

Nina Ridenour papers

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Nina Ridenour's papers consist of correspondence; press releases and other publicity materials; book reviews (both those for her own books and reviews written by her); manuscripts and draft versions, sometimes with annotations and corrections; comments and critiques; biographical data; bibliographies; reading and research notes; reference materials; a grant application; outlines and lecture notes; invitations; newspaper clippings; scripts; books, pamphlets, and other publications; and other related materials. Some correspondents include Menninger family members and Menninger Clinic staff, Aldous Huxley, Clara Beers (Clifford Beers' widow), and Abraham and Bertha Maslow, among others.

Topics in these materials include publications and publishing (especially Ridenour's books *Mental Health in the United States--a 50-Year History*, *Mental Health Education: Principles in the Effective Use of Materials*, and *Health Supervision for Young Children*); mental health education; the play "My Name is Legion" (based off Clifford Beers' autobiography and co-written by Ridenour and Nora B. Stirling); the American Theatre Wing's community plays, for which Ridenour wrote numerous discussion guides; children's mental health; term papers Ridenour wrote while in school; professional organizations and professional positions with which Ridenour was associated, especially the Ittelson Family Foundation; consciousness; extra sensory perception (ESP)/parapsychology; and other related topics.

The materials span Ridenour's career, though the bulk come from the 1950s and 1960s and provide an excellent overview of her work and professional interests and concerns.

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Dr. Nina Ridenour
Ittleson Family Foundation
654 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Nina:

I have finished reading your splendid book and have enjoyed every minute of it. It is a remarkable review of an exciting and important field, and I am amazed at how much you were able to cover. Your writing, as always, is delightful, as well as stimulating. I am very proud to have my copy, and I am about to loan it out to all of my associates. Best wishes.

Cordially,

Marjorie
Marjorie L. Craig
Director, School Health Bureau

*P.S. Of course I was particularly thrilled at
the way you brought in the importance
of nursery education - the child development
field.*

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Darling *ph.*

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April 19, 1961

Dr. Nina Ridenour
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Dear Nina,

I am very much honored to have you give me a copy of your book. I am sending it back to you with the hope that you will autograph it for me and return it. I have ordered two or three other copies for our department but this particular copy I would like for my own desk. It was certainly very nice of you to mention me in the acknowledgements and I am glad that I was able to contribute a little something to this magnificent result.

I have already told you what I think of the book and you know that this is entirely sincere. I think the effects of the book in the public mind will be large. You, yourself, have done so much to promote the mental health movement. You can be justly proud of this as we are of having known you.

Very sincerely yours,

Darling
C. Douglas Darling, M.D.

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Dear Dr. Ridenour:

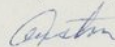
It gives me real pleasure to extend congratulations to you on your remarkable book, "Mental Health in the United States".

I read it with intense interest and having been somewhat a part of this history myself, I found that for the first time, was portrayed the background and development of mental health and psychiatric care.

The book is remarkable in that the ground covered is done so in such a useful condensed form that I am sure that it will be utilized much for reference purposes.

Everyone interested in our field should read this so that they might have the understanding of the hard work and sacrifices of many people to bring mental health to its present status.

Very truly yours,



Austin M. Davies
Executive Assistant

AMD/maj

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Earl, M. Lay

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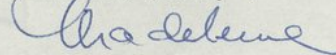
I want to express my appreciation for the book and for your very nice letter about your contact with Miss Cooke.

The book is a gem, so readable with good format and very much needed. I plan to use it for the students next year as I think they will find it valuable. Thank you very much for sending it to me.

I am sure Miss Cooke was disappointed, but I can understand your decision. I wish I could think up someone for her. It sounds as though it could be an interesting experience and a nice course for the right person. If you think of anyone you could suggest please call Miss Cooke or me if you think I can help.

It was nice to talk with you and hope it will be soon again. All good things to you.

