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## THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

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#### **EXPLORE 200 YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY**

Spanning over two hundred years from 1801 to 2013, the New York Academy of Sciences' archive uniquely encapsulates the history and development of natural science, technology and modern biomedical sciences throughout the development of the United States as well as internationally.

#### RESEARCH, EDUCATION, POLICY

The New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS), founded in 1817 as the Lyceum of Natural History in the City of New York, is dedicated to driving innovative solutions to society's challenges by advancing scientific research, education and policy.

Throughout its history, the Academy has brought together extraordinary people working at the frontiers of discovery and thought, including **Charles Darwin**, **Margaret Mead**, President **Thomas Jefferson**, President **James Monroe**, **Louis Pasteur**, **John James Audubon**, **Elizabeth Gertrude Britton**, **Asa Gray**, **Alexander Graham Bell**, **Neil deGrasse Tyson**, and **Thomas Edison**.

#### SCIENCE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIETY

In 1978, NYAS founded the Committee on the Human Rights of Scientists. It has actively petitioned for scientists, healthcare professionals and engineers who have been imprisoned, exiled, or denied the right to pursue scientific work and communicate their findings.

The NYAS archive documents anti-intellectualist sentiments towards scientists. It also chronicles efforts by governments and corporations to influence research into the exploitation of natural resources, labor conditions, and the environmental and economic impacts of mining, drilling, industrial waste and pollution.

Today, with more than 20,000 members across 100 countries and a **President's Council with 36 Nobel Laureates**, the Academy and its global network continue to tackle some of the world's most pressing concerns, from global malnutrition to improving access to STEM education in underserved communities.

#### **INSIDE THE ARCHIVE**

The Academy's archive contains files from the influential Committee on the Human Rights of Scientists, field notes, records and research from the historical scientific Survey of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and The Harbor Project, an endeavor that impacted environmental standards around the world. The content also includes:

Records from seminal scientific events such as the 1946 landmark conference on the **development of antibiotics**, a groundbreaking 1965 conference on the **biological effects of asbestos**, and the world's **first conference on AIDS** in 1984.

Files from **Dr. Samuel Lantham Mitchell**, the Academy's originator and first president, who wrote The Medical Repository journal, considered the catalyst for modern chemistry.

#### Albert Einstein's photo files.

Collections and photographic records of **Nathaniel Lord Britton**, Academy president (1906), principal force behind, and first director of, the New York Botanical Garden.

Publications by **David Barnard Steinman**, the structural engineer and former Academy president (1953), known for his work on the Brooklyn Bridge in New York and the Mackinac Straights Bridge in Michigan.

Materials from Dr. **Joshua Lederberg**, former NYAS president and famed molecular biologist known for his work in microbial genetics, artificial intelligence and the U.S. space program, who, at age 33, won the 1958 Nobel Prize in Medicine for discovering that bacteria can mate and exchange genes.

"Wiley Digital Archives gives students and independent scholars access to materials they might not otherwise be able to explore."

Sarah M. Pickman, Ph.D. Candidate, Yale University

#### **WILEY DIGITAL ARCHIVES**

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#### **THEMES**

Aquatic and Marine Life

**Antibiotics** 

Asbestos

Birds

Civil and Human Rights

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**Environmental Standards** 

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Public Health

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Treatment of AIDS

#### **SUBJECTS**

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**Biomedical Science** 

Biotechnology

Botany

Caribbean Studies

Chemistry

Climate Science

Ecology

Engineering

**Environmental Studies** 

Forestry

Genetics

Geosciences

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Ichthyology

Medical Science

and Research

Mineralogy

Natural History

**Natural Sciences** 

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