

THE ROBERT MUMFORD PAPERS

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Provenance

Dr. Mumford presented his papers on two occasions, the majority in 1983, and the remainder in 1985.

The collection occupies 1.6 cubic ft. housed in four .4 cubic ft. boxes.

There are no restrictions regarding use of the collection.

Biography

Robert S. Mumford was born on July 23, 1918 in Seattle, Washington. He conducted his undergraduate studies at the University of California at Los Angeles and completed his M.D. at McGill University in Montreal in 1943. Mumford received his psychiatric training from the William Alanson White Institute. His special interests and subspecialties included adolescence, the individual, family and marital problems, psychotherapy and pharmacotherapy, and teaching.

Mumford served as the attending psychiatrist for inpatients and outpatients at Roosevelt Hospital in New York from 1949-1970. He was also a consultant in the Obstetrics and Gynecology service. From 1958-1970 he served as the associate attending psychiatrist at St. Luke's Hospital. In addition, he served as a consultant with the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Among other organizations, Mumford was a member of the New York County District Branch of the American Psychiatric Association, and a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, the American

Academy of Psychoanalysis, the American College of Psychiatrists, and the American College of Psychoanalysts (for which he served as Secretary-General from 1978-1982).

Dr. Mumford died on February 25, 2005.

Scope and Content

The Robert Mumford Papers consist of Dr. Mumford's curriculum vitae, notes for a few of his published articles, and discussions of some papers presented at APA meetings. Records relate to his work at Roosevelt Hospital in the OB/GYN department, including a grant application to train OB/GYN residents to identify and manage psychiatric problems at Roosevelt Hospital. Most of the records pertaining to St. Luke's Hospital concern a mental health study in college preparatory schools. Material includes the proposal, minutes of meetings, and reports in various stages of preparation.

Half the Mumford papers consist of membership applications for successful applicants to the American College of Psychoanalysts, for which Mumford served as Secretary-General from 1978 to 1982. Some of the applications date back to 1974. The applications consist of curriculum vitae with photographic portraits, letters of recommendation and letters welcoming the individual to the organization. These records are organized alphabetically.

The holdings pertaining to the William Alanson White Institute address problems associated with the unique position of the Institute. There are also several folders of material from the American Psychiatric Association and the New York County District Branch of the APA. The latter deals primarily with the controversy over certification of non-medical professionals and with the arrangements for a 1967 APA meeting held in New York. Of special interest are the records of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis. These pertain to the dispute regarding certification of non-medical analysts, and include the records of a committee on accreditation and certification.

Inventory

Box # 1

Folder 1	Curriculum vitae	n.d.
2	"Traditional Psychiatry, Freud and H.S. Sullivan" by Mumford. Reprint, notes and outline of paper, reprint requests and comments	1961
3	Mumford on H.S. Sullivan. Lecture and discussion at New York School of Psychiatry	1962
4	Some published articles written by Mumford	1961-1984

5	Unpublished paper, "The Dynamics of an Operation Oriented Neurotic Patient in a General Hospital Clinic Setting" and program for APA conference at which paper was presented	1955-1956
6	Research on mothers and babies	1963-1965
7	Mumford's discussion of paper presented at APA meeting, "A Community School Mental Health Program" by Sheldon K. Schiff and Sheppard G. Kellam	5/8/1969
8	Mumford's discussion of paper presented at APA meeting, "The Prognosis of Postpartum Mental Illness" by James E. Wilson, Peter Barglow, and William Shipman	5/1971
9	Roosevelt Hospital - OB/GYN Correspondence, reports, grant proposal, article, "An Interdisciplinary Study of Four Wives Who Had Induced Abortions"	1963-1972
10	Roosevelt Hospital- Psychiatric conferences with OB/GYN staff	1968-1970
11	Roosevelt Hospital - National Institute on Mental Health grant application to train OB/GYN residents to identify and manage psychiatric problems at Roosevelt Hospital	1968-1971
12	Lecture at St. Luke's Hospital on OB/GYN psychiatric problems	3/28/1966
13	St. Luke's Hospital. A mental health study in college preparatory schools. Proposal, reports, minutes of meetings	1963-1970
14	St. Luke's Hospital. A mental health study in college preparatory schools. Proposal, reports, minutes of meetings	1963-1970
15	St. Luke's Hospital Center. "A Mental Health Study in College Preparatory Schools"	ca. 1970
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Box # 2

Folder 1	William Alanson White Institute	1956-1965
2	American Psychiatric Association Committee on Relations with Allied Professions	1967
3	American Psychiatric Association	1969-1979
4	American Psychiatric Association New York County District Branch. Lay Therapy	1950-1965
5	APA. New York County District Branch. Public Relations	1959-1963
6	APA. Arrangements Committee. N.Y. State Divisional Meeting	1967

7	American Academy of Psychoanalysis	1963-1979
8	American Academy of Psychoanalysis. Controversy re certification of non-medical analysts	1963-1980
9	American Academy of Psychoanalysis. Controversy re certification of non-medical analysts	1977-1982
10	American Academy of Psychoanalysis. Controversy re certification of non-medical analysts	1982-1983
11	American Academy of Psychoanalysis and National Accreditation Association and Examining Board of Psychoanalysis	1981
12	American Academy of Psychoanalysis. Shadow Committee on Accreditation and Certification	1981
13	American Academy of Psychoanalysis. Shadow Committee on Accreditation and Certification	1981
14	American Academy of Psychoanalysis. Shadow Committee on Accreditation and Certification	1980

Box # 3

Folder 1	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications A	1974-1979
2	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications B	1979-1980
3	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications C	1977-1980
4	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications D	1974-1982
5	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications E	1978-1981
6	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications F	1975-1979
7	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications G	1978-1980
8	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications H	1979-1982
9	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications I-J	1978-1979
10	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications K	1974-1982
11	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications L	1975-1979

Box # 4

Folder 1	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications M	1975-1980
2	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications N-O	1976-1982
3	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications P	1975-1982
4	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications R	1975-1980
5	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications S	1977-1981
6	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications T	1978-1981
7	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications V-Wi	1978-1980
8	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications Wo-Wy	1979-1980

9	American College of Psychoanalysts membership applications Miscellaneous	1979
10	American College of Psychoanalysts Transcripts and other material re colloquia	1961-1983
11	American College of Psychoanalysts Miscellaneous	1969-1975