

The Edith Ayres and Helen Burnett Wood Memorial Symposium
1:00 – 5:00 PM, Thursday, April 20, 2017
University of Illinois College of Nursing
Third Floor Event Center

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One hundred years ago, on May 20 1917, Edith Ayres and Helen Burnett Wood were the first US service people killed after the United States entered World War One. They were both young nurses from Chicago. Edith Ayres graduated from the Illinois Training School for Nurses in 1913; Helen Burnett Wood graduated one year later from the Evanston Hospital Training School. Shell fragments during onboard firing practice killed them at once and wounded another nurse, Emma Matzen.

This symposium is to honor their memory and the memory of all the nurses who served during “The War to End All Wars.”

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

1:00 -1:30

Welcome: Brigid Lusk, Director, Midwest Nursing History Research Center
Kevin O'Brien, President, Chicago Area Medical Archivists

Remembering Edith Ayres and Helen Burnett Wood

Susan Sacharski, Archivist, Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Yvonne Spura, Archivist, Northwestern University

1:30 – 2:00

Nursing during the First World War

Marian Moser Jones, Assistant Professor, School of Public Health,
University of Maryland

2:00 – 2:30

Base Hospital #12: The Northwestern University Unit

Susan Sacharski, Archivist, Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Yvonne Spura, Archivist, Northwestern University

2:30 – 3:00

Letters Home: Experiences of US Nurses in World War One

Kelley Pattison, Assistant Professor, Western Michigan University,
Bronson School of Nursing

3:00 – 3:30 Break with Refreshments

3:30 – 4:00

Base Hospital # 13: The Presbyterian Hospital Unit and Base Hospital # 14: The St. Luke's Hospital Unit

Nathalie Wheaton, Archivist, Rush University

4:00 – 4:30

“The biggest man in the Balkans”: Helen Scott Hay and the US Red Cross Efforts in Eastern Europe, 1914 – 1922

Karen Egenes, Associate Professor, Loyola University Chicago, Niehoff School of Nursing

4:30 – 5:00

Discussion moderated by Brigid Lusk and Kevin O'Brien