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Collection Summary

Title: Jacob A. Arlow Papers

Span Dates: 1923-2004

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1972-1992)

ID No.: MSS85369

Creator: Arlow, Jacob A.

Extent: 4,000 items ; 17 containers plus 1 oversize ; 8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: Psychoanalyst, educator, and author. Correspondence, family papers, lectures and writings, notes, subject files, patient records, photographs and slides, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and other material relating chiefly to Arlow's work as a psychoanalyst.

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

Arlow family.

Arlow, Jacob A.

Subjects

Conflict (Psychology)

Empathy--Psychological aspects.

Fantasy--Psychological aspects.

Myth--Psychology.

Psychoanalysis--Periodicals.

Psychoanalysis.

Psychoanalytic theory.

Reconstruction (Psychoanalysis)

Time--Psychological aspects.

Titles

Psychoanalytic quarterly.

Occupations

Authors.

Educators.

Psychoanalysts.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Jacob A. Arlow, psychoanalyst, educator, and author, were given to the Library of Congress in 2007 by Sheldon Goodman.

Transfers

Two sound recordings have been transferred to the Library's Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of the Jacob A. Arlow Papers.

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Biographical Note

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> |
|---------------|---|
| 1912, Sept. 3 | Born, New York, N.Y. |
| 1932 | B.S., New York University, New York, N.Y. |
| 1936 | M.D., New York University, New York, N.Y. Married Alice Diamond (died 2003) |
| 1936-1938 | Intern, Harlem Hospital, New York, N.Y. |
| 1938-1939 | Resident neuropsychiatrist, U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, Ellis Island, N.Y. |
| 1939-1940 | Resident psychiatrist, Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y. |
| 1940-1941 | Resident psychiatrist, New York State Psychiatric Institute and Hospital, New York, N.Y. Resident, Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, N.Y. |
| 1940-1945 | Consultant psychiatrist, Pride of Judea Children's Home, Brooklyn, N.Y. |
| 1942-1944 | Assistant neurologist, Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, N.Y. Instructor of Neurology, Columbia College Physical and Surgical, New York, N.Y. |
| 1942-1992 | Private practice, New York, N.Y. |
| 1947 | Graduate, New York Psychoanalytic Institute |
| 1947-1951 | Instructor of Psychiatry and Psychosomatic Service of Psychoanalytic Clinic for Training and Research, Columbia College Physical and Surgical, New York, N.Y. |
| 1948-1950 | Lecturer, New York Psychoanalytic Institute, New York, N.Y. |
| 1952-1955 | Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychoanalytic Medicine, State University of New York College, New York, N.Y. |
| 1956 | Published <i>The Legacy of Sigmund Freud</i> . New York: International Universities Press |

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| 1962-1979 | Clinical professor, State University New York College of Medicine at New York City, New York, N.Y. |
| 1964 | Published with Charles Brenner <i>Psychoanalysis, Scientific Method and Philosophy</i> . New York: International Universities Press |
| 1972-1979 | Editor, <i>Psychoanalytic Quarterly</i> |
| 1973 | Editor, <i>Selected Writings of Bertram D. Lewin, M.D.</i> New York: <i>Psychoanalytic Quarterly</i> |
| 1979-2004 | Clinical professor, New York University, New York, N.Y. |
| 1984-2004 | Private practice part-time, Great Neck, N.Y. |
| 1991 | Published <i>Psychoanalysis: Clinical Theory and Practice</i> . Madison, Conn.: International Universities Press |
| 2004, Nov. 16 | Died, Great Neck, N.Y. |

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Jacob A. Arlow (1912-2004) span the years 1923-2004, with the bulk of the material from 1972 to 1992. Through his teaching, lectures, and writings, Arlow helped form the core of modern psychoanalytic theory. He was known for expanding upon the theories of Sigmund and Anna Freud and for his own work in exploring how unconscious fantasies influence how individuals perceive reality. He thought that fantasies were a “constant feature of mental life” and represented a “secret rebellion against reality.” The collection includes correspondence, memoranda, family papers, lectures and writings, notes, subject files, patient records, photographs and slides, newspaper clippings, and printed matter relating chiefly to Arlow’s work as a psychoanalyst. The papers are in English.

The majority of the papers is comprised of lectures and writings by Arlow. His lectures and writings focus on different aspects of psychoanalytic theory and include papers that were never published. Topics featured are time, fantasy and myth, empathy, conflict, and reconstruction. Also included with these files are a few of Arlow’s commencement addresses. The correspondence relates to Arlow’s professional interests and his tenure as editor of the *Psychoanalytic Quarterly*. The subject files reflect his participation as an officer and member of various organizations and institutions. Also included are files documenting his education and medical training and various awards and honors that he received during his lifetime.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein either chronologically or alphabetically.

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