

# Dobzhansky (Theodosius G.) papers

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# **Summary Information**

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# Biographical/Historical note

Theodosius Dobzhansky, 1900-1975, was "a major influence on current thought and research on genetic, evolutionary theory and human evolution". A world renowned geneticist, famous for his research, writing and lecturing about evolution and genetics and their relationship to modern man. He pioneered the use of fruit flies which proved to be excellent research animals.

| Biographical note |                                    |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1900              | Born January 25 in Nemirov, Russia |

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| 1921      | Graduate and Diplomate University of Kiev   |
|-----------|---|
| 1921-1924 | Assistant in Zoology Polytechnic Institute,<br>Kiev                                   |
| 1924-1927 | Lecturer and Assistant Professor in genetics<br>University of Leningrad               |
| 1927-1929 | General Education Board Fellow at Columbia<br>University with Thomas Hunt Morgan      |
| 1929-1936 | Assistant Professor Genetics California<br>Institute of Technology (with T.H. Morgan) |
| 1936-1940 | Professor Genetics California Institute of<br>Technology                              |
| 1940-1958 | Professor of Zoology Columbia University  |
| 1958-1962 | da Costa Professor of Zoology Columbia<br>University                                  |
| 1962-1970 | Professor Rockefeller Institute and Rockefeller University                            |
| 1970-1975 | Professor Emeritus Rockefeller University   |
| 1971-1975 | Adjunct Professor Genetics University of<br>California, Davis                         |
| 1975      | Died December 18 Davis, California  |

| Awards |                                  |
|--------|----------------------------------|
| 1946   | Daniel Giraud Elliot Medal NAS   |
| 1958   | Kimber Award and Medal NAS       |
| 1959   | Darwin Medal Academia Leopoldina |
| 1963   | Anisfield-Wolf Book Award        |
| 1963   | Pierre Lecomte du Nouy Award     |

| 1964 | Rational Medal of Science  |
|------|--|
| 1966 | Addison Emery Verrill Medal, Yale University   |
| 1969 | Gold Medal for Distinguished Achievement of<br>Science, American Museum of Natural History |
| 1973 | Benjamin Franklin Medal, Franklin Institute,<br>Philadelphia                               |

| Honorary degrees |                                   |  |  |  |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1943             | University of Sao Paulo           |  |  |  |
| 1945             | Wooster College, Ohio             |  |  |  |
| 1958             | University of Münster             |  |  |  |
| 1958             | University of Montreal            |  |  |  |
| 1959             | University of Chicago             |  |  |  |
| 1960             | University of Sydney              |  |  |  |
| 1964             | Columbia University, NY           |  |  |  |
| 1964             | University of Oxford              |  |  |  |
| 1965             | University of Louvain             |  |  |  |
| 1965             | Clarksin College of Technology    |  |  |  |
| 1966             | Kalamazoo College                 |  |  |  |
| 1966             | University of Michigan            |  |  |  |
| 1967             | Syracuse University               |  |  |  |
| 1968             | University of Padua               |  |  |  |
| 1968             | University of California Berkeley |  |  |  |

| 1968 | Northwestern University              |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| 1970 | Wittenberg University                |
| 1970 | St. Mary's College                   |
| 1970 | St. Vladimir Theological Academy, NY |
| 1975 | Mazatlan University, Mexico          |
| 1975 | Sorbonne, Paris                      |

Membership: Genetics Society of America (president 1941), American Society of Naturalists (president 1950), Society for the Study of Evolution (president 1951), American Society of Zoologists (president 1963), American Teilhard de Chardin Association (president 1969), Behavior Genetics Association (president 1973), National Academy of Sciences, American Philosophical Association, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Genetics Society of Japan (honorary), Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (foreign member), Royal Danish Academy of Sciences (foreign member), Brazilian Academy of Sciences (foreign member), Academia Nazionale dei Lincei (foreign member), Royal Society of London (foreign member).

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# **Scope and Contents note**

This group of papers consists mainly of correspondence.

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#### File Plan note

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#### **Publication Statement**

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#### **Revision Description**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

The papers of Theodosius Dobzhansky were deposited with the Rockefeller University Archives on June 1980 by Office of Faculty and Student Records.

### **Conditions Governing Access note**

This collection is open for research.

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# **Controlled Access Headings**

- Bronk, Detley W. (Detley Wulf), 1897-1975
- Rockefeller University
- Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
- Dobzhansky, Theodosius Grigorievich

# **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements**

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# **Collection Inventory**

| Title/Description  | Instances |          |  |
|--|-----------|----------|--|
| Correspondence and miscellaneous, 1956-1969  | box 1     | folder 1 |  |
| Correspondence with D.W. Bronk, D. Whitaker and F. Seitz   |           |          |  |
| Employment record at Rockefeller University  |           |          |  |
| Photographs: portraits and laboratory photos   |           |          |  |
| Report to colleagues on collecting trip to Venezuela, Trinidad and British Guiana, 1963                      |           |          |  |
| Letter to Dr. Bronk complaining about Dr. Dobzhansky written by Carleton S. Coon, 1963                       |           |          |  |
| Book review of translation by I.M. Lerner of book by Z.A. Medvedev "The rise and fall of T.D. Lysenko", 1963 |           |          |  |
| Correspondence, 1970-1971  | box 1     | folder 2 |  |
| Program of lectures at RU, 1970 October 6 1970 October 13 1970 October 20 1970 October 27 1970 November 3    | box 1     | folder 2 |  |
| News clippings   | box 1     | folder 2 |  |
| Biographical Memoir Fellow of Royal Society 23, 59-89, 1977  | box 1     | folder 2 |  |
| Memoir American Philosophical Society Yearbook 49-53, 1976   | box 1     | folder 2 |  |
| Announcement of Memorial Meeting at Columbia, 1976 April 9-10  | box 1     | folder 2 |  |
| Collected reprints (scattered holdings)  | box 1     | folder 2 |  |