Sincerely yours,



Madeline Lay Earl
Assistant Professor
Division of Community Psychiatry

MLE:SK

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Dear Nina:

As Mrs. Ittleson may have told you, I foolishly picked up a virus right after my wonderful Spanish holiday, and have been confined to the house.

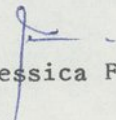
However, one excellent aspect of the enforced idleness was the chance thoroughly to read your remarkable little volume. I learned a very great deal from it, and can now realize how very useful it must be in very many directions. Certainly it is a marvel of brevity and compactness - yet provides a tremendous amount of necessary information.

I am more than ever delighted that you managed - despite so much else - to finish the job, and that I have such a handsomely inscribed copy.

If you are going to be in this neighborhood during the summer, perhaps we can get together after this month.

Best regards to you both.

Cordially,


Jessica Feingold

Doctor Nina Ridenour
Ittleson Family Foundation
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New York 21, New York

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Elliott

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May 31, 1961

Mrs. M. A. Boll
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Chappaqua, New York

Dear Nina:

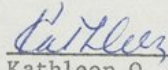
A word of thanks for the copy of your book is long overdue. Though I am somewhat tardy in acknowledging its receipt, I read it at once - in two sittings. It has everything that those who pre-viewed it mentioned, felicity of style, lucidity, and exciting information. Van and I are delighted to have an author's copy in our possession. You must be very pleased indeed that it has come out so well and that it is at last finished. Congratulations!

Gratitude too for your careful letter in response to mine about an institution for young people of both sexes of college age. Since writing you I have talked with a number of deans and psychiatrists and am firmly convinced that a real need exists. That careful thought and planning would be necessary, that the enterprise would be costly I know. But it would be concerned with what is generally assumed to be a highly gifted part of our population, one that could be ultimately contributing and so far as I am concerned would be worth all that is involved.

At the moment the duties of bringing the academic year to an end and getting ready for the European trip are too time consuming for a lengthy discussion - but more this fall.

Best to you both from both of us.

Affectionately,


(Mrs.) Kathleen O. Elliott
Dean of Instruction

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Edel Ginsburg
I + G says

4/24/61
re: FARNSWORTH

Dave Farnsworth
said he "sat up
all night" &
called H U P next
day saying go
ahead.



A.S. re GAP

4/17/61
re Farnsworth

Dana Farnsworth a reader
says "terrific" - "so excited"
Ordered 25 ceps
Barteneice - 50 ceps
Ewalt - 15 min "looking at."
Can. of 18 "much interest."

Farnsworth
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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES

15 Holyoke Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

May 12, 1961

Dear Nina:

Many thanks for your nice letter of April 27th. As you already know, I think you did a magnificent job in putting the book together; I don't know of anyone who could have done it anywhere nearly as well. One of my friends read it very carefully and said that there were five or six things that he would have put in it had he been writing it, but he would also have to admit that there were several dozen things in it that he would not have known about and that he would, therefore, not have included in the book just from lack of knowledge. From him this is high praise, indeed. I think the book will sell well and should a standard item in the field for many years.

I've been asked to review it for "Psychosomatic Medicine" but I don't have my review written yet. Needless to say, it will be highly favorable. It isn't often that I can be so enthusiastic about a book.

Congratulations on a beautiful job. Warm personal regards,

Most sincerely,

Dana

Dana L. Farnsworth, M.D.
Director

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Miss Nina Ridenour
Secretary
Ittleson Family Foundation
654 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York



MISS MIRIAM C. GOULD
350 EAST 30TH STREET, APT. 1-B
NEW YORK 16, NEW YORK

Gould

May 12th '61

Dear Nina:

The gift of your book is more appreciated than you can possibly know. It brings back so many experiences when I took my classes in "Abnormal Psychology" to clinics at the Northampton and Poughkeepsie State Hospitals for years on end. While reading it I wanted furiously to talk with you and now the incredibly rapid sequence of events drives out of my attention the items I would have discussed if I could

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find the time to write lengthy
You have done a hard
job so well that compliments
are superfluous - Given
the kind of work and
environment I have been
in I felt as if every page
reflected what I have known
at first hand, to say nothing
of the longtime teaching
colleagues - L. Lowrey, D. Levy,
A. Meyer and many more
you mention -

I wish it could be hoped
that you are catching your breath
after the pressures of publication.

