

Archives of the History of American Psychology

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Fact Sheet

1. AHAP was founded by Dr. John Popplestone and Dr. Marion White McPherson in 1965 to preserve the historical record of psychology.
2. AHAP is the only archives in the United States that collects, catalogs and preserves materials related to the field of psychology, and is the largest collection of its kind in the world.
3. Over 750 Manuscript Collections are housed in the archives, which includes the personal papers of individual psychologists and the archival records of various psychological organizations.
4. The Still Image Collection contains over 20,000 images of individuals, groups, research and laboratory settings and personal photos.
5. Over 6000 films, from research to home movies, are preserved at AHAP in the Moving Image Collection.
6. Over 3000 audio tapes of lectures and oral histories are preserved at AHAP in the Audio Holdings collection.
7. The Psychology Archives has been featured in the *New York Times*, on the History Channel's *History's Lost and Found*, in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, *Akron Beacon Journal* and various psychological publications.
8. AHAP is an affiliate of the prestigious Smithsonian Institution Affiliates program.
9. The Psychology Archives currently has exhibits on display at the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Ellis Island National Museum and the National Zoo in Washington D.C.
10. AHAP's collection of over 1000 objects and artifacts is among the largest in America.
11. The AHAP Test Center contains over 15,000 three-dimensional and paper and pencil tests.
12. The AHAP Book Collection includes rare books, textbooks, professional and trade publications. Over 50,000 volumes have been acquired since its inception.
13. The oldest book in AHAP Special Collections is *Les livres de Hierosme Cardanvs medecin milannois : intitulez de la subtilité & subtiles inuentions, ensemble les causes occultes, & raisons d'icelles / Tradvits de latin en françois*, by Richard Le Blanc, printed in 1556.
14. Charitable gifts, in the form of archival materials and through gifts of cash, are always welcome.
15. The Friends of the Archives of the History of American Psychology development program supplements and enriches AHAP's mission to stimulate, inform, and educate researchers, visitors, and the public about the science and practice of psychology, and to encourage research in the history of psychology.
16. Since 1999, the AHAP has produced two books, hosted four national conferences and developed an ongoing Colloquium Series featuring prominent psychologists in the field.
17. Over 300 people visit the archives annually and more than 100 people visit the AHAP website daily.
18. The archives is open to patrons 12 months a year and has added Saturday hours to accommodate visitors.
19. Students can volunteer and earn course credits for working at the AHAP.
20. The archives is housed in 10,000 square feet of space on the lower level of the Polsky Building.
21. Roadway Express Inc. donated a 70,000 square foot building to The University of Akron to house the future "Center for the History of Psychology."
22. The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation recently provided a \$2.1 million gift to endow the directorship of the AHAP.