

# 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, Kiev
1924-1927	Lecturer and Assistant Professor in genetics University of Leningrad
1927-1929	General Education Board Fellow at Columbia University with Thomas Hunt Morgan
1929-1936	Assistant Professor Genetics California Institute of Technology (with T.H. Morgan)
1936-1940	Professor Genetics California Institute of Technology
1940-1958	Professor of Zoology Columbia University
1958-1962	da Costa Professor of Zoology Columbia University
1962-1970	Professor Rockefeller Institute and Rockefeller University
1970-1975	Professor Emeritus Rockefeller University
1971-1975	Adjunct Professor Genetics University of 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 Science, American Museum of Natural History
1973	Benjamin Franklin Medal, Franklin Institute, 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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### **Administrative Information**

#### **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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Brittle or damaged items, or materials otherwise in need of preservation care, may be closed to researchers at the discretion of the RAC Head of Archival Services/Head of Reference.

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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	