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Abstract

(b. ca. 1940) Highly significant collection. Milio was a public health nurse and community organizer in Detroit, Michigan. Materials concern a pediatric and women's health clinic established by Milio in southeast Detroit's low-income/minority Kercheval and McClellan neighborhood. Nine field notebooks present a near-daily record of operations, conversations, assessments — yielding insights on race relations and identity, and on collaborative organizational strategies. 1994 audio tape interview of Milio.

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Biographical / Historical

Nancy Milio grew up in the Kercheval neighborhood during World War Two, when the community was populated by southern European immigrants and their children. These white residents began moving to the Detroit suburbs after the war, and by the early 1960s, the neighborhood had become lower-income and African-American, with declining housing stock, limited public services, and few employment opportunities.

At exactly this moment, in 1960, Milio graduated from Detroit's Wayne State University with a B.S. in Nursing and an abiding concern for the delivery of health care services to underprivileged communities. She worked with the Detroit Visiting Nurse Association as a staff nurse and field teacher, and began to look for ways to comprehend the health and social problems afflicting poor communities. She investigated methods likely to effect positive changes in public health among ghetto populations. Milio completed a Master's degree in Sociology from Wayne State in 1965, writing about the class basis of maternity health standards. This consciousness underlay her work to establish the Kercheval center as a community-based institution shaped and directed by the needs and aspirations of the people it was to serve. After leaving the center in 1969, Milio earned a doctorate in Sociology from Yale University in 1970, and embarked on an academic career, becoming a professor of Nursing and of Health Policy at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Dr. Milio joined the UNC School of Nursing faculty in 1976 and that of the School of Public Health in 1977.

The materials contained here relative to the Mom and Tots Neighborhood Center represent Milio's earliest professional steps in her long and distinguished career in public health policy. *9226 Kercheval* was only the first of twelve books to her credit, three of which have received the American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Award. She has contributed chapters to an abundance of scholarly monographs, published extensively in a wide range of academic journals, and has served as a research fellow and visiting professor in numerous university public health programs around the globe.

Scope and Contents

The Nancy Milio Collection contains manuscript and published materials principally related to the organization and operation of the Mom and Tots Neighborhood Center, which Milio established in southeast

Detroit, Michigan in 1966. Most important are a series of nine "field notebooks," or diaries kept by Professor Milio between 1965 and 1968. These notebooks comprise a near daily record of Milio's activities, meetings, interactions, conversations, assessments, and impressions of the various individuals and conditions she encountered as a public health nurse and community organizer in the Kercheval and McClellan district of Detroit, a low-income, African-American neighborhood. Of particular significance are the insights Milio gained regarding race relations and identity formation, and the critical importance of collaborative strategies to the successful organization of a truly neighborhood-based women's health service and day care facility.

Dr. Milio wrote of her experiences with the Mom and Tots Neighborhood Center in the book: *9226 Kercheval : The Storefront That Did Not Burn*, published in 1970. Correspondence and various news articles concern the book, as well as the operations and funding of Center, which was left untouched in the civil disturbances of 1967, when many of the Kercheval buildings were burned. Manuscript versions of other professional papers and presentations, reprints of journal articles and book chapters, news stories concerning Milio herself, photographs, and an audio cassette interview with Milio recorded in 1994 complete the collection.

Additions to the Milio Collection in 2014 comprise almost entirely copies or reprints of publications by Milio. The items conserved here are rare or difficult to access through standard library databases; for a full inventory of Milio's publications, researchers are advised to consult Milio's curriculum vitae, filed in box 01, folder 001 of this collection. A single folder of the additions contains a historic newspaper collection, assembled by Milio to complement her journal entries.

Arrangement

The Nancy Milio Collection is organized by subject, with materials grouped together by type and ordered chronologically within each folder. The 2014 additions to the collection are contained in box 03. These writings by Milio are organized alphabetically by type - book chapters, book reviews, journal articles, etc. Arrangement within type is chronological.

Description of Subordinate Components

CURRICULUM VITAE - PERSONAL STATEMENT - NANCY MILIO, PH.D.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42075

Unit Date 2004/05, 2013/07

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

Container 001 (folder)

NEWS ARTICLES CONCERNING THE MOM AND TOTS NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42076

Unit Date 1966/12/04-1976/02/22

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

Container 002 (folder)

NEWSLETTER: "THE SOUNDS OF MOMS AND TOTS" (TWO ISSUES), AND OTHER MATERIALS (APPOINTMENT CARD AND OUTLINE OF SERVICES) FROM THE MOM AND TOTS NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42077

Unit Date 1968/04-1973/12

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

Container 003 (folder)

9226 KERCHEVAL: THE STOREFRONT THAT DID NOT BURN - CORRESPONDENCE AND READERS' COMMENTS CONCERNING THE MANUSCRIPT AND PUBLICATION

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42078

Unit Date 1968/09/23-1970/03/17

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

Container 004 (folder)

9226 KERCHEVAL: THE STOREFRONT THAT DID NOT BURN - ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BOOK REVIEWS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42079

Unit Date 1970/03/11-2001/05-6.

