

# Heinz Kohut Papers

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Heinz Kohut Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1923-1994

**Bulk Dates:** 1960-1981

**ID No.:** MSS86247

**Creator:** Kohut, Heinz

**Extent:** 3,500 items

**Extent:** 22 containers

**Extent:** 8.8 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English and German with some in French

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2018086247>

**Summary:** Psychoanalyst and educator. Correspondence, speeches and writings, drafts, scrapbooks, interviews, professional appointments, minutes, clippings, contracts, invoices, itineraries, annotated books, and photographs relating to the career of Heinz Kohut.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Aichhorn, August, 1878-1949--Correspondence.

Basch, Michael Franz--Correspondence.

Cocks, Geoffrey, 1948- --Correspondence.

Cocks, Geoffrey, 1948- Curve of life : correspondence of Heinz Kohut, 1923-1981. 1994.

Eissler, K. R. (Kurt Robert), 1908-1999--Correspondence.

Eissler, Ruth Selke, 1906-1988--Correspondence.

Freud, Anna, 1895-1982--Correspondence.

Gedo, John E.--Correspondence.

Goldberg, Arnold, 1929- --Correspondence.

Kohut, Elizabeth Meyer, 1912-1992--Correspondence.

Kohut, Heinz.

Kohut, Thomas August--Correspondence.

Levarie, Siegmund, 1914-2010--Correspondence.

Mitscherlich, Alexander, 1908-1982--Correspondence.

Moser, Tilmann, 1938- --Correspondence.

Ornstein, Paul H.--Correspondence.

Palaci, Jacques, 1915-1995--Correspondence.

Pollock, George H.--Correspondence.

Rosenkötter, Lutz, 1925-2007--Correspondence.

Strozier, Charles B.--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Institute for Psychoanalysis.

University of Cincinnati.

### Subjects

Narcissism.

Neurology.

Psychiatry.

Psychoanalysis and music.

Psychoanalysis--Illinois--Chicago--Societies, etc.

Psychoanalysis--Societies, etc.

Psychoanalysis.  
Self psychology.

### **Occupations**

Educators.  
Psychoanalysts.

## **Acquisition Information**

The papers of Heinz Kohut were given to the Library of Congress by his son, Thomas Kohut, in 2018.

## **Processing History**

The papers of Heinz Kohut were arranged and described by Melinda K. Friend in 2018. The finding aid was revised by Melinda K. Friend in 2021.

## **Transfers**

Some photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the Heinz Kohut Papers.

## **Other Repositories**

Other papers of Heinz Kohut can be found in the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis, Chicago, Illinois.

## **Copyright Status**

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Heinz Kohut in these papers and in other collections in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

## **Access and Restrictions**

The papers of Heinz Kohut are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## **Published Edition**

Kohut's correspondence has appeared in *Search for the Self: Selected Writings of Heinz Kohut, 1950-1978*, edited and with an introduction by Paul H. Ornstein, New York: International Universities Press, 1978, and *Curve of Life: Correspondence of Heinz Kohut, 1923-1981*, Geoffrey Cocks, ed., Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1994.

## **Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Heinz Kohut Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1913, May 3	Born, Vienna, Austria
1938	Began psychoanalysis with August Aichhorn M.D., University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
1939-1940	Lived in England
1941	Arrived in Chicago, Ill.
1941-1981	University of Chicago Medical School, Chicago, Ill.; assistant resident in neurology, 1941-1942; assistant in neurology, 1942-1943; instructor of neurology, 1943-1944; instructor in neurology and psychiatry, 1944-1947; took specialty boards as a neurologist, 1946; assistant professor of psychiatry, 1947-1950; took specialty boards as a psychiatrist, 1949; lecturer, School of Social Service Administration, 1952-1953; professorial lecturer, Department of Psychiatry, 1975-1981
1941	Became naturalized citizen of the United States
1945	Married Elizabeth ("Betty") Meyer
1950	Graduated in psychoanalysis, Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis, Chicago, Ill.
1955-1969	Member, American Psychoanalytic Association; president, 1964-1965; editorial board, 1955-1958, 1960-1963, 1966-1969
1963-1964	President, Chicago Psychoanalytic Society
1965-1973	Vice president, International Psychoanalytic Association
1971	Published <i>Analysis of the Self: Systematic Approach to the Psychoanalytic Treatment of Narcissistic Personality Disorders</i> . New York: International Universities Press
1972-1981	Visiting professor, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio; honorary doctorate, 1973
1973	Symposium on History and Psychoanalysis held in Kohut's honor, Chicago, Ill.
1977	Published <i>Restoration of the Self</i> . New York: International Universities Press Awarded Austrian Cross of Honor for Science and Art, First Class
1979	Recipient, William A. Schonfeld Award, American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry Published "The Two Analyses of Mr. Z." <i>International Journal of Psycho-Analysis</i> 60, no. 1: 3-27.
1981, Oct. 8	Died, Chicago, Ill.
1984	Publication of <i>How Does Analysis Cure?</i> edited by Arnold Goldberg, with the collaboration of Paul Stepansky. Chicago: Chicago University Press

