in 1969 and became a full professor in 1973. There she was responsible for curriculum development and the preparation of nursing teachers but also served as Director of the Office of Community Educational Services, the College's outreach and continuing education arm. In this capacity Reilly received several grants from federal funding agencies for creating outreach BSN and MSN programs for areas of Michigan that lacked educational institutions offering such curricula.

Reilly published several books on nursing education, two of which won the American Journal of Nursing's Book of the Year Award (1976, 1980); and she was in great demand as a speaker, workshop leader, and nursing education consultant both in the U.S. and abroad. She was elected to the Academy of Nursing in 1977; received the Distinguished Alumni Award of the Columbia University School of Nursing in 1983; and was posthumously inducted into the Hall of Fame of the American Nurses Association in 1998.

Reilly retired from Wayne State University in 1987. She had an active retirement including serving as Visiting Professor of Nursing at Curtin University in Perth, Australia, in 1988. Dorothy E. Reilly died April 7, 1996.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** The Reilly papers include biographical materials, correspondence, lectures and presentations, teaching materials, records of outreach nursing educational programs, photographs, a videotape and an audio cassette. The papers only document her professional life: there is nothing relating to her private life. In addition, the papers contain none of her published articles.

The bulk of the collection is made up of papers she gave at conferences and workshops, 1972-1990. They cover a wide range of nursing education topics including program evaluation, grading, curriculum development, the teaching of values and ethics, and educational outreach. Another large group of material documents the BS and MSN outreach programs she conducted in Michigan including grant proposals, publicity, evaluators' reports, and alumni questionnaires received in 1985-1986.

**ORGANIZATION:** Organized in nine series: I. Biographical materials; II. Correspondence; III. Columbia University School of Nursing; IV. Workshops; V. Lectures and Presentations; VI. Reports and Consultancies; VII. Curriculum/Teaching Materials, Wayne State University College of Nursing; VIII. Outreach M.S. in Nursing Program, Wayne State University College of Nursing; IX. Audio-Visual.

**LANGUAGE:** English.

**ACCESS:** Alumni questionnaires are restricted: researchers wanting to use this material must pledge not to use names or personally-identifiable information in any publications.

**PROVENANCE:** Received from Milbank Library, Teachers College, 2009 (acc.#2009.03.02). Teachers College had no information on when or from whom they received the papers.

### **Subjects**

Reilly, Dorothy E.

Columbia University. School of Nursing.

Wayne State University. College of Nursing.

Nurses – United States.

Nursing – Michigan.

Nursing – Study and teaching – United States.

Nursing ethics – Study and teaching.

Nursing schools – United States.

Education, Nursing – United States.

Education, Nursing, Continuing – United States.

Schools, Nursing – United States.

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- 2 Class papers from doctoral program, New York University, 1961-1963
- 3 Doctoral dissertation, "A Comparative Analysis of Selected Nonintellective Characteristics of College Graduate and Noncollege Graduate Women Who Entered a Collegiate Nursing Program," 1967
- 4 New York University Founders Day Award, 1968
- 5 *American Journal of Nursing* Book of the Year citation, 1976
- 6 American Academy of Nursing: Fellow, 1977
- 7 Sigma Theta Tau: Elizabeth Russell Belford Award, 1983
- 8 Mount Holyoke College Sesquicentennial Award, 1987
- 9 Northern Michigan University citation, 1987
- 10 Photographs, 1964, 1975, 1984

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- 11 Correspondence, Misc., 1967, 1973-1992
  - 12 Consultation requests, 1981-1991
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**SERIES III: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING**

- 2 Alumni Association *Quarterly Magazine*: correspondence, 1958
- 3 Alumni Award, 1983
- 4 Distinguished Alumnae Lecture, Oct. 12, 1982
- 5 "Improvement of the Teaching of Physical & Biological Science Theory within the Clinical Nursing Courses," Grant Proposal to the U.S. Public Health Service, 1965
- 6 School of Nursing reports written by Reilly, 1958, 1963
- 7 Resignation: letter from Dean H. Houston Merritt; *Stethoscope* article, 1968
- 8 Last class at Columbia: Poem by Susan Green, Class of '67; Class of '68 Bulletin

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- 9 Patient care study: data sheet – undated but from her time at Columbia
- 10 Poem written by patient to Reilly, 1943
- 11 Sigma Theta Tau, Alpha Zeta Chapter, Columbia University, 1964, 1974

**SERIES IV: WORKSHOPS**

- 2 12 CENTO Workshop on Evaluation of Nursing Educational Achievement, Istanbul, Dec. 4-9, 1972
- 13 “Teaching Values: Theory & Process,” Oct. 22 & Nov. 12, 1976
- 14 Affective Domain workshops: presentations & activities; handouts & outlines, ca. 1978
- 15 “Affective Domain: Why Open Pandora’s Box?” June 12, 1979
- 16 “Teaching the Psychomotor Domain,” Dec. 2, 1982
- 17 “Ethical Concerns and Conflicts in Nursing Practice,” Oct. 16, 1990
- 18 Ethics in practice, undated
- 19 Comments from participants, 1972-1983

