

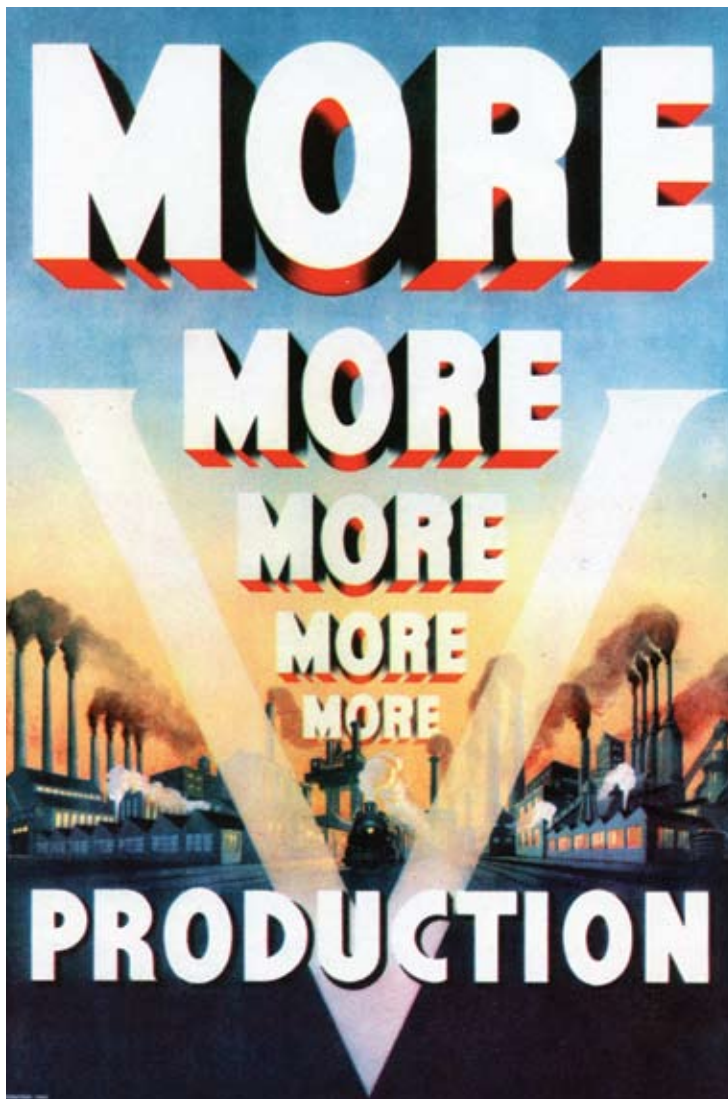
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Dr. Kate Gregg as she appeared when she became a “Rosie the Riveter” on the graveyard shift. (Photo: Mary Ambler Archives, Lindenwood University)



Some historians argue that American industrial capability and production was the crucial element in defeating the Axis powers in World War II, as suggested by this poster from General Cable, which had a factory in St. Louis.

(Photo: *Fight Talk*, 1945, General Cable Corporation; Mary Ambler Archives, Lindenwood University)

Kate Gregg (1883-1954) joined the faculty at Lindenwood College to teach literature in 1924, and developed a great love for both regional history and the American West. She edited a number of documents for publications such as the *Missouri Historical Review* and books, including *Westward with Dragoons* (William Clark’s journal from his 1808 expedition to found Fort Osage) and *Road to Santa Fe: The Journal and Diaries of George Champlin Sibley*. She retired from Lindenwood College in 1949. She wrote the following about her work on the graveyard shift as a “Rosie the Riveter” at the St. Louis Ordnance Plant on Goodfellow for the *Lindenwood College Bulletin* in October 1943.