

## **GUIDE TO THE UFMG ARCHIVES OF THE HISTORY OF PSYCHOLOGY IN BRAZIL**

The Archives on the History of Psychology located in the **Helena Antipoff Room**, at the Central Library, Federal University of Minas Gerais – the UFMG, were established in 1999. They originated in 1986, when Professor Regina Helena Campos was studying the work of Helena Antipoff and researching sources for her PhD dissertation presented at Stanford University (Campos, 1989), under the guidance of Prof. David Tyack, the well known historian of American education.

Helena Antipoff (1892-1974) is known as a leading educator and psychologist in Brazil. She played an important role in the development of a sociocultural perspective in educational psychology, drawing on her previous training in Paris (in the Alfred Binet Laboratory at the Sorbonne, 1911-1912), Geneva (at the Rousseau Institute, with Édouard Claparède, 1912-1916) and Saint Petersburg, where she worked as a psychologist during the difficult years of the Communist Revolution (1917-1924). In Brazil, at the invitation of the Minas Gerais State government, she became chairwoman of one of the first Laboratories of Psychology established in the country, in 1929, created important institutions in the areas of special and rural education, and introduced the teaching of psychology at the University of Minas Gerais. Her work as a professor, a researcher and as an institution builder is widely recognized as one of the more important in the areas of education and psychology in the country (Campos, 2010, 2019).

Part of the documentation gathered along her long and productive life and career is kept in the Helena Antipoff Center of Documentation and Research - CDPHA, on the Rosário Farm School, in Ibirité, Minas Gerais, Brazil, where she lived from the 1950s onwards. The diversity and the richness of these documents was such that a project was initiated in 1993, authored by the researcher, today Professor of the School of Education/ Federal University of Minas Gerais - UFMG, to prepare an inventory, organize and make this material available for research into the history of Brazilian psychology and education, with the support of the Brazilian National Research Council (CNPq) and the State of Minas Gerais Research Agency (Fapemig).

Initially, the organization of the material was to have been carried out in Ibirité, at the Helena Antipoff State Foundation. With the development of the activities, the increased involvement of the Federal University of Minas Gerais - UFMG and the demand by the organization for sources in the History of Psychology with other donations led the project to expand its objectives – to become a Reference Centre in the History of Psychology in Brazil – which was the origin of the Archives. Since then, the collections of other researchers in the area are being incorporated into the Archives.

The team responsible for the work includes specialists in archives, in psychology and in education, in addition to the personnel trained in conservation and restoration techniques who work under the guidance of the Centre of Conservation and Restoration of Moveable Cultural Patrimony –

CECOR, of the Federal University of Minas Gerais - UFMG. A team of consultants provides advice on the organization of the material.

The expression "History of Psychology in Brazil" refers to initiatives of a theoretical or practical nature in psychology that took place in Brazil and to the connections established between these initiatives and the psychology practiced in other parts of the world. As psychology in Brazil is profoundly related to the history of education, above all to the history of educational thinking and of the systems of teaching, the collections also constitute material of interest to historians in the education field. Thus, in institutional terms, the Archives are connected both to the research group on the "History of Psychology and Socio-cultural Context", of the Postgraduate Programme in Psychology of the Federal University of Minas Gerais - UFMG, as also to the "Psychology, psychoanalysis and education" research line of the Postgraduate Programme in Education of the Federal University of Minas Gerais.

## **COLLECTIONS**

The Archives include the following collections:

### **1) THE CDPHA (Helena Antipoff Centre of Documentation and Research) COLLECTION**

The CDPHA began to be established on August 6, 1979, in Belo Horizonte, during the commemorations of the fifty years since the arrival of Helena Antipoff in Brazil. Prof. Helena Dias Carneiro, representative of the Pestalozzi Society of Brazil, presented the project for the creation of a national center whose objectives would be to preserve the memory of Helena Antipoff, record her work and divulge her ideas. The proposal was accepted and, after eight months, the CDPHA – the Helena Antipoff Centre of Documentation and Research was created, on 25 March 1980. Activities of the CDPHA, since its foundation, include the realization of the **Helena Antipoff Annual Meeting**, which is already in its twenty-eighth edition, and the publication of the **CDPHA Bulletin**. In addition, the CDPHA takes care of the collection of documents that belonged to Helena Antipoff in two sections: in the **Helena Antipoff Room**, located in the Central Library of the Federal University of Minas Gerais, and in the Helena Antipoff State Foundation, in Ibirité.