**SERIES V: LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS**

- 3 1 “Evaluation and Grading: Are They Compatible?” April 3, 1974
- 2 “The Music of Nursing,” April 25, 1975
- 3 “Grading: A Process or a Procedure?” Oct. 1975
- 4 “Lake Superior’s Message to Nursing,” Dec. 19, 1975
- 5 “The Leveling Process for Objectives,” Feb. 10, 1977
- 6 “Preparation of Objectives for Continuing Education Programs,” March 3, 1977
- 7 “The Affective Domain,” Sept. 21, 1977
- 8 “Evaluation of Learning in Nursing: What are We Doing?” Sept. 23, 1977
- 9 “Relationship of Program Objectives to Course Objectives,” Oct. 12 & 21, 1977
- 10 “Promoting a Positive Climate for Evaluation & Grading,” March 20, 1978
- 11 “Conceptual Framework: Is There a Choice?” June 2, 1978
- 12 “Evaluation of Learning in Nursing: What are We Doing?” Sept. 28, 1978
- 13 “Test Development,” Nov. 18, 1978
- 14 “The Need for Teaching Values to Nurses Who are Practicing in a Changing Social System,” April 19, 1979
- 15 “The Affective Domain in Nursing Programs: What are the Implications?” May 22, 1979
- 16 “Nursing in the Upper Peninsula: What is Next?” May 25, 1979
- 17 “Values Clarification and Continuing Education,” Oct. 19, 1979

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- 3** 18 "Perspectives of Clinical Practice in a Nursing Curriculum," c. 1980  
19 "Process of Test Construction," Feb. 28, 1980  
20 "Theoretical Basis for Evaluation in a Nursing Program," Feb. 28, 1980  
21 "Rationale for Conceptual Model of Nursing Practice in Curriculum Design,"  
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22 "Some Approaches to Master's Education in Nursing," March 19, 1980  
23 "Affective Domain: Why is It So Important?" April 9, 1980  
24 "Development and Choices: Moral Development," April 9, 1980  
25 "Nursing in the '80s: Implications for Leaders of Diploma of Nursing Programs,"  
April 16, 1980  
26 "Why Objectives? Relationship to Occupational Health Nursing Practice," April  
21, 1980  
27 "Ethics, Morals, Values: Decision Making in Occupational Health Nursing,"  
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28 "Clinical Practice: What Purpose Does it Serve?" May 23, 1980  
29 "Value Based Practice/Value Development," Sept. 19, 1980
- 4** 1 "Community Based Model for Outreach M.S. in Nursing," Sept. 29, 1980  
2 "Stresses Related to Continuing Education in an Urban Setting," Oct. 29, 1980  
3 "Outreach Programs: A Community Based Model," Nov. 6, 1980  
4 "Concepts Relevant to Affective Competency in Nursing," Dec. 4, 1980  
5 "Ethics, Values in Nursing: Are We Opening a Pandora's Box?" March 19, 1981  
6 "Teaching for Childbirth Without Pain: What are the Value Implications?" April  
11, 1981  
7 "Affective Competency in the Health Professions," April 21, 1981  
8 "Concepts Relative to Affective Competency in Nursing," June 4, 1981  
9 "Patient Teaching: Approaches to Ambulatory Care," Sept. 25, 1982  
10 "Maybe the Fault is Ours: How to Decrease Attrition Rates," Dec. 1, 1982  
11 "Affective Behavior Change in R.N. Students," ca. 1983  
12 "Trends and Issues Impacting Nursing Education," 1983  
13 "B.S.N. Education for the Registered Nurse," April 25, 1983  
14 "Nursing Education: Today is the Future," March 19, 1985  
15 "Today is the Future," May 2, 1985  
16 "The Future of Nursing is Now," Oct. 19, 1985  
17 "Impact of Outreach M.S.N. Program on Professionalization of Graduates," ca.  
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18 "The Clinical Field Experience: 250 Years and Its Future," April 15, 1986  
19 "Research in Nursing Education: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow," Jan. 15, 1987

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- 4 20 "The Graduate Nurse Expert," Feb. 23, 1988  
21 Graduation speech, Curtin University, Perth, Australia, March 16, 1988  
22 "The Clinical Practice Setting: A Challenge for the Learner and the Practitioner,"  
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23 "A Time for Celebration: Graduation Address, St. John of God School of  
Midwifery [Australia]," June 9, 1988  
24 "Professionalism and Power: Nursing in the '90s," Nov. 22, 1990

**SERIES VI: REPORTS & CONSULTANCIES**

- 25 Task Force on S/U Grading, Wayne State College of Nursing: Report, May 19,  
1971  
26 Ad Hoc Committee to Study Grading, Wayne State College of Nursing: Final  
Report, June 1973  
27 Program Review, University of Manitoba School of Nursing: Report, April 1973  
28 Program Review, University of Manitoba School of Nursing: Unpublished papers,  
1973
- 5 1 Study of nursing in China, 1984  
2 Program Development, Curtin University, Perth, Australia: Background  
materials, 1988

**SERIES VII: CURRICULUM/TEACHING MATERIALS, WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF  
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- 3 Curriculum Theory Development in Nursing: Plan & lectures, ca. 1985  
4 Conceptual Frameworks: Teaching materials, undated  
5 [Theory Workshop?], undated  
6 Process of Educational Program Planning in Nursing, undated, ca. 1980s?  
7 Field Practice in Clinical Nursing, 1984  
8 Papers written by Reilly's students, 1974-1987

**SERIES VIII: OUTREACH M.S. IN NURSING PROGRAM, WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE  
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- 9 "Outreach B.S.N. Program for Employed RNs": Grant proposal to U.S. Public  
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|          | 7     | Cameron, Suzanne: Kellogg Fellow report, 1985                                                       |
|          | 8     | Southeastern Michigan Outreach Program: Evaluator’s report, 1987                                    |
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**Series IX: Audio-Visual**

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Videotape of Reilly delivering talk, “Power in Nursing,” Brisbane, Australia, Nov. 22, 1984

Audio cassette, “Six Stages of Moral Maturity: How Moral Am I?” undated