I think of you dearly.

Miriam C. Gould



Haberman

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May 15, 1961

Dear Nina,

I just finished your book and
hasten to congratulate you on such a
useful, well-written, difficult - almost
impossible - piece of work. It will be
used and referred to for years and
years by those in the field. Your
mark lies on every page - the meticulous
marshalling of facts, your fair-minded
appraisals, your whittling and paring of
the voluminous material. What a
satisfaction to do a book that only you
could really do. Phil will add his
bit when he gets a crack at the book.
(over)

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Our best to you and Max.

Helen



Harrover

35 E 86
O.V.C.

May 12

Dear Nina

I failed, in all
this hectic re-writing, to
thank you for my copy
of "Mental Health in the
U.S." - I think it
come out to be a most
attractive volume. I still



Remember by delight in
first seeing the pitky
titles - and scanned
the contents again with
pleasure!

All good luck for
its widespread sale -
As ever MRS.

FROM THE DESK OF

NINA RIDENOUR

Mr. Ittleson Keep it - Just finished your book - most interesting & beautifully done!

This is quite a good article - broad survey - quite accurate.

If you have no use for the magazine, I'll be glad to have it for IFF file.



5/9/61

Thanks for sending it over.

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Thanks very much for sending me your impressive looking book, "Mental Health in the United States."

I look forward with a great deal of interest to reading this book.



HJR:mg

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May 9/61

Dear Miss Ridenour, -

I was very much pleased to receive a copy of your book. It is beautifully and artfully done. It brings just to a subject, not ordinarily of lively interest. Katharine Collins, with whom I live, also a p.s.w. is fascinated by it. She says, "Evidently the material is authentic and yet it is a lovely thing."

The reason for this peculiar note is that I recently had a cataract operation & have not yet got my sight adjusted & an old cataract in my right hand has reasserted itself. I hope it is legible.

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in her book. I also in the "Kingdom
of Evil".

After I saw you long ago at the
hardware store around the corner, I



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was keen to claim your promise to
come to see me but was sick for
some time, and when I did call
you up you were away for some
time I believe, so I missed what
was going to be a great pleasure.
Now I see you live in Chaparral-
qua: I shall always regret not
seeing you. You are one of the
people I always admired at a
distance: and now I see how
right I was. - With thanks for your
book & best regards, Mary Jarrett

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After I saw you long ago at the hairdressers around the corner, I was keen to claim your promise and come to see you but was sick for some time, and when I did call you up you were away for some time I believe, so I missed what was going to be a great pleasure. Now I see you live in Chappaqua. I shall always regret not seeing you. You are one of the people I always admired at a distance; and now I see how right I was. With thanks for your book and best regards,

(s) Mary Jarrett

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Nina Ridenour, Ph.D.
360 Rearing Brook Road
Chappaqua, New York

Dear Nina:

This is just a brief note to tell you that I'm very much impressed with your book and found it an excellent presentation of important developmental material. The material is particularly enhanced by your direct and uncomplicated handling of it.

Needless to say, we at Ortho liked your clear presentation, too, of Ortho's role in mental health history.

Good luck with the book. I hope that it has a wide sale and as a consequence, reaches a wide readership who, as a result, may have a better understanding of the mental health picture.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Marion

Marion F. Langer, Ph.D.
Executive Secretary

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Dearest Nina:

I feel most apologetic about not having thanked you before now for the inscribed copy of "Mental Health in the United States - A Fifty Year Study." I had hoped to do it in person at the reception for you on May 18th but as Ethel told you I was unable to get away from the office at the last moment. Please accept my apologies.

