Origins of psychopathology originated from religious beliefs and superstitions, at first mental illnesses were believed to be cause of possessions by evil spirits. This idea was accepted around the world and the people who had it were treated with torture as treatment in order to make them sane again, if not they were executed. The first to reject this theory was Hippocrate, he hardly believed that these diseases originated from the brain. In the eighteenth century , Jean-Jaques Rousseau introduced the notion that trauma in someone's childhood could affect negatively on their adulthood ( A History of Great Ideas in Abnormal Spychology).

As for the people who established the field of psychopathology, there is Karl Jaspers. He founded the scientific discipline of psychopathology in 1913 which was the object of numerous studies on the mental phenomenon. Jaspers' work set the parameters for a number of different philosophical debates, the consequences of which remain deeply influential in contemporary philosophy, and in recent years there have been signs that a more favorable reconstructive approach to his work is beginning to prevail( Stanford Encyclopedia Of Philisophy).The next pillar of psychopathology isnt a person but a book, «DSM» is a book where you can find any kind of mental illness, the symptoms and the treatment.The DSM is the result of work groups that generated hundreds of white papers, monographs, and journal articles, providing the field with a summary of the state of the science relevant to psychiatric diagnosis explained by the site of American Psychiatric Assossiation (APA). Now the book is being used by every psychiatrist, they refer themselves from the book to see any possibilities to help their patients.

Even now there are many people that learn or even teach this topic like Gregory Walton, an associate professor at Stanford university. He reasearchs mostly on the nature of self and identity, often in the context of academic motivation and achievement. He says «I'm interested in social factors relevant to motivation, in stereotypes and group differences in school achievement, and in social-psychological interventions to raise achievement and narrow group differences.» and he contributes by teaching this topic to students that have an interest in the subject.

To conclude, psychopathology originated from religion and evolved from the minds of great beings, for example Jean-Jaques Rousseau. There are big pillars of psychopathology like Karl Jaspers who founded the scientific field and the DSM book that is used by every psychiatrist. But even now, this topic is being teached by professors like Gregory Walton and he contributes heavily to it by teaching and researching said field.

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