

# MAPS in the Media



## **'This Is Life' Explores Psychedelic Healing**

Lisa Ling • December 20, 2020

The CNN original series This is Life with Lisa Ling explores the potential healing effects of psychedelics in an investigative report during the series finale. In this new episode, journalist Lisa Ling interviews MAPS Founder Rick Doblin, Ph.D., and other notable figures in the field of psychedelic therapy.

## Herald-Tribune

### **Can Psychedelics Save the Planet? New College Alum Rick Doblin's Mission is to Find Out**

Billy Cox • January 11, 2021

The Sarasota Herald-Tribune features a front-page profile of MAPS Founder and Executive Director Rick Doblin, Ph.D., which outlines Doblin's path that led to his founding of MAPS, as well as research updates from the front lines of the psychedelic renaissance. "No one is pushing establishment thinking harder than Rick Doblin and MAPS," reports Billy Cox of the Sarasota Herald-Tribune.



### **Another Scientist Sues DEA To Cultivate Marijuana For Research Purposes**

Kyle Jaeger • December 3, 2020

Marijuana Moment reports on the new lawsuit filed by Dr. Lyle Craker, with support from MAPS, which compels the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to issue licenses for Dr. Craker and more than 30 other applicants to manufacture research-grade marijuana, a process that has been delayed for over 4 years despite administrative guidance. "DEA announced in 2016 that it would begin the process of approving additional marijuana cultivators. Currently, there's just one, at the University of Mississippi, that has held a monopoly on federally authorized cannabis cultivation," explains Kyle Jaeger of Marijuana Moment. "Researchers and lawmakers have argued that the quality of the plant grown at that facility is inadequate. Indeed, a study found that its cannabis is more chemically similar to hemp than marijuana sold in state-legal commercial markets."



### **MDMA-Assisted Couples Therapy Investigated in Landmark Pilot Trial**

Rich Haridy • December 8, 2020

New Atlas investigates new research results from a MAPS-sponsored pilot study of MDMA-assisted Cognitive-Behavioral Conjoint Therapy (CBCT) for posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in couples consisting of one partner diagnosed with PTSD. "The therapist can guide couples to talk about very difficult things that they've either experienced themselves or experienced together—against the other or with the other— with a greater sense of understanding, openness, connection, and empathy," explains MAPS-sponsored researcher Candice Monson, Ph.D.



### **Navy Seal Foundation Backs Study of Ecstasy Component for PTSD Treatment**

Chad Garland • November 16, 2020

Stars and Stripes reports on the \$50,000 grant gifted to MAPS from the Navy SEAL Foundation in support of completing MAPS-sponsored Phase 3 trials of MDMA-assisted therapy for PTSD, the final stage in the FDA approval process to make MDMA a legal treatment option for PTSD. The grant is the largest in the foundation's history, confirming a need for more treatment options for PTSD and highlighting the potential of a novel solution. "This pioneering work has shown great promise," says Robin King, Navy SEAL Foundation CEO, regarding clinical results from completed Phase 2 trials of MDMA-assisted therapy for PTSD. "We're leaning in to help [Naval Special Warfare] and other veterans overcome the debilitating effects of PTSD," explains King.



### **Psychedelics in Sports**

Bryant Gumbel • December 2, 2020

The HBO series Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel features MAPS Founder Rick Doblin, Ph.D., and psychedelic researcher Robin Carhart-Harris, Ph.D., in a discussion about the history and potential benefits of using psychedelics to treat athletes who have experienced head injuries.