As you know, I read the manuscript of the book when Ethel brought it to me and was most enthusiastic. It is a wonderfully clear and sparkling account of what has happened in the mental health movement up to now. What struck me was my own discovery that some of the things that are being hailed as exciting new advances in 1960-61 are not so new after all.

My love to you,

Trude

Mrs. Joseph P. Lash
Executive Director

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May 9, 1961

Dr. Nina Ridenour
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654 Madison Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Nina:

You were very nice to send me a personally autographed copy of your new book, "Mental Health in the United States." I finished reading it last night and wanted to say what a fine job it is.

As you meant it to be, the book is a readable, cogent perspective on a subject of great importance in our times. I particularly liked the last chapter, "Where Are We Now?" It gives a running start on the future.

Sincerely,

Harvey



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LEONARD W. MAYO

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July 6, 1961


Nina Ridenour, Ph.D.
Secretary
Ittleson Family Foundation
654 Madison Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Nina:

Thank you for your excellent book. You have really done a remarkable job of selecting the key and otherwise significant events in the history of mental health and presenting them in a skillful way. Congratulations, and thank you for my copy.

With warm regards,

Cordially,


Leonard W. Mayo

LWM:db

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Mental Health Materials Center
104 East 25th Street
New York, 10, New York

Gentlemen:

I've just read your excellent fifty-year history of "Mental Health in The United States" sponsored by The New York State Association for Mental Health. It's a booklet which, I hope, will be read by every man and woman in the United States.

This subject has been of considerable interest to me for a long time. It is my pleasure to serve on the advisory board of Bridgehaven, our local half-way house for mental patients, and to be a charter member of our newly-organized Jefferson County Mental Health Association. One of our objectives is to create an awareness and interest, on the part of the public, in the many problems of mental health.

Toward this end, I should like to have forty copies of this booklet to mail to a selected group of employers in this community to whom I've mailed various mental health materials during the past fifteen months.

Please let me know the cost of forty booklets so we may decide if we can mail them as planned.

Sincerely,

(Signed) H. P. McMath, Manager
Industrial Relations

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THE MENNINGER FOUNDATION
TOPEKA, KANSAS

FOR PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT,
..EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH

April 20, 1961

Dr. Nina Ridenour
1 East 75th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Doctor Ridenour:

Thank you so much for letting me see
a copy of your new book, Mental Health in the
United States. It is splendid! And I am
pleased to add it to our library.

Sincerely yours,

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Karl Menninger, M. D.

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This was a small neatly printed,
folder attached to the 530 copies
(complimentary) sent out by the
Menninger Foundation to their
friends & contributors.

December 1, 1961

This book is a "must" for anyone
seriously interested in mental health
and we here at The Menninger Foundation
are delighted to send it to you.

W.C. Menninger

from the desk of _____

W. C. MENNINGER, M.D.

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August 9, 1961

Dr. William C. Menninger
The Menninger Foundation
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Bill:

Upon returning from vacation yesterday, I found your wonderful letter with the news about the 530 copies. Astronomical! Quite apart from my pleasure at seeing that many books in circulation to such a key group, is the evidence of approval from the Menninger Foundation because you people out there really know what the mental health movement is, was, and ought to be. Many, many thanks to you and thanks also for letting me hear the news -- which I had not heard before.

Max and I are just back from vacation feeling greatly refreshed. Our place in Chappaqua is so lovely. Pretty soon I am going to start bearing down on you and Cay to try to get you to come out for a week-and one of these times when you are in New York. I dare say you probably don't have more than -- perhaps -- five hundred and thirty invitations awaiting you on an average trip to New York, so this will be one more to add to the list. One bit of bait I can hold out is that I can probably arrange for you to meet some very nice Chappaqua people whom I think you would like to meet.

All my best to you.

Sincerely,

Nina Ridenour
Secretary

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