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

Container 005 (folder)

NEWS ARTICLES CONCERNING NANCY MILIO, PH.D.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42080

Unit Date 1967/04/21-1975/03/05

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

Container 006 (folder)

PAPERS-MANUSCRIPTS: NANCY MILIO, PH.D.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42081

Unit Date 1965-1975, N.D.

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

Container 007 (folder)

REPRINTS: NANCY MILIO, PH.D.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42082

Unit Date 1966/09-1975

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

Container 008 (folder)

PHOTOGRAPHS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42083

Unit Date 1966/04-1994/12

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

Container 009 (folder)

FIELD NOTEBOOK NUMBER 1

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42084

Unit Date 1965/03-1966/07/20

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 001 (folder)

FIELD NOTEBOOK NUMBER 2

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42085

Unit Date 1966/07/20-1966/12/09

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 002 (folder)

FIELD NOTEBOOK NUMBER 3

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42086

Unit Date 1966/12/12-1967/02/16

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 003 (folder)

FIELD NOTEBOOK NUMBER 4

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42087

Unit Date 1967/02/17-1967/04/18

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 004 (folder)

FIELD NOTEBOOK NUMBER 5

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42088

Unit Date 1967/04/18-1967/07/11

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 005 (folder)

FIELD NOTEBOOK NUMBER 6

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42089

Unit Date 1967/07/11-1967/10/24

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 006 (folder)

FIELD NOTEBOOK NUMBER 7

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42090

Unit Date 1967/10/27-1967/11/22

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 007 (folder)

FIELD NOTEBOOK NUMBER 8

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42091

Unit Date 1967/11/24-1968/02/01

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 008 (folder)

FIELD NOTEBOOK NUMBER 9

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42092

Unit Date 1968/02/02-1968/06/19

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 009 (folder)

INTERVIEW WITH NANCY MILIO BY DENISE DOOLING (TWO CASSETTE TAPES)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42093

Unit Date 1994/10/26

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 010 (folder)

2013 NURSING HISTORY FORUM, PROGRAM AND DIGITAL IMAGES (CD)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42094

Unit Date 2013/01/29

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 010 (folder)

NANCY MILIO VIDEO STATEMENT, VIDEO 001 (ONE DVD)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42095

Unit Date 2015/01/22

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 010 (folder)

MILIO, AUTHOR: BOOK CHAPTERS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42096

Unit Date 1982-2002

Mixed Materials 03 (box)

Container 001 (folder)

MILIO, AUTHOR: BOOK REVIEWS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42097

Unit Date 1976-1989

Mixed Materials 03 (box)

Container 002 (folder)

MILIO, AUTHOR: JOURNAL ARTICLES

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42098

Unit Date 1963-1999

Mixed Materials 03 (box)

Container 003 (folder)

MILIO, AUTHOR: MISCELLANEOUS WRITING

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42099

Unit Date 1967-1995

Mixed Materials 03 (box)

Container 004 (folder)

MILIO, AUTHOR: PRESENTATIONS/PROCEEDINGS, BY DATE OF TALK

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42100

Unit Date 1976-1990

Mixed Materials 03 (box)

Container 005 (folder)

MILIO, AUTHOR: PRESENTATIONS/PROCEEDINGS, BY DATE OF TALK

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42101

Unit Date 1991-1997

Mixed Materials 03 (box)

Container 006 (folder)

MILIO, AUTHOR: REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42102

Unit Date 1980-1986

Mixed Materials 03 (box)

Container 007 (folder)

MILIO, AUTHOR: STUDENT ESSAYS, NOTES

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42103

Unit Date 1952-1956

Mixed Materials 03 (box)

Container 008 (folder)

MILIO, AUTHOR: UNPUBLISHED PAPERS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42104

Unit Date 1976-1993

Mixed Materials 03 (box)

Container 009 (folder)

PUBLICATIONS: HISTORIC NEWSPAPER ARTICLE COLLECTION, TO COMPLEMENT MILIO JOURNAL ENTRIES

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/42105

Unit Date 1944-1995

Mixed Materials 03 (box)

Container 010 (folder)