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## DR. EVELYN SHAW -- Biographical Background

Dr. Evelyn Shaw is a Curator in the Department of Animal Behavior at The American Museum of Natural History. She received her B.A. degree in 1947, her M.S. degree in 1948 and Ph.D. degree in zoology in 1952, all from New York University.

Dr. Shaw has been with the American Museum since 1949. Since 1957, her activities have centered around a long-range study of the development of schooling behavior in fish. She is working to determine what factors give rise to schooling behavior at the very earliest stages in both fresh water and marine species. Her researches have taken her from her laboratory at the Museum to field researches in tropical and Eastern coastal waters. Some of her bases of operation have been the Woods Hole Oceanographic Laboratory in Massachusetts, the Lerner Marine Laboratory in the British West Indies (a research station of the American Museum), and the Bermuda Biological Station. She has also made observations in the waters of the Mediterranean.

Dr. Shaw was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for 1963-1964 and she holds a three-year Career Development Award from the National Institute of Mental Health. She spent the period of her Guggenheim grant at the Naples Zoological Station in Italy conducting further research on schooling behavior in fishes. When she has completed this project, she plans to study the migration of fishes.

Dr. Shaw makes her home in New York City.

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