



**FINDING AID TO
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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract	The George Greer papers (1980-1986; .2 cubic feet) documents Greer's research on MDMA. The collection contains a questionnaire, article, notes, graphs, and several case reports on his research subjects.
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Administrative Information

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Subjects and Genres

Persons

Greer, George

Organizations

Merritt Peralta Medical Center (Oakland, Calif.)

Topics

Ecstasy (Drug)

Form and Genre Types

Manuscripts (handwriting)

Photocopies

Reports

Reprint

Occupations

Psychotherapy

Psychology

Psychiatry

Biography of George Greer

George Greer completed his undergraduate work at Vassar College and received his M.D. from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston in 1976. Between his third and fourth year of medical school, he attended a six week seminar at Esalen Institute lead by Dr. Stanislav Grof. Greer speaks of his experiences at Esalen, "This training with internationally respected authorities in the subject using altered states of consciousness in psychotherapy convinced me that the field had a great untapped potential for psychiatry." Greer completed his psychiatric residency with the San Mateo County Mental Health Services in California and later worked for the Sangre de Cristo Community Mental Health Services. From 1980 to 1985, Greer and his wife, Requa Tolbert, conducted over 100 MDMA therapeutic sessions for 80 individuals; this is the largest published study of the use of MDMA in a therapeutic setting. He served as President of the Psychiatric Medical Association of New Mexico and was the Clinical Director of Mental Health Services for the New Mexico Corrections Department. Greer is the Co-Founder, Medical Director, and Secretary of the Heffter Institute, as well as a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. His publications include *Therapeutic Uses of MDMA*, "Acute Psychological and Neurophysiological Effects of MDMA in Humans," and "A Method of Conducting Therapeutic Sessions with MDMA."

Sources:

"Our Board of Directors." *Heffter Research Institute*. September 16, 2011.
<http://www.heffter.org/board-greer.htm>

Greer, George. "Testimony of George Greer, M. D. in DEA Hearing on Scheduling of MDMA Under the Controlled Substances Act." 1985.

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Descriptive Rules

Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd Edition / Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

All materials have been housed in acid free folders. The case reports have been printed on acid-free paper and paper clipped with plastic paper clips.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

1 Box, 1980-1986

Folder

1. MDMA Materials

Tabulation of Subjects' Reports, undated

“Subjective Reports of the Effects of MDMA in a Clinical Setting” by George Greer and Requa Tolbert, 1986

Color photocopies of George Greer's hand-written notes of his research on MDMA, undated

MDMA Lecture for Merritt Peralta Conference, 1980

2 MDMA infrared spectroscopy images, 1980

2. Case Reports, 1983

Case reports on 29 subjects who were given a specific amount of drugs in a comfortable setting. Each individual had a purpose for the session, and Greer follows up on each case study, 1983