The Collection belonging to the UFMG section consists of part of the documentation of the CDPHA donated by Daniel Antipoff (Helena Antipoff's son), through a contract signed with the Federal University of Minas Gerais - UFMG, in 1997. This part consists of unpublished documents such as: manuscripts, correspondence, sundry texts, annotations, publications of restricted circulation and photographs. It includes documents related to Helena Antipoff's life: the studies in Paris and Geneva, the work as a psychologist and educator in Russia, Switzerland and Brazil and to the organization and functioning of the Rosário Farm educational complex. The documents were produced and accumulated over the period from 1927 to 1987. It also includes publications produced by the Centre of Research and Documentation Helena Antipoff. The other part of the documentation is kept at the Museum Helena Antipoff, located at the Helena Antipoff Foundation, in the city of Ibirité, nearby

Belo Horizonte, MG, and is at present undergoing a process of organization and preservation.

The main themes covered by the documents kept at UFMG are: educational psychology, education, special education, research in psychology and psychometrics, rural education, Pestalozzi Society, Rosário Farm School, psychological tests, honors paid to Helena Antipoff, life and works of Helena Antipoff, theatre and play in education. The documents are already organized in 57 cases.

## 2) JOSEF BROZEK COLLECTION

Josef Brozek was a well known educator, scientist, pioneer historian of psychology born in Melnik, Bohemia (currently the Czech Republic), on August 24, 1913, son of Josef Francis and Filomena (Sourek) Brozek. He obtained his PhD at Charles University, in the city of Prague, in 1937. In 1939, he moved to the United States and became a naturalized American citizen in 1945. During his professional life he worked in various fields of human psychology and biology, and started to develop an interest in the history of psychology in 1963, in parallel with his other activities as a professor and researcher. In this period, he was responsible for the creation of the Division 26 on the history of psychology within the American Psychological Association; he was founder member of the *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, and of the International Society of History of the Behavioral and Social Sciences (later referred to as CHEIRON). Among his several publications in the area of the history of psychology, special mention should be made of the volume, published in partnership with Ludwig Pongratz, entitled *Historiography of Modern Psychology* (Brozek, Josef & Pongratz, Ludwig, 1980, Hogrefe, Toronto), translated into Portuguese in 1988 (Brozek, J. and Massimi, M. *Historiography of Modern Psychology: Brazilian version*. São Paulo: Loyola, 1998).

Brozek visited the **Helena Antipoff Room**, in 1996, when he came to Brazil to participate in the installation meeting of the Working Group (WG) on the History of Psychology of the National Association of Research and Postgraduation in Psychology - ANPEPP, and was impressed with her contribution to psychology and education. He observed similarities between his own life and the life of Helena Antipoff: both came from Eastern European countries to the Americas, both lived in Europe during the difficult years of war and revolution (between 1914 and 1940), both wanted to contribute for the social well being of their fellows. Brozek studied extensively the effects of malnutrition on children, Antipoff studied the effects of poverty on mental development. As a result, Brozek donated part of his library and personal collection of manuscripts and unpublished papers to the Archives of the Federal University of Minas Gerais - UFMG of the History of Psychology in Brazil. This set constitutes the **Josef Brozek Fund**.

The **Brozek Fund** includes a set of documents produced and accumulated by Josef Brozek throughout his professional and academic life. It consists of books, correspondence, photographs, sundry texts, manuscripts, periodicals, reprints and slides. It covers the period from 1891 to 1996. The collection was

donated to the Archives in 1998, by the owner. It covers the history of psychology and the history of North-American psychology, and includes 76 books, 7 titles of periodicals and a collection of unpublished materials.

### **3) HELENA DIAS CARNEIRO COLLECTION**

Helena Dias Carneiro had a first contact with Helena Antipoff in Rio de Janeiro in 1945, seeking treatment for her handicapped son. She became from this moment on, one of the first mothers of mentally or physically handicapped people to collaborate in the work of Helena Antipoff, becoming engaged in the creation of the Pestalozzi Society of Brazil - SPB in that same year and working in several other projects in benefit of handicapped children. Thus, she participated in the foundation of the first Association of Parents and Friends of the Mentally or Physically Handicapped (APAE), in 1954, coordinated the Council of Students of the SPB, she was a member of the Consultative Council of the SPB in 1975, was second Treasurer of the National Federation of Pestalozzi Societies in the period between 1978-1982 and worked on the publication of the **Pestalozzi Society Bulletin**.

In 1980, Helena Dias Carneiro assumed the coordination of the Rio de Janeiro section of the Helena Antipoff Center of Documentation and Research - CDPHA, and helped to start the **Helena Antipoff Annual Meetings**, and the publication of the **CDPHA Bulletins**.

