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Descriptive Summary

Creator Information	Frescas, Stewart P.,
Title	Stewart Frescas' Lab Copy of <i>PiHKAL</i>
Collection Identifier	MSP #115
Date Span	1991 – 2012
Abstract	This collection consists of the book <i>PiHKAL</i> by Alexander Shulgin and Ann Shulgin. This is a signed first edition of the book given to Stewart Frescas and used by him in David Nichols' lab at Purdue University.
Extent	0.2 cubic feet (1 book)
Finding Aid Author	Jonathan McConnell, 2012
Languages	English
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Administrative Information

Location Information:	ASC
Access Restrictions:	Collection is open for research.
Acquisition Information:	Donated by Stewart Frescas, June 21, 2012.
Accession Number:	20120621
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Subjects and Genres

Persons

Frescas, Stewart P.

Topics

Psychopharmacology

Form and Genre Types

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Autobiographical fiction

Occupations

Chemists

Laboratory technicians

Pharmacologists

History of Stewart Frescas' Lab Copy of *PiHKAL*

Originally published in 1991, the first half of *PiHKAL: a Chemical Love Story*, written by Alexander Shulgin and Ann Shulgin, is an autobiographical story of two fictional characters each with a fascination with psychedelics who ultimately share their fascinations and their lives with each other. The second half of the book chronicles more than a decade of the authors' experiences creating and ingesting almost two hundred phenethylamines. This second half includes chemical recipes and personal narratives of the effects of those chemicals.

This copy of *PiHKAL* is one of two signed copies given to Stewart Frescas by Alexander (Sasha) Shulgin. Frescas had helped review the manuscript prior to publication. This lab copy was used by Frescas in David Nichols' Lab at Purdue University and includes several pages marked with self-stick notes for easy reference. Frescas can be seen holding this copy of *PiHKAL* in the film *Dirty Pictures* (2010), a documentary about Dr. Shulgin.

Sources: Materials in the collection and a note provided by Frescas with the donation.

Collection Description

Scope

The Stewart Frescas's Lab Copy of *PiHKAL* collection contains just one item, the book *PiHKAL: A Chemical Love Story* with some pages marked by self-stick notes.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

1 Box

Item

- 1 Shulgin, Alexander T. and Ann Shulgin. *PiHKAL: A Chemical Love Story*. Berkeley, CA: Transform Press, 1991.