



Thelma Shobe Cook

Shobe Lectureship in School of Nursing Will Examine Ethical and Spiritual Dimensions of Health Care

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As a public health nurse, Thelma Shobe Cook learned that lessons in healing transcend the classroom, the laboratory, and the clinic. To provide students, faculty, and other health-care providers with an opportunity to consider a dimension of care beyond the physiological, she has established the Thelma Shobe Endowed Lectureship in the UCSF School of Nursing with a \$500,000 gift.

Augmenting more traditional instruction, the lectures will focus on the ethical and spiritual issues of health care under the direction of Patricia Benner, RN, PhD, FAAN, current holder of the Thelma Shobe Endowed Chair in Ethics and Spirituality. Cook established the Chair in 2002 with a previous gift of \$500,000.

This second generous gift establishes Cook as the leading living donor to the School of Nursing. The donations are her way of giving back to the University of California.

Cook received her Bachelor of Science degree in public health nursing in 1952. Although the program was based at UC Berkeley at the time, it was later consolidated on the UCSF campus. She earned her Master's degree in public health at UC Berkeley in 1964 and worked for the Oakland Unified School District until her retirement in 1979.

The Shobe Lecture Series will be open to all interested students, faculty, and staff at UCSF—not just at the School of Nursing—and will present current and relevant research and scholarship on the relationship between ethical issues, spirituality, religion, science, and health across the course of life.

"As an old-fashioned public health nurse, I know we are treating the whole patient, not just flesh and bone," affirms Cook. "I believe it's important for students in training, as well as those currently providing direct patient care, to

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explore the link between spirituality and health."

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