

Psychedelic Mindview College Seminar

During the summer of 2000 Northern Illinois University will offer entirely online EPSY 492/592 *Seminar in Educational Psychology: Psychedelic Mindview*. Psychedelic research may be the field with the greatest gap between the information scholars and scientists have discovered and what the general public knows. This course helps bridge that gap by surveying psychedelics' history from archaeological times to the present and by examining their implications for psychotherapy and mental health and various academic disciplines and professional interests. Students will select a topic for individual study such as archeology, anthropology, history, psychology, sociology, botany, chemistry, religion, philosophy, one of the arts, literature and language, or implications for professional practices such as health, law, education, and similar fields. Instructor: Thomas B. Roberts, Professor. Registration begins March 2000. See www.maps.org/news for a link to this course's website.

NIDA's Club Drug Initiative

On December 2, 1999 the National Institute on Drug Abuse and community-based partners announced a national research and education initiative about club drugs, lumping together MDMA, methamphetamines, GHB, ketamine and rohypnol. NIDA launched a website, www.clubdrugs.org, in conjunction with its public education campaign about club drugs. MAPS has serious concerns about the accuracy of information on this site, but feel it is important to notify readers of its existence.

No deaths from Ecstasy reported in 1997

According to medical examiner reports compiled by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), there were zero deaths from Ecstasy in 1997, the most recent year for which data is available. The SAMSHA database is the US government's primary database for emergency room visits and deaths associated with both legal and illegal drugs. The data from 1998 should be out in the Spring.

Reliable, Balanced Information about Psychoactive Plants and Drugs

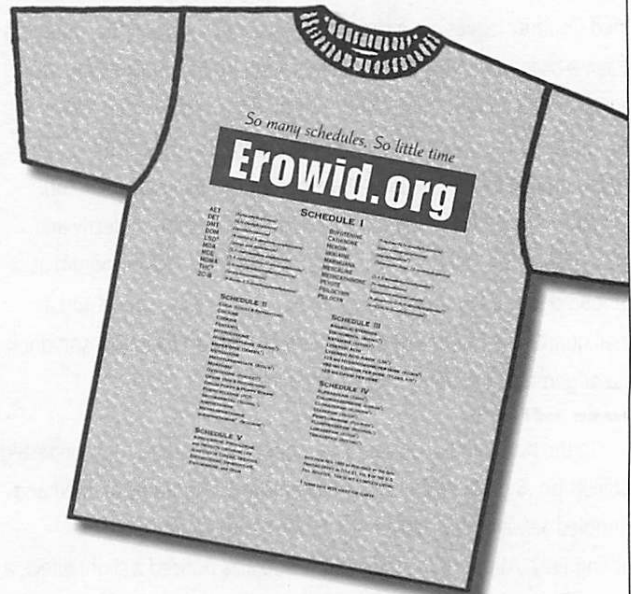
A free online library of information about psychoactive plants and chemicals, medicinal herbs, pharmaceuticals and nootropics, focusing on healthy, responsible, beneficial use.

Since 1996, Erowid has collected thousands of pages of up-to-date information to help people learn about the complex relationship between humans and psychoactive drugs: from the basics of safe use to common problems and contra-indications, legal information, chemical compositions, images, journal articles, histories, media coverage, spiritual and cultural use, and suggestions for where to get further information.

You can help support this non-commercial community resource by contributing towards future projects. Erowid T-shirts are now available as incentives for donations of \$40 or higher. The shirt displays a list of the most interesting substances in each federal schedule: definitely a conversation starter.

Tax deductible donations can be made through MAPS. See <http://www.erowid.org/donations/> or contact donations@erowid.org for more information.

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