Sister M. Simone Roach, RN, PhD
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Selected Biography, M. Simone Roach, C.S.M., Ph.D.:
Sister M. Simone Roach was brought up in a large, Roman Catholic family in a coal mining area of Cape Breton, NS, Canada. After high school she completed a nursing diploma program at St. Joseph’s School of Nursing, Glace Bay, NS. Following a year of nursing practice, she entered the Sisters of St. Martha, Antigonish, NS, serving in a variety of clinical areas and teaching in Schools of Nursing. She completed a nursing undergraduate degree at St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish and graduate study at University of Toronto, Boston University, and the Catholic University of America. There she completed a Doctoral program with a major in Philosophical Foundations of Education in 1970. She pursued two years of post-doctoral work, one year at Harvard Divinity School (Ethics), and one year as Reader at Regis College, Toronto, during which time she completed the second revised edition of her book on Caring. While Caring was always central as the core of nursing in her teaching, Sister Roach did not begin formal study of Caring until 1970 when she was Chair of the Department of Nursing, St. Francis Xavier University.

The following publications are foundational:
1984. Caring: The Human Mode of Being, Implications for Nursing, a Monograph. Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto.
1997. Caring From the Heart: The Convergence of Caring and Spirituality. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press. (a compilation of chapters by 13 authors, each relating to a theme but with a unique focus)

In her original research, Sister Roach was responding to the question, “What is a nurse doing when he or she is caring?” Because the list became too specific and unmanageable, data were identified within five categories that became known as the “Five C’s” (later “Six C’s”) – Compassion, Competence, Confidence, Conscience, Commitment, Comportment (added later.) Reflections on these C’s can be found in all her writings.
While the Six C’s as attributes of caring have an important practical application, this aspect of Sister Roach’s research did not fully address a more fundamental ontological question, “What is Caring, in itself?” Reflection on this question led to the insight, “caring is the human mode of being.” We care, not because we are nurses, physicians, social workers, parents, etc; we care because we are human beings. We differ in how we care, not in that we care. Caring is not unique to nursing or even to the caring professions; it is a primary characteristic of being human. Further reflections in Caring from the Heart, noted above, examined the convergence of caring and spirituality. Sister Roach’s research, inspired by The Universe Story (Swimme, Berry, 1992) and other writings, pursued the more universal call of care as a “child of the universe.” This is an exciting, ever-expanding development moved by rapid developments in science and technology.

Sister Roach has lectured internationally, with presentations in Australia, Bangkok, Finland, Cambridge (England), Russia, Sterling (Scotland), Canada and the US. She shares her work with the expectation that it will be helpful to students teachers and practitioners alike, and that application will continue to be made at all levels of health care. (M.S. Roach, 2007)

Summary:
This collection contains five series: I) Copies of essay for BSN requirements and thesis for MSN requirements; II) Collection of notes marked “consultations 1980-81, before writing book”; III) Prepared speeches and presentations given at various school of nursing commencements, hospital in-service sessions, and other similar venues; some are complete, others are notes or outlines; IV) Curriculum vitae, portrait and correspondence, V) Three-ring binder containing handwritten and typescript notes, photocopies of papers; VI) Caring, the Human Mode of Being: A Blueprint for the Health Professions (2nd rev. ed.). Translated into Japanese.

Accretion 1: Approximately 20 items pertaining to nursing curriculum, 1970's, Department of Nursing, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Detailed Contents:

Box 1
Series I: BSN essay (1958) and MSN thesis (1967)

Folder 1. Roach, Sister Marie Simone, C.S.M. (1958, May). The nursing program: A preparation for Christian family living. An essay submitted to the Department of Nursing Education in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia. [34-page carbon copy of typescript, in red binder]

Folder 2. [Roach], Sister Marie Simone, C.S.M., B.Sc.N, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada. (1967). The development of an instrument to measure selected affective outcomes of a diploma program in nursing from verbal responses of nurses on completion of the program. A thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Degree of Master of Science in the School of Nursing, Boston University, June 1967. [108-page poor-quality photocopy of a carbon copy of a typescript; post-it note stated original is in Boston University archives]

Box 1, continued
Series II: “Consultations 1980-81, before writing book”
Folder 3 (Legal size paper – see Box 5) Correspondence with Leonard C. Feldstein, January – February 1981. [2 letters; stored in but not inserted in original 3-ring binder]


Box 1 continued:
Series III: Speeches and presentations, 1970 - 2005

Folder 6. Roach, Sister M. Simone, R.N., Ph.D., C.S.M. (1997, November). A global agenda for human caring: A paper prepared for the 7th Asian Regional Conference of CIAMCIAMS, November 10, 1997, Bangkok, Thailand. [21-page photocopy of typescript or computer print; some handwritten notes; a second copy that was farther down in the original box is also in this folder]


[in same folder] Background material, preparatory resources, NLN presentation, Scottsdale, Arizona – 8-page computer print “National League for Nursing, 7th National Conference on Nursing Education: Curriculum Revolution: Community Building and Activism - Themes from program”

[in same folder] 8 photocopies of papers from Journal of Nursing Education:


[following this is a single-sheet computer print of p. 15 of a document referencing a Roman myth on "caring," with glued cut sheet copy of the myth.]


[in same folder: letter dated February 2, 1988 acknowledging her presentation title, discussing honorarium, from Susan Mussell, Program Chairperson; letter enclosing completed information sheet (2 pages) and objectives for her presentation, from Sr. Roach.]