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Heinz Kohut span the years 1923-1994, with the bulk of the material dating from 1960 to 1981. The papers are in English and German with some in French and are arranged alphabetically by type of file or material and thereunder arranged largely as received. Excisions of information from some of the documents in the collection were carried out before their arrival at the Library of Congress.

The alphabetical file comprises the largest part of collection and spans the years 1923-1990. It may have served as a central file for Kohut. Contents include correspondence, memoranda, speeches, writings, an interview, photographs, clippings, professional appointments, itineraries, newsletters, minutes, drafts, contracts, invoices, and royalty statements. The correspondence consists of personal and professional correspondence to and from both Kohut and his wife Elizabeth ("Betty") Kohut. Although Kohut's outgoing correspondence consists mostly of carbon copies and photocopies, some exist only in his style of shorthand. His letters to Siegmund Levarie appear to be the signed originals. Topics discussed throughout the correspondence include the writings of Kohut and others, self psychology and narcissism, psychoanalysis, patients, the scheduling of meetings and conferences, requests for Kohut to review manuscripts, the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis, and everyday information. Correspondents include August Aichhorn, Michael Franz Basch, K. R. Eissler, Ruth Selke Eissler, Anna Freud, John E. Gedo, Arnold Goldberg, Siegmund Levarie, Alexander Mitscherlich, Tilmann Moser, Paul H. Ornstein, Jacques Palaci, George H. Pollock, Lutz Rosenkötter, and Charles B. Strozier. In Kohut's alphabetical arrangement, the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis is filed under "Institute for Psychoanalysis" and some items related to the University of Cincinnati under are filed under "C" miscellaneous.

Kohut's speeches and writings consist mostly of published articles and book reviews and span the years 1934-1983. Topics include neurology, psychiatry, psychoanalysis, psychoanalysis and music, and self psychology. Other speeches and writings by Kohut are found in the alphabetical file. The scrapbooks cover events in Kohut's career. The first scrapbook contains material and photographs related to Kohut's appearance as the laudator at the awarding of the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade to Alexander Mitscherlich in 1969, Kohut's receipt of the Austrian Cross of Honor for Science and Art, First Class, in 1977, and the reading of Kohut's "Introspection, Empathy, and Semi-Circle of Mental Health" by his son, Thomas Kohut, at the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Chicago Psychoanalytic Institute in Chicago, Illinois. The second scrapbook is devoted to the Symposium on History and Psychoanalysis that was held in Kohut's honor in 1973.

Of interest in the miscellany is correspondence between Geoffrey Cocks and Elizabeth and Thomas Kohut for Cocks's book *Curve of Life: Correspondence of Heinz Kohut, 1923-1981* and a finding aid to the Heinz Kohut Papers housed at the Chicago Institute of Psychoanalysis. Rounding out the papers are the annotated books consisting of published volumes on psychiatry and psychoanalysis with marginalia and underlinings by Kohut.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of file or material and thereunder arranged largely as received.

