

MAPS in the Media

**The
New York
Times**

LSD, Reconsidered for Therapy by Benedict Carey

March 3, 2014. *The New York Times* announces the publication of the results from MAPS' completed Swiss study of LSD-assisted psychotherapy for anxiety associated with advanced-stage illness. The study, published online in the *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*, is the first study of the therapeutic use of LSD in humans in over 40 years. The results indicate that LSD-assisted psychotherapy can be safely administered and justify further research. "It's a proof of concept," MAPS Executive Director Rick Doblin, Ph.D., explains. "It shows that this kind of trial can be done safely, and that it's very much worth doing."

**Los
Angeles
Times**

Exploring Therapeutic Effects of MDMA on Post-Traumatic Stress by Alan Zarembo

March 15, 2014. *The Los Angeles Times* puts the spotlight on how international researchers and independent therapists are finding benefits in MDMA-assisted psychotherapy for treating PTSD. Through interviews with therapists, veterans, and researchers, the article takes a skeptical stance while underscoring the importance of further research. "I feel like I found meaning again," says U.S. Army veteran Tim Amoroso, who used MDMA on his own and found that it helped his PTSD symptoms. "My life wasn't as bad as I thought it was."

TIME

LSD Therapy Lowers Anxiety, Study Finds by Alexandra Sifferlin

March 4, 2014. *TIME* covers the publication of study results in the *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease* indicating that LSD-assisted psychotherapy can help reduce anxiety associated with life-threatening disease. The MAPS-sponsored study was conducted in Switzerland by Dr. Peter Gasser and found that anxiety levels improved by 20% in volunteers who received a full dose of LSD.

Science
AAAS

High Hopes by Kai Kupferschmidt

July 4, 2014. *Science* catalogues the reemergence of international research into the therapeutic use of psychedelics. The article details work conducted by MAPS to develop psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy into prescription treatment options for a variety of medical conditions, highlighting clinical research into LSD-assisted psychotherapy for anxiety associated with advanced-stage illness, ibogaine-assisted therapy for opiate addiction, and MDMA-assisted psychotherapy for PTSD. "I believe in people's basic human right to use molecules to explore their consciousness," says MAPS Executive Director Rick Doblin, Ph.D.



Iraq nearly broke James Hardin. Ecstasy is helping him rebuild.

by Paul Bowers

July 16, 2014

Charleston City Paper writes about U.S. Army veteran James Hardin's experiences in MAPS' MDMA-assisted psychotherapy for PTSD study in South Carolina. The story recounts Hardin's time in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, and how he eventually turned to alcohol to numb himself. After his initial session in the study, Hardin says he felt an immediate difference. "It gave me that safety that I had not felt," he says. Now that he has completed treatment, Hardin says, "I still know that I'm different than many people, but it's more of a conscious decision at this point to do exactly what I want to do and be who I want to be."

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First Study Of LSD's Psychotherapeutic Benefits In Four Decades Breaks Research Taboo

by Jacob Sullum
March 4, 2014



Veteran: Ecstasy Drug Saved Me From My Battle With PTSD

by Jeremy Bender
April 16, 2014



End the Ban on Psychoactive Drug Research

by The Editors
February 1, 2014



The '60s Are Gone, But Psychedelic Research Trip Continues

by NPR Staff
March 9, 2014



Can Ecstasy Treat PTSD?

by Bridget Nasor
March 27, 2014



Ex-Soldiers Are Being Given MDMA to Help Them Forget About War

by Jack Gilbert
April 22, 2014



Still Saying No

by Tyler Trykowski
March 28, 2014



Psychedelic Science: The surge in psychiatric research using hallucinogens

by Stephanie O'Neill
May 19, 2014



A new way to heal: Santa Cruz nonprofit navigates politics, science to put MDMA on path to clinical use

by Jason Hoppin
May 24, 2014



MDMA-Assisted Psychotherapy Study Participant Tony Macie Hosts Q&A on reddit

by Tony Macie
April 16, 2014



Dharma on the Playa

by Allan Badiner
April 5, 2014

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Videos



Science Not Fear—Drug Policy and Medical Research: Virginia Wright at TEDx Santa Cruz

TEDx Santa Cruz
by Virginia Wright
March 8, 2014



Ecstatic States: Treating PTSD with MDMA

The Verge
by Lessley Anderson
April 29, 2014



How Psychedelics Are Saving Lives

Reset.me
by Amber Lyon
May 21, 2014