The Helena Dias Carneiro Collection consists of a set of documents produced and accumulated during the period she worked with Helena Antipoff and soon after her death, including their correspondence and newspaper cuttings. It covers the period from 1947 to 1984, and was donated in 1997, by Daniel Antipoff, after the discontinuation of the CDPHA section in Rio de Janeiro. The themes covered in this collection are: art and education, the gifted, special education, rural education, Pestalozzi Society. The original order defined by the owner has been maintained, arranged in series, by type of document: the correspondence series, in chronological order, and the newspaper cuttings series, by subject. The collection includes 240 items of correspondence, 59 books and 17 titles of periodicals.

### **4) DANIEL ANTIPOFF COLLECTION**

Daniel Antipoff is the son of the educator and psychologist Helena Antipoff and the Russian journalist and writer Vitor Iretzky, born in St. Petersburg in 1919. Daniel graduated in Agronomy from the University of Viçosa, Brazil, in 1948. He worked as an agronomist in Contagem, Brazil, and graduated in Philosophy at the University of Minas Gerais - UMG, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, in 1943. At the start of the 1950s, he was one of the founding members of the Service of Professional Counseling and Selection – SOSP, a period in which he qualified in the application of intelligence tests and in conducting psychological interviews. In 1956, he was a student in the Experimental Psychology Program delivered by the Genevan psychologist André Rey in the Higher Learning Institute for Rural Education - ISER, in Ibitaré, invited by his mother. In 1957, when the Minas Gerais Society of Psychology was established, he was

elected its first General Secretary. In São José dos Campos, São Paulo, at the Aeronautics Technological Institute, he worked as a resident psychologist, in 1963. At the University of Denver, in the United States, he attended, in 1970, a postgraduation course in the Education of Mentally or Physically Handicapped Children. In 1980, he created the Helena Antipoff Center of Documentation and Research - CDPHA, following a suggestion of Helena Dias Carneiro for the preservation of his mother's philosophy and ideas. In 1989, having as superintendent the psychiatrist Hélio Alkimi, he took over the Direction of the Helena Antipoff Foundation, managing the Psychology and Pedagogy Sectors, the Sandoval Soares de Azevedo School and other educational programs for teachers' education. Having worked as a clinical psychologist since the 1950s, from the 1980s on he became known also for his activities in the diagnosis and guidance of gifted children and adolescents.

The Daniel Antipoff Collection includes 131 books and 27 titles of periodicals produced and accumulated throughout his career, covering the period from 1892 to 1998. The collection was donated by the owner in 1998. The themes covered are: psychology, Helena Antipoff, special education, history of psychology, psychoanalysis, education, Pestalozzi Society, psychological tests.

#### **5) LÉO & REGINA CAMPOS COLLECTION**

This collection includes a set of 103 books, 14 titles of periodicals, unpublished dissertations and manuscripts donated, in 1998, by Regina Helena de Freitas Campos, professor of Educational Psychology at the Federal University of Minas Gerais, and her husband, the environmental lawyer Léo Pompeu de Rezende Campos. It covers the period from 1936 to 2003. The books were part of the personal collection of the owners, some having been produced by them. The themes covered by the collection are: history of science, history of psychology, psychology, social psychology, law, environmental law, education.

#### **6) MARINA MASSIMI COLLECTION: HISTORY OF PSYCHOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE AND PSYCHOLOGY IN BRAZIL**

It is a collection of sources donated by Profa. Dr. Marina Massimi to CDPHA in 2017. Dr. Massimi is a researcher specialized in the study of the history of psychological knowledge and history of psychology in Brazil. She is a professor at the University of São Paulo / USP at Ribeirão Preto, and fellow of the USP Institute of Advanced Studies. The collection contains copies of documents that contain sources for the history of psychological knowledge produced in the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, collected by the owner in archives located in Brazil, Portugal, Spain and Italy, such as correspondence; travel narratives; pieces of oratory in general linked to orality (preaching and speeches); narratives of celebrations (festive, political, religious); treatises (philosophical, moral, pedagogical, medical, theological or spiritual); manuals; articles in (scientific) journals; articles in magazines (for the spread of knowledge); theses and academic works in general. Also part of the collection is a bibliographic database (list of references of books, theses, manuscripts) collected in Brazilian libraries, that contain relevant sources for the History of Psychology in Brazil. This database was generated from research done by

Marina Massimi in 1997 and allows the search by author, title and subject, and brings the location number of the work, in the library to which the original work belongs.

