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Collection Summary

Title: Nolan D. C. Lewis Papers

Span Dates: 1897-1978

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ID No.: MSS56945

Creator: Lewis, Nolan D. C. (Nolan Don Carpentier), 1889-1979

Extent: 4,900 items ; 14 containers ; 5.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Psychoanalyst, educator, and author. Correspondence, drafts of writings, research files, patient files, reports, conference material, oral history interview, and printed material documenting Lewis's contributions to the development of psychoanalysis in the United States.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Brill, A. A. (Abraham Arden), 1874-1948--Correspondence.

Hess, Rudolf, 1894-1987.

Lewis, Nolan D. C. (Nolan Don Carpentier), 1889-1979.

Lewis, Nolan D.C. (Nolan Don Carpentier), 1889-1979. Research in dementia praecox: past attainments, present trends and future possibilities. 1936.

Menninger, Karl A. (Karl Augustus), 1893-1990--Correspondence.

Meyer, Adolf, 1866-1950--Correspondence.

Oberndorf, Clarence P. (Clarence Paul), 1882-1954--Correspondence.

Rado, Sandor, 1890-1972--Correspondence.

Organizations

Committee for Research in Dementia Praecox.

Saint Elizabeths Hospital (Washington, D.C.)

Washington-Baltimore Psychoanalytic Society.

Subjects

Nazis--Psychology.

Nuremberg War Crime Trials, Nuremberg, Germany, 1946-1949.

Psychiatry.

Psychoanalysis--Societies, etc.

Psychoanalysis.

Schizophrenia.

War crime trials--Germany.

Occupations

Authors.

Educators.

Psychoanalysts.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Nolan D. C. Lewis, psychoanalyst, educator, and author, were given by Lewis to the Library of Congress in 1976. Additions were received between 1976 and 1987 from Arcangelo D'Amore, Mary Anne Lewis, Lewis's daughter, and John C. Burnham.

Processing History

The papers of Nolan D. C. Lewis were arranged and described in 1983. The collection was expanded and revised in 1993 and additional revisions were made to the finding aid 2008.

Transfers

Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the Nolan D. C. Lewis Papers.

Copyright Status

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1889, Nov. 22	Born, Coudersport, Pa.
1914	M.D., University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md.
1914-1918	Postgraduate studies in psychology and biology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
1918-1919	Served, United States Army
1919-1922	Pathologist, St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D.C.
1920	Married Anna Horn
1920-1935	Professor, experimental pathology and clinical psychiatry, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
1923-1933	Director, clinical psychiatry, St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D.C.
1927-1928	Studied in Vienna, Austria
1930	Founded the Washington-Baltimore Psychoanalytic Society

1935-1950	Coordinator and field representative, Committee on Research in Dementia Praecox
1936	Published <i>Research in Dementia Praecox</i> . New York: National Committee for Mental Hygiene
1936-1953	Director, New York Psychiatric Institute, New York, N.Y. Professor, psychiatry and neurology, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1942-1958	Managing editor, <i>Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease and Psychoanalytic Review</i>
1945-1946	Consultant, Nuremberg War Crime Trials, Nuremberg, Germany
1953-1958	Director, research in neurology and psychiatry, New Jersey hospitals and agencies
1953-1966	Consultant, Veterans Administration hospitals
1979, Dec. 18	Died, Frederick, Md.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Nolan Don Carpentier Lewis (1889-1979) span the years 1897-1978, with the bulk of the material dating from 1922 to 1958. Consisting of correspondence, patient files, drafts of writings, research files, reports, conference material, an oral history interview, and printed matter, the material documents Lewis's contributions as a practicing psychoanalyst, administrator, educator, and writer to the development of psychoanalysis in the United States and is organized into five series: [Correspondence](#), [Patient File](#), [Subject File](#), [Writings File](#), and [Printed Matter](#).

After graduating from the University of Maryland Medical School in 1914, Lewis worked primarily in general pathology and neuropathology, serving successively as director of laboratories at Maryland General Hospital, Johns Hopkins University, Phipps Psychiatric Clinic, and St. Elizabeths Hospital. While working in Baltimore between 1914 and 1918, Lewis studied psychology at Johns Hopkins under Adolf Meyer and Charles MacFie Campbell and completed his psychoanalytic training in Vienna where he attended lectures by Paul Schilder and others from 1927 to 1928. Lewis had two meetings with Sigmund Freud while in Vienna. Between 1936 and 1953, he served as director of the New York Psychoanalytic Association. In 1953 he was named director of research in neurology and psychiatry for New Jersey hospitals and agencies. He taught at various universities, including George Washington and Columbia, and served as editor of several journals.

The [Correspondence](#) series consists of letters from colleagues, professional organizations, editors of journals, and institutions with which Lewis affiliated. Subjects discussed concern research projects, writing, lecturing, and other professional matters. Among the prominent correspondents are A. A. Brill, Karl A. Menninger, Adolf Meyer, Clarence P. Oberndorf, and Sandor Rado.

The [Patient File](#) dates primarily from the 1920s when Lewis served as pathologist and later as director of clinical psychiatry at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, D.C. This period was a formative decade in the development of psychoanalysis in Washington, and in 1930, Lewis, along with Anna C. Dannemann Colomb, Lucile Dooley, Ernest Hadley, Edward Hiram Reede, William Silverberg, and Harry Stack Sullivan, founded the Washington-Baltimore Psychoanalytic Society.

Although the [Subject File](#) series documents a variety of Lewis's professional activities, the bulk of the material concerns dementia praecox research and the Nuremberg War Crime Trials. In 1935, Lewis assumed the duties of coordinator for the Committee on Research in Dementia Praecox which oversaw research projects funded by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite Masons of the Northern Jurisdiction. In 1936, Lewis published *Research in Dementia Praecox* which explored advances in research to that date. The files on dementia praecox research include general correspondence, information on individual projects, and annual reports sent to the Scottish Rite Masons. In 1946, Lewis attended the Nuremberg War Crime Trials as a consultant to an ad hoc international psychiatric commission. The commission was established by the tribunal to determine whether individual defendants were mentally competent to stand trial. Lewis was asked to examine Rudolf Hess,

but like many of the psychiatrists at Nuremberg, he took the opportunity to examine other defendants as well in an effort to understand the psychological makeup of Nazi leaders. The most complete file of Nuremberg material concerns Hess and contains several physicians' reports and notes from Lewis's examination. The series also includes Lewis's notes on Franz von Papen. A notebook kept by Lewis during this period contains examination notes and general reflections on postwar Europe and the trials.

The [Subject File](#) also includes a transcript of a lengthy oral history interview with Lewis conducted by Arcangelo d'Amore, Jean Jones, and Daniel Prager. The interview focuses on the early years of psychoanalysis in the United States, with special attention to its development in Washington, D.C. The series concludes with material from Lewis's military service during World War I as a neuropathologist with the Surgeon General's laboratory in Washington, D.C.

Lewis published on a variety of topics, but his most significant research and writing focused on schizophrenia. The [Writings File](#) includes drafts and reviews of Lewis's *Research in Dementia Praecox* and *Wartime Psychiatry*, published in 1954. In addition to lectures, the series also includes an article, reviews, and other research. Printed copies of some of his publications can be found in the [Printed Matter](#) series.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in five series:

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