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Guide to the

CIBA-GEIGY Exceptional Black Scientists collection

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Summary

Creator: CIBA-GEIGY Corporation

Title: CIBA-GEIGY Exceptional Black Scientists collection

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Abstract: The CIBA-GEIGY Corporation Exceptional Black Scientists Collection is divided into two series: Information on Scientists and Distribution of Posters and Videotape. There is biographical information on each of the fifteen scientists honored by CIBA-GEIGY as well as scientists who were considered but not selected for the poster award, including William T. Wright, surgeon and civil rights leader. Material about Ernest Crichlow, the portrait artist, is also included. Correspondence with individuals and organizations requesting copies of the posters and videotape produced by CIBA-GEIGY, shipping orders and a statistical analysis of those making requests comprise the remainder of the collection.

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Creator History

CIBA-GEIGY Corporation is a large, diversified chemical and pharmaceutical manufacturer with headquarters in Ardsley, New York. In 1980, CIBA-GEIGY initiated the Exceptional Black Scientist Poster Program to acquaint the general public with the achievements of some black scientists and to encourage minorities to pursue careers in science, medicine, and mathematics.

CIBA-GEIGY Corporation selected black individuals each year who made significant contributions to

their respective fields of science and commissioned Ernest Crichlow, noted black artist and illustrator, to paint their portraits. Posters were made from the portraits and distributed free of charge to individuals, academic institutions and organizations. The fifteen scientists honored were David Blackwell, Jewel Plummer Cobb, W. Montague Cobb, Charles Drew, Lloyd N. Ferguson, Shirley Ann Jackson, Percy L. Julian, Ernest Everett Just, Reatha Clark King, Samuel L. Kountz, LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., Walter E. Massey, Jennie R. Patrick, Augustus A. White II, and Jane Wright, from the fields of medicine, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and engineering.

Scope and Content Note

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Arrangement: Papers organized into two series: I. Information on Scientists, II. Distribution of Poster and Videotape

Key Terms

Subjects

African American physicians
African American scientists

Names

Blackwell, David, 1919-2010
Cobb, Jewel Plummer, 1924-2017
Cobb, W. Montague (William Montague), 1904-
Crichlow, Ernest, 1914-2005
Drew, Charles, 1904-1950
Ferguson, Lloyd N.
Jackson, Shirley Ann, 1946-
Julian, Percy Lavon, 1899-1975
Just, Ernest Everett, 1883-1941
King, Reatha Clark, 1938-
Kountz, Samuel L., 1930-
Leffall, LaSalle D.
Massey, Walter E.
Patrick, Jennie R., 1949-
White, Augustus A., III, 1936-
Wright, Jane C., 1919-2013
CIBA-GEIGY Corporation

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Charles R. Drew

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- b. 1 f. 2 1983-1986
- b. 1 f. 3 Commemorative Calendar 1981

Percy L. Julian

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Jane C. Wright

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Shirley Jackson

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Ernest Everett Just

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Jewel Plummer Cobb

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- Samuel Lee Kountz
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