



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

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## Descriptive Summary

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

## Administrative Information

<b>Location Information:</b>	ASC Vault
<b>Access Restrictions:</b>	Collection is open for research.
<b>Acquisition Information:</b>	Donated by Christina Bache Hardy, May 23, 2014
<b>Custodial History:</b>	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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MSP 1, Stanislav Grof papers,  
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## **Subjects and Genres**

### **Organizations**

Maryland Psychiatric Research Center

### **Topics**

Hallucinogenic drugs – Therapeutic use

LSD (Drug)

LSD (Drug) – Therapeutic use

LSD (Drug) – Therapeutic use – Case studies

LSD (Drug) – Therapeutic use – History

Psychedelic medicine

Psychiatry – Case studies

Psychotherapy

### **Form and Genre Types**

Experience reports

Personal narratives

Psychedelic session reports

## **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 81, 115, 117, and 118. In addition to these subject files, there is one file of overall study results.

### **Descriptive Rules**

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

## 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