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BOX 1	Basch, Michael Franz, 1968-1981
BOX 1	Burlingham, Dorothy <i>See Container 3, Freud, Anna</i>
BOX 1	"B" miscellaneous 1956-1977 (2 folders)
BOX 2	1978-1981 (2 folders)
BOX 2	Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences, 1975-1980
BOX 2	<i>Critical Inquiry</i> , 1973-1979
BOX 2	"C" miscellaneous, 1960-1981 <i>See also Container 13, University of Cincinnati</i> (3 folders)
BOX 2	"D" miscellaneous 1964-1979
BOX 3	1980-1981
BOX 3	Eckstaedt, Anita, 1971-1977
BOX 3	"E" miscellaneous, 1952-1982 (4 folders)
BOX 3	Fichtl, Paula <i>See same container and Container 4, Freud, Anna</i>
BOX 3	Freud, Anna Chicago, Ill., visit, 1966, Dec., 1965-1967, undated
BOX 3	Correspondence 1961-1966
BOX 4	1967-1980 (2 folders)
BOX 4	"F" miscellaneous, 1959-1981 (2 folders)
BOX 4	Goldberg, Arnold, 1972-1981 (2 folders)
BOX 4	Greenacre, Phyllis, Margaret S. Mahler, and Marian Tolpin, correspondence, 1980-1981
BOX 5	"G" miscellaneous, 1962-1981 (3 folders)
BOX 5	"H" miscellaneous, 1949-1981 (3 folders)
BOX 5	Institute for Psychoanalysis, Chicago, Ill.
BOX 5	Committee on Ethics and Confidentiality, 1976-1981
BOX 6	General, 1973-1981 (2 folders)

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BOX 6	"I" miscellaneous, 1953-1954, 1974-1981
BOX 6	"J" miscellaneous, 1952, 1959-1981
BOX 6	Kohut, Heinz, and Ernest S. Wolf, "The Disorders of the Self and Their Treatment," <i>Curative Factors in Dynamic Psychotherapy</i> , 1979-1981
BOX 6	Kohut, Heinz, and Ernest S. Wolf, "Die Störungen des Selbst und Ihre Behandlung," <i>Die Psychologie des 20. Jahrhunderts</i> 10 (1980): 667-682, 1977-1980
BOX 6	"K" miscellaneous
BOX 6	1923-1926, 1943, 1954, 1961-1977 (2 folders)
BOX 7	1978-1981 (2 folders)
BOX 7	Levarie, Siegmund, 1936-1990, undated (3 folders)
BOX 7	Löwenherz, Siegmund <u><i>See same container Levarie, Siegmund</i></u>
BOX 7	"L" miscellaneous
BOX 7	1955-1972
BOX 8	1973-1981 (4 folders)
BOX 8	Mitscherlich, Alexander, 1957-1958, 1964-1982 (2 folders)
BOX 8	"M" miscellaneous
BOX 8	1951-1969
BOX 9	1970-1981, 1988 (5 folders)
BOX 9	"N" miscellaneous, 1960-1981
BOX 10	"O" miscellaneous, 1958-1981 (2 folders)
BOX 10	Professional appointments, 1948-1960
BOX 10	Psychology of the Self Conference
BOX 10	1978, Chicago, Ill. 1978-1980, undated
BOX 10	1979, Los Angeles, Calif., 1979-1980
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BOX 10	"P" miscellaneous
BOX 10	1939, 1956-1978 (3 folders)
BOX 11	1980-1981 (3 folders)
BOX 11	"Q" miscellaneous, 1961, 1968, 1974-1980
BOX 11	Randall, Robert L., correspondence and interview of Kohut concerning religion, 1981
BOX 11	Rosenkötter, Lutz, correspondence concerning his translation of <i>Analysis of the Self: Systematic Approach to the Psychoanalytic Treatment of Narcissistic Personality Disorders</i> , 1971-1974
BOX 11	"R" miscellaneous

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BOX 12	1979-1981 (3 folders)
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BOX 12	1956-1978 (4 folders)
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BOX 13	"T" miscellaneous, 1956, 1962-1981 (2 folders)
BOX 13	University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., 1958-1961, 1973-1981
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BOX 13	"U" miscellaneous, 1958, 1972-1981
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BOX 19	S, 1948-1950, 1964 (2 folders)
BOX 19	T, 1938, 1955
BOX 20	Miscellany
BOX 20	Cocks, Geoffrey, <i>Curve of Life: Correspondence of Heinz Kohut, 1923-1981</i>
BOX 20	Correspondence with Elizabeth Kohut, 1991-1992 (2 folders)
BOX 20	Correspondence with Thomas Kohut, 1990-1994
BOX 20	Heinz Kohut Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis, 1981-1988 (2 folders)
BOX 20	Heinz Kohut Papers, Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis, Chicago, Ill., correspondence, deed of gift, and finding aid, 1990-1992
BOX 20	Letters for Paul H. Ornstein to possibly include in <i>Search for the Self: Selected Writings of Heinz Kohut, 1950-1978, 1980-1981, undated</i>
BOX 20	Scrapbooks



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BOX 21	Speeches and writings
BOX 21	1934, 1945-1974 (5 folders)
BOX 22	1975-1983 (3 folders)