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ARC-008

The Madeleine M. Leininger Collection  
on Human Caring and Transcultural Nursing, circa 1950-

ARC-008: General Collection Description

**Extent:** 100 linear ft.

**Provenance:** Dr. Madeleine M. Leininger, PhD, RN, CTN, LHD, DS, PhDNSc, FAAN

**Access:** The bulk of the collection is unrestricted. Some correspondence is currently being evaluated to determine a release date. Restriction information will be updated regularly. Please note: The collection is not yet completely processed; this description will be updated and augmented with Finding Aids for the Series section as they are completed.

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**Note:** In addition to the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Archives of Caring in Nursing, Dr. Leininger's works can be accessed from four other archival organizations:

- The Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center at Boston University maintains a collection including files, published works and audio materials in its History of Nursing Archives <http://www.bu.edu/dbin/archives/index.php?pid=401&holdings=nursingarchive>).
- Madonna University Libraries in Livonia, Michigan, holds a collection of books and other materials relating to her scholarly work (<http://ww3.madonna.edu/libraries/>).
- The Walter P. Reuther Library at Wayne State University holds a collection of papers spanning 1953-1995. The Finding Aid to the collection is at <http://www.reuther.wayne.edu/node/1587>
- The website, <http://www.Madeleine-Leininger.com> is "...a cooperative effort for the purpose of disseminating information about Transcultural Nursing and the work of Dr. Madeleine Leininger throughout the world." It is designed for "...for nurses, including clinicians, educators and students." Original works by Dr. Leininger are available from this site.

**Collection Overview:** The Madeleine M. Leininger Collection on Human Caring and Transcultural Nursing contains the scholarly and professional papers – spanning approximately 1950 to the present – that were donated to the Archives by Dr. Leininger during 2008-2010. The scope of the Collection is diverse: development and evolution of transcultural nursing; caring as the essence of nursing; the evolution of doctoral programs

theoretically grounded in transcultural nursing; and the evolution of qualitative research in nursing; cultural materials (books, pamphlets, papers, clippings, etc., about many cultures throughout the world); and ethics. The Collection contains books, dissertations and theses, journal issues, copies of published and unpublished or pre-publication papers (including keynote and other conference and workshop addresses), professional correspondence, clippings from newspapers and magazines, personal correspondence such as greeting cards, audio and video tapes, DVDs, CDs, and photographs.

The Collection spans 100 linear feet, and contains about 700 books (37 written or edited by Dr. Leininger); 250 journal issues; more than 320 published papers; about 290 presentations at conferences, seminars or workshops; 40 video productions, and a large group of photographs from field work and academic and scientific gatherings spanning Dr. Leininger's professional career. The bulk of the collection is unrestricted. Some correspondence is currently being evaluated to determine a release date. Restriction information will be updated regularly. The unrestricted materials are available for scholarly and research use on site, by appointment.

### **Brief Biography of Madeleine M. Leininger, PhD, RN, CTN, LHD, DS, PhDNSc, FAAN**

Note: A complete CV dated June 2010 is archived as part of the Collection.

Madeleine M. Leininger graduated from St. Anthony's Hospital School of Nursing in Denver, Colorado, in 1948. During her training, she was a member of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, a federally-funded program to increase the numbers of nurses being trained to meet anticipated needs during World War II. She received the BS degree from Mount St. Scholastica College (later Benedictine College) in Atchison, Kansas, in 1950, and earned the equivalent of a BSN through her studies in biological sciences, nursing administration, teaching and curriculum at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, during 1951-1954. This prepared her for graduate studies (Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing) at The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, where she received her MSN in 1954. She then studied at the University of Cincinnati, pursuing further graduate studies in curriculum, social sciences and nursing (1955-58), and directed the Child Psychiatric Nursing Program as an Associate Professor of Nursing (1954-1959.) She pursued doctoral studies beginning in 1960; during this time she was awarded a National League of Nursing Fellowship for fieldwork in the Eastern Highlands of New Guinea, where she studied the convergence and divergence of human behavior in two Gadsup villages. Dr. Leininger received a PhD in Cultural and Social Anthropology from the University of Washington in 1966.

Dr. Leininger's academic career is impressive. Beginning as Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of Cincinnati in 1954, she went on to the University of Colorado (1966-1969) where she held a joint appointment in the College of Nursing and the Department of Anthropology and directed the Nurse Scientist Program. From 1969-1974 she was Dean and Professor of Nursing at the University of Washington where she also held a Lecturer appointment in the Department of Anthropology. At the University of Utah (1974-1981) she was Dean and Professor of Nursing, Adjunct Professor of Anthropology, and Director of the Center for Nursing Research and of the Doctoral and Transcultural Nursing Programs. While at Wayne State University (1981-1985) she was Professor of Nursing, Adjunct Professor of Anthropology, and Director of the Transcultural Nursing

Program and of the Center for Health Research. From 1995 to present she has been an Adjunct Clinical Professor of Nursing at the University of Nebraska. At present, Dr. Leininger's titles include Professor Emeritus of Nursing, Wayne State University College of Nursing; Adjunct Clinical Professor at University of Nebraska College of Nursing; Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing; and Distinguished Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing (Australia). She was honored as a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing (1998), and holds honorary degrees from Benedictine College (LHD, 1975), University of Indianapolis (DS, 1990), and University of Kuopio, Finland (PhDnSc, 1991).

The Transcultural Nursing Society, founded by Dr. Leininger in 1974, "...continues to serve as an important annual forum to bring nurses together worldwide with common and diverse interests to improve care to people of diverse and similar cultures. Members are active in consultation, teaching, research, direct care and in policy-making in national and transnational arenas" (TCN Website, [www.tcn.org](http://www.tcn.org)).

Dr. Leininger, credited with saying, "Caring is the essence of nursing," established the Caring Conferences in 1978 as a forum for nurse scholars interested in advancing caring knowledge to gather for formal presentations, informal dialogue, and to evolve research related to caring sciences. This once small group has evolved into the International Association for Human Caring (IAHC).

All this began in the 1950's, when Madeleine Leininger became fascinated with anthropology, finding many concepts she believed were pertinent to nursing. She became the first professional nurse to receive a PhD in cultural and social anthropology, and her vision of the "blending" of two fields, nursing and anthropology, led to her "Culture Care Diversity and Universality: A Worldwide Theory of Nursing." As the mother of transcultural nursing and founder of the Transcultural Nursing Society, she has advanced transcultural nursing through education, research, administration, and practice. Dr. Leininger has been in demand for over 35 years as a consultant and speaker on issues relating to transcultural nursing and human caring in education and research, and continues such engagements to the present.

**Series List: This list indicates general topics included in the Collection.**

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Series 5 – Professional Organizations:

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Association of American Colleges of Nursing  
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The Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing is dedicated to caring: advancing the science, studying its meaning, practicing the art, and living it day-to-day.

The Archives of Caring in Nursing has as its mission preserving the history of caring in nursing, inviting the study of caring, advancing caring as an essential domain of nursing knowledge, and creating meaning for the practice of nursing. We are committed to securing the papers of Caring scholars, and developing and maintaining the Archives to provide access to primary sources.

Finding Aids for the collections are accessible at the Archives of Caring in Nursing [Collections](#) page. On-site use of the materials in the collections is available by appointment.

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