



**FINDING AID TO
THE MARYLAND PSYCHIATRIC RESEARCH
CENTER LSD PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
PROGRAM STUDY FILES**

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Descriptive Summary

Creator Information	Maryland Psychiatric Research Center
Title	Maryland Psychiatric Research Center LSD Professional Training Program Study files
Collection Identifier	MSP 170
Date Span	1970 –1974
Abstract	This collection contains clinical evaluations and personal narratives documenting LSD sessions administered during The Maryland Psychiatric Research Center's professional training program.
Extent	One cubic foot (3 mss. boxes)
Finding Aid Author	Jonnie McConnell, 2014
Languages	English
Repository	Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

Administrative Information

Location Information:	ASC Vault
Access Restrictions:	Collection is open for research.
Acquisition Information:	Donated by Christina Bache Hardy, May 23, 2014
Custodial History:	The collection consists of photocopies made by Christina Hardy in 2000 from the files Richard Yensen housed at the Orenda Institute.
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**Related Materials
Information:**

MSP 1, Stanislav Grof papers,
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Subjects and Genres

Organizations

Maryland Psychiatric Research Center

Topics

Hallucinogenic drugs – Therapeutic use

LSD (Drug) – therapeutic use

Psychoactive Substances Research Collection

Form and Genre Types

Narratives (document genres)

Scientific reports

Occupations

Psychotherapy

History of the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center LSD Professional Training Study files

Beginning in 1970, The Maryland Psychiatric Research Center accepted 108 mental health professionals into its LSD training program. These trainees were administered an initial assessment battery of multidimensional personality tests and then each was individually administered LSD under the supervision of MPRC staff during up to three training sessions. The subjects were asked to narrate their LSD experiences immediately after the sessions and were also contacted at six-month and one-year intervals after the sessions to survey any effects the sessions had on their life.

Source: Material within the collection.

Collection Description

Scope

The Maryland Psychiatric Research Center LSD Professional Training Program Study files (1970 – 1974) are composed of the scientific records of the study, organized by subject identification number. Each file contains some combination of psychological profile reports, personal narratives of the LSD session experience, follow-up survey results about how the sessions affected the subject's life, and written narratives reflecting on the experience as a whole. The files are identified only by subject ID number, and the series consists of subjects numbered from 1 to 119, with gaps at 77, 81, 109, 115, 117, 118. In addition to these subject files, there is one file of overall study results.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Box 1

LSD Professional Study Results, unknown date
Subject files, numbers 1 – 32

Box 2

Subject files, numbers 33 – 70

Box 3

Subject files, numbers 71 – 119