



# Kevles (Daniel J.) papers, Oral History Interview Transcripts

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## Summary Information

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## Biographical / Historical

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Daniel J. Kevles is an American historian of science. His work has focused in the areas of the history of eugenics, human genetics, environmentalism, the history of science in society, and the uses of intellectual property, particularly in relation to the life sciences.

From 1964 to 2001 Dr. Kevles served as the chair of the Humanities Department at California Institute of Technology. Since 2001, his professorships include: the Stanley Woodward Professor of History at Yale University and an Adjunct Professor of Journalism at Columbia University.

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## Scope and Contents

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Daniel Kevles, a leading historian of science, then at the California Institute of Technology, conducted a series of interviews in the early 1980s as research for his book, "In the Name of Eugenics", first published in 1985. As part of his project, he had interviewed 39 key medical, human, and molecular geneticists from the US and UK. He selected these scientists, based on their involvement from the 1930s to 1950s, with the process to establish human and medical genetics on an epistemologically-sound footing, devoid of the class and race biases and the methodological flaws that had infused the study of human heredity during the heyday of the eugenics movement. The interviewees included Alexander Bearn, Walter Bodmer, Barton Childs, Harry Harris, Patricia Jacobs, Joshua Lederberg, Jerome Lejeune, Victor McKusick, James R. Neel, Paul E. Polani, Laurence Snyder, and Arthur Steinberg.

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## Arrangement

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Arranged alphabetically by last name of the interviewee.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Human genetics
- Eugenics -- History

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## Collection Inventory

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### Human Genetics Interviews, 1982-1984

Title/Description	Instances
Walter Bodmer, 1982 July 2	box 1
<b>Biographical / Historical</b>	folder 1
Interview: Imperial Cancer Research Institute, London, England	
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Peggy Brewer-Musgrave and Richard Musgrave, 1984 April 27	box 1
	folder 2

## **Biographical / Historical**

Interview: San Francisco, CA

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John Burn, 1984 March 21

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## **Biographical / Historical**

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Interview: The Institute for Child Health, London, England

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Cedric Carter, 1982 June 21

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## **Biographical / Historical**

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Interview: Clinical Genetics Unit, Institute for Child Health, London, England

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Luigi Luca Cavalli-Sforza, 1984 April 13

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Interview: By telephone - from Pasadena, CA to Palo Alto, CA

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Barton Childs, 1982 April 9

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Interview: Johns Hopkins University Hospital

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Cyril Clark, 1982 July 5

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Interview: London, England

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Bernard Davis, 1984 March 16

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Interview: Harvard Medical School

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John Edwards, 1984 March 23

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Interview: Department of Biochemistry, Oxford University

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Charles J. Epstein, 1984 April 27

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Interview: University of San Francisco Medical School, San Francisco, CA

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Charles Ford, 1982 June 25

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**Biographical / Historical**

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Interview: Oxford, England (Vicinity)

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Park Gerald, 1982 June 8

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Interview: Boston's Children's Hospital, Boston, MA

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Harry Harris, 1982 November 1

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Interview: University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

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Kurt Hirschorn, 1984 March 13

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Interview: Mt. Sinai Medical School, New York City

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Pat Jacobs, 1983 October 6

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Interview: By telephone - from Cal Tech to University of Hawaii

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Hans Kalmus, 1982 July 2

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#### **Biographical / Historical**

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Interview: The Galton Laboratory, University College  
London, London, England

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Sylvia Lawler, 1982 June 29

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#### **Biographical / Historical**

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Interview: London, England

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Joshua Lederberg, 1984 March 13

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#### **Biographical / Historical**

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Interview: Rockefeller University, New York City

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Jerome Lejeune, 1982 July 8

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Interview: Paris, France

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O. J. Miller, 1984 March 12

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Interview: Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons

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Aubrey Milunsky, 1984 March 16

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Interview: Boston University School of Medicine

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Ursula Mittwoch, 1982 June 28

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James V. Neel, 1982 May 26

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Interview: Ann Arbor, MI

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Paul Polani, 1982 June 22

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Interview: Pediatric Research Unit, Guy's Hospital Medical  
School, London, England

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Paul Polani, 1984 March 22

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James Renwick, 1984 March 22

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Interview: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

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J. A. Fraser Roberts, 1982 June 29

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Interview: Royal Society of London

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Leon Rosenberg, 1984 March 14

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Interview: Yale University Medical School, New Haven, CT

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Francis H. Ruddle, 1984 March 15

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Yale University Medical School. Interview at Parker House, Boston, MA

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Arthur Salisbury, 1982 May 18

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Interview: New York City

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Ruth Sanger, 1982 June 23

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## **Biographical / Historical**

Interview: Medical Research Council, Blood Group Unit,  
University College London, London, England

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Harry Shapiro, 1984 March 12

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Interview: American Museum of Natural History, New York  
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Cedric A. B. Smith, 1982 July 2

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John Maynard Smith, 1983 June 28

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Interview: Kingston, East Sussex, England

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Laurence Snyder, 1983 April 29

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Interview: By telephone - from Pasadena, CA to Hawaii

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Arthur Steinberg, 1982 May 28

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