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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Donna L. Hartweg, director of the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Nursing, is the author of a new book that meshes nursing theory along with the biography of the theorist.

The monograph, "Dorothea Orem: Self-Care Deficit Theory", was published this month by Sage Publications of Newbury Park, Cal.

Hartweg is an associate professor of nursing who joined the faculty in 1978. She received her bachelor's of science in nursing from the University of Iowa, a master's in education from Illinois State University, and a master's degree from the University of Illinois, and her doctorate from Wayne State University.

Hartweg's book is part of the four-volume "Notes on Nursing Thoughts" series published by Sage with the purpose of providing the reader with a concise description of conceptual frameworks and theories in nursing. The monographs contain biographical sketches of the theorists, origin of the theory, assumptions, concepts, propositions, examples for application to practice and research, critiques, and other research.

Orem, a consultant in nursing and nursing education from Savannah, Ga., is credited with developing the most widely-used model of self-care nursing practice in the world. The model has had enormously beneficial effects upon nursing education, research, patient care, and theory development.

The model is also used as an educational framework internationally, including at Wesleyan, and Orem received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from IWU during 1988 commencement ceremonies.

She was director of the Providence School of Nursing and of Nursing Service of the Hospital in Detroit, a nurse consultant in the Division of Health and Institutional Service of the Indiana Board of Health, curriculum consultant to the Office of Education of the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and taught for 14 years at the Catholic University of America.