

Smith Ely Jelliffe collection of New York State Psychiatric Institute lantern slides

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: Ms Coll 111

CREATOR: Jelliffe, Smith Ely, 1866-1945

TITLE: Smith Ely Jelliffe collection of New York State Psychiatric Institute lantern slides

DATES: circa 1900-1940

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.25 linear feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection includes 167 lantern slides owned by neurologist, psychiatrist, and psychoanalyst Smith Ely Jelliffe regarding the New York State Psychiatric Institute and Hospital in New York, New York. Slides include images of female and male patients, identified by name or case number; physicians; institute buildings; informational slides about mental and physical conditions; and patients' drawings and paintings.

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Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/med.ms.0111>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from House of Mirth, 2018.

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Smith Ely Jelliffe (1866-1945) was a neurologist, psychiatrist, and psychoanalyst who is regarded as one of the founders of psychosomatic medicine in the United States. Jelliffe was born in Brooklyn, New York, attended Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, completed an M.D. at College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York, in 1889, and earned a PhD. from Columbia University in 1899 with a thesis on the flora of Long Island. He taught materia medica and pharmacognosy at Columbia University, then became a Clinical Professor of Mental Diseases at Fordham University, New York, New York, from 1907-1912.

Jelliffe was a prolific writer, editor, and translator. In 1899 he started a position as associate editor of the *Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases*, then became managing editor and owner from 1902-1945. Beginning in 1907, Jelliffe, in collaboration with William A. White, published the *Nervous and Mental Diseases Monograph Series*, which included the earliest translations of writings by Freud, Jung, Adler, and other European psychoanalysts available in the United States. In 1913, continuing his collaboration with White, he published *The Modern Treatment of Nervous and Mental Diseases* (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Lea & Febiger) and co-founded the journal *Psychoanalytic Review*, the first English-language publication dedicated to psychoanalysis. In 1918 Jelliffe published *The Technique of Psychoanalysis* (New York: Nervous and Mental Disease Publication Co.), the first book devoted to analytical technique. In 1939 he published *Sketches in Psychosomatic Medicine* (New York: Nervous and Mental Disease Monographs No. 65).

Jelliffe was highly regarded in the United States and Europe. During his career he served as president of the New York Psychiatric Society, the New York Neurological Society, and the American Psychopathological Association and in 1928 he presided over the July 21 session of the third Conférence des Psychanalystes de Langue Française in Paris, France.

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The New York State Psychiatric Institute was established in 1895 as part of Columbia University and was one of the first institutions in the United States to integrate teaching, research and therapeutic approaches to the care of patients with mental illnesses. In 1925, the Institute added general hospital facilities when it became affiliated with Presbyterian Hospital, now New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

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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.

Subjects

Hospital care
Mental illness
Mental illness -- Treatment
Psychiatric hospitals

Genres / Formats

Lantern slides
Photographs

Corporate Bodies

New York State Psychiatric Institute
Presbyterian Hospital (New York, N.Y.)