Folder 25. Roach, Sister M. Simone (1981, October). Ethical decision-making in day-to-day activities. An address to ANDSOOHA [Association of Nursing Directors and Supervisors in Official Health Agencies in Ontario], St. Elizabeth’s Nursing Association, and VON, Toronto, October 22, 1981. [2 copies of 10-page copy of typescript]


[in same folder: Fax dated 9/2/1994 from Fiona Sudbury, GNGBC Conference Committee, confirming travel and accommodations arrangements for the conference; letter dated 7/19/1994 from Jessie Mantle, Program Committee Chair, outlining travel and accommodations, honorarium arrangements.]


Folder 32A (Legal size paper – see Box 5) Poster/flier for 2nd Gladys J. Sharpe Lectureship, Sponsored by School of Nursing and Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University Health Sciences Centre, March 11, 1980. Keynote speaker: Sister Simone Roach, R.N., Ph.D., *Caring: What do we mean?* [8 ½ x 14” black-and-white photocopy page]


Box 2: Series III, continued:


Folder 48. Roach, Sister M. Simone (1974, May). [no title] Address given to the Association of Nurses of Prince Edward Island at their 53rd Annual Meeting, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, May 21, 1974. [11-page photocopy of typescript] [in same folder: photocopy of news clipping re: Sister Simone and the ANPEI Meeting, no date or source legible; letter dated May 30, 1974, from Laurie Fraser, Executive Secretary/Registrar, ANPEI, thanking Sister Simone for attending and speaking at the banquet.; handwritten letter dated June 12, 1974, from Constance M. Carruthers, Director of Nursing, Prince County Hospital, Summerside, PEI, thanking Sister Simone for a copy of her address to the Annual Meeting.]

Folder 49. Roach, Sister M. Simone (1974, April). *The nursing role and the problem of implementation*. Prepared for *Nursing Papers*. [4-page photocopy of typescript, with some handwritten notations, by Sister Simone, in her role as Chairperson, Department of Nursing, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia]


Folder 56. Roach, Sister M. Simone (1980, March). *Care, nursing, and the caring community.* College of Nursing, University of Saskatchewan, March 1980. [16-page photocopy of typescript or computer print, with some handwritten notations]


[in same folder: *More Annual Meeting highlights*, introducing the 4 keynote speakers, with photos and brief biographies. [1-page photocopy]


Nursing Law and Ethics, Tel Aviv, Israel, June 10-13, 1985. [10-page photocopy of typescript]


[in same folder: 1-page typescript letter dated April 14 1983, from Sister Aileen, New Waterford Consolidated Hospital, thanking her for consenting to speak at commencement.]

Folder 72. Sister Marie Simone (n.d.). Behavioral science content in the nursing curriculum. [8-page photocopy of typescript]

Folder 73. Roach, Sister M. Simone (n.d.) Are we for life or death, maturity or decadence. Written for the Canadian Nurses’ Journal.

Folder 74. [Roach,] Sister M. Simone. (n.d.). Implications of a concept of health for a health maintenance program in a religious community. [7-page photocopy of typescript, with some handwritten notes on page 1: a talk to Sisters of Charity, New Waterford. Sent to Review for Religines [sic] for possible publication]

Folder 75. [Roach,] Sister Marie Simone (1961, May). The responsibility of the administrator for the spiritual care of patients, May 2, 1961.[9-page photocopy of carbon typescript]
[in same folder: 1-page photocopy of news clipping, March 18, 1980 “Nursing code of ethics intended as guideline.”]


Box 2, continued:


Folder 81. Fax to Kathleen Valentine, IAHC President, of Sr. Simone’s international travel itinerary, November 3 – December 9, 1997 (Toronto, Vancouver, Bangkok, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Honolulu, Toronto)

Box 2, continued:
Accretion 1: St. Francis Xavier University, Department of Nursing, circa 1978 – 1979
Folder 82. Accretion 1 – St, Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada. Department of Nursing curriculum materials. Includes holographic notes and hand-drawn theoretical models by Sr. Roach; correspondence with Josephine Dolan, PhD, University of Connecticut School of Nursing, re: teaching historical research within the nursing curriculum. Most items undated but are known to be from the 1970’s; dated items range from November 1978 – February 1979.

Box 3:

Series V: Three-ring binder containing handwritten and typescript notes, photocopies of papers:
  Caring: The foundation for nursing ethics
  Carbon copy of letter to Reverend Robert Sokolowski, Catholic University of America, 12/05/1980, asking for access to his material on “presence.”
  Notes on moral rules, morality/technology, modern moralists. 3 pp.
  Divider section: “Functional” – section empty
  Divider section: “Anthropological”:
    Handwritten notes (2 pp.) on and photocopy of Cassirer, E. An essay on man. Yale University Press, 1944.
  Divider section: “Ontological” – section empty
  Divider section: no title, section empty
Divider section: “Pedagogical”:
Handwritten notes (6 pp.)
Handwritten notes (9 pp.) “Virtue” [staple removed]
Handwritten notes (3 pp.)
Typescript (3 pp.) of quotations/excerpts from Nouwen, H.J.M.,
*Compassion* (unpublished manuscript), Yale University, Spring 1980.

**Box 4:**

**Series II, Folder 1 (Legal size paper).** Correspondence with Leonard C. Feldstein, January – February 1981. [2 letters; stored in but not inserted in original 3-ring binder]

**Series III, Folder 27A. (Legal size paper)** Poster/flier for 2nd Gladys J. Sharpe Lectureship, Sponsored by School of Nursing and Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University Health Sciences Centre, March 11, 1980. Keynote speaker: Sister Simone Roach, R.N., Ph.D., *Caring: What do we mean?* [8 ½ x 14” black-and-white photocopy page]

**Series VI: Books and DVDs**

Roach, Sr. M.S., CSM. (2008). *Caring, the human mode of being: A blueprint for the health professions*. DVD, 45 min. [Sr. Roach discusses her research and scholarship, and the 2 editions of her book:


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