## **7) LÍGIA MARCONDES MACHADO BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS COLLECTION**

It consists of a collection of sources donated in 2017 by professors Sérgio Dias Cirino and Rodrigo Lopes Miranda, researchers in the history of experimental psychology and the reception and circulation of behavior analysis and behavior analysis laboratories in Brazil. Sérgio Cirino is a professor at the Department of Psychology at UFMG, Rodrigo Miranda is a professor at the Catholic University Dom Bosco (Mato Grosso do Sul). The collection contains a set of books and documents on behavior analysis, related to the history of the teaching and research in the area at UFMG, laboratory equipment for experimental psychology and, in particular, behavior analysis, and operant conditioning boxes (also known as Skinner boxes) manufactured by FUNBEC (Brazilian Foundation for the Development of Science Education) in the 1960s. The name of the collection is a tribute to Prof. Dr. Lígia Maria de Castro Marcondes Machado, born in Belo Horizonte in 1948, with a degree in Psychology at UFMG and a Master's and Doctorate at USP under the guidance of Profa. Maria Amélia Matos. She became a professor at USP, and had an active participation in the development and consolidation of the field of behavior analysis in Brazil. She was the advisor of Prof. Sérgio Cirino in the Master and Doctorate programs at the USP Institute of Psychology. Lígia also worked at ADUSP (USP Faculty Association) until her death in 1997.

## **8) DENISE NEPOMUCENO CATALOGUE OF SOURCES**

This catalogue consists of a bibliographical survey of sources for the history of psychological ideas in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil, between 1830 and 1930. It was organized by Denise Maria Nepomuceno, student in Education at UFMG, under the orientation of Prof. Dr. Regina Helena de Freitas Campos. It lists a total of 264 titles. The libraries where the materials were chosen for the research, because they had collections relevant for the history of Minas Gerais, were: the Public Archives of the State of Minas Gerais, the Luiz de Bessa State Public Library (the Minas Gerais collections, Patrimonial and Rare Works), the System of Libraries of the Federal University of Minas Gerais and Collections of the University Library of the Federal University of Minas Gerais, the library of the Federal University of São João Del Rey and the Batista Caetano Library (rare works of the UFSJ), the Municipal Library of São João Del Rey, the Library of the Professor's Reference Centre, the Library Systems of the Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais.

### **CONSERVATION**

The documentation is conserved in a conditioned environment, with controlled temperature and humidity. The documents are being treated with the purpose of prolonging durability and the permanence of the collection, in the best manner possible, and preserving them physically and as documents. The stages of the treatment are: individual mechanical cleaning; removal of metallic material or objects incompatible with the support, paper; conditioning in individual files, in

collective files and in cases with document lots classified by subject. The materials used in the conservation of the documents are: paper, and neutral adhesives.

### **DONATIONS**

Donations of collections related to the History of Psychology in Brazil are accepted. The material to be donated will undergo a prior evaluation, to check its relevance as regards the objectives of the Archives. The conditions of donation will be agreed upon between the donor and the University, and it will be possible to establish restrictions on consultation, or even stipulate a period when the material may be freely consulted.

### **ORIENTATION AS REGARDS THE CONSULTATION**

The Helena Antipoff Room is open daily, except for Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, at Room 400, 4th floor of the Central Library of the Federal University of Minas Gerais. Access is free and is through the Library's main entrance. Consultation of the documents is made under the supervision of orientation of the official responsible, observing some procedures: gloves must be used in handling the material (furnished by Archives); no eating or drinking is allowed in the enclosed sector; the materials consulted should be left on the tables. The removal of documents and the taking of photocopies are prohibited, except with authorization, in writing, of the responsible official. The collections are being included in the general university catalogue, available on the site [www.bu.ufmg.br](http://www.bu.ufmg.br).

### **TEAM RESPONSIBLE**

The team responsible by the coordination of the UFMG Archives on the History of Brazilian Psychology is composed by a group of professors at the Federal University of Minas Gerais: Regina Helena de Freitas Campos, from the School of Education; Bethania Reis Veloso, from the Centre of Conservation and Restoration of Moveable Cultural Patrimony, School of Fine Arts; Erika Lourenço, from the Department of Psychology and Raquel Martins de Assis, from the School of Education.

Members of the Work Group on the History of Psychology at the National Association of Research and Postgraduation in Psychology (ANPEPP) act as consultants to the Archives: Prof. Maria do Carmo Guedes, from the Nucleus of History of Psychology at the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo; Prof. Marina Massimi, from the University of São Paulo Institute of Advanced Studies; Sylvia Parrat-Dayana, Scientific Assistant at the Jean Piaget Archives, University of Geneva, Switzerland; Prof. Ana Maria Jacó-Vilela, from the Institute of Psychology, State University of Rio de Janeiro; Prof. William Barbosa Gomes, from the Institute of Psychology, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, among others.

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