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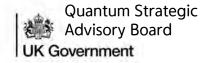
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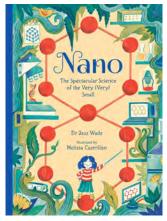
















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- Research culture
- Science communication
- Early career researchers and the hidden curriculum

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## Why edit Wikipedia?

- Democratise access to knowledge
- Increase public awareness of GR/astrophysics
- Make research accessible for other fields
- Practise non-technical science writing
- Better represent who does science
- Fight mis/disinformation
- Narrative CV 'Contributions to broader research or innovation users and audiences and towards wider societal benefit,'



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"I sometimes think that general and popular treatises are almost as important for the progress of science as original work." Charles Darwin 1865





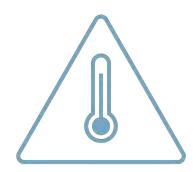
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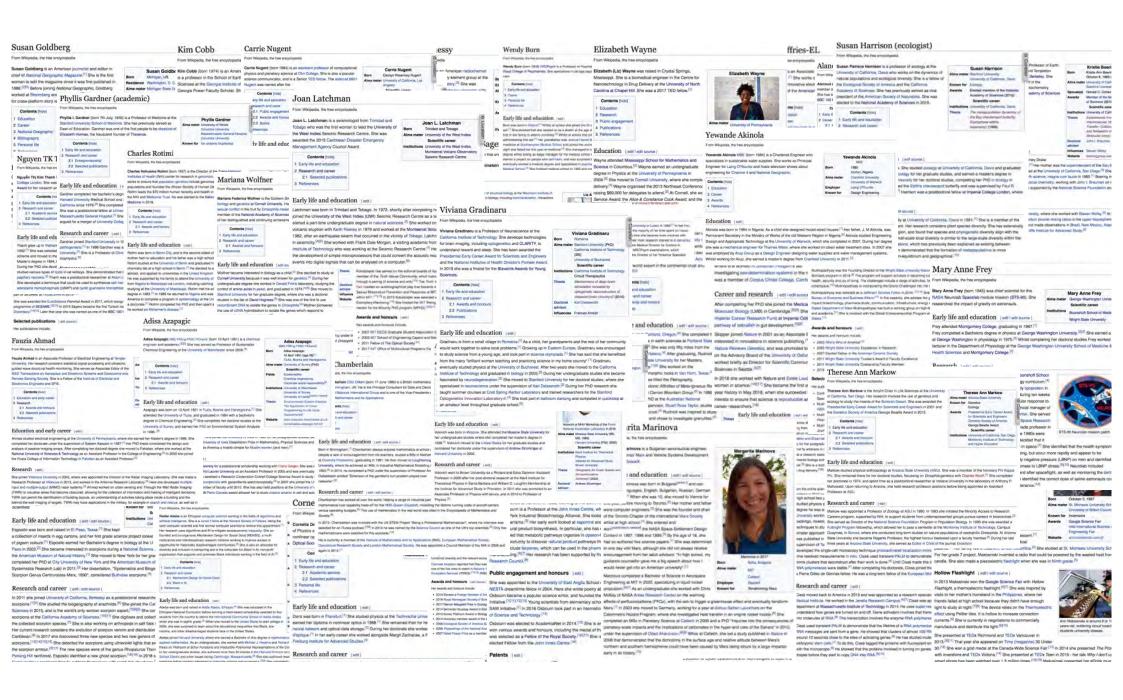


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### Ijeoma Uchegbu

Article Talk

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Ijeoma Uchegbu is a Nigerian-British Professor of Pharmacy at University College London where she held the position of Pro-Vice Provost for Africa and the Middle East. She is the Chief Scientific Officer of Nanomerics, a pharmaceutical nanotechnology company specialising in drug delivery solutions for poorly water-soluble drugs, nucleic acids and peptides. She is also a Governor of the Wellcome, a large biomedical research charity. Apart from her highly cited scientific research in Pharmaceutical Nanoscience, [1] Uchegbu is also known for her work in science public engagement and equality and diversity in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). [2][3] In December 2023, it was announced that she will become President of Wolfson College, Cambridge in October 2024. [4]

Education and early career [edit]

Uchegbu graduating in PhD in Nige

"I came into challenging degree at Ni in the eightic from the UK





Professor Ijeoma Uchegbu, Wolfson's seventh President, is made a Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in the 2025 New Year Honours.

### Gladys West

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Gladys Mae West (née Brown; born October 27, 1930[1]) is an American mathematician. She is known for her contributions to mathematical modeling of the shape of the Earth, and her work on the development of satellite geodesy models, that were later incorporated into the Global Positioning System (GPS).<sup>[2]</sup> West was inducted into the United States Air Force Hall of Fame in 2018. West was awarded the Webby Lifetime Achievement Award for the development of satellite geodesy models.[3][4]

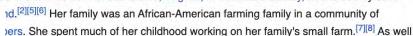
#### Early life and education [edit]

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Gladys Mae Brown was born in Sutherland, Virginia, in Dinwiddie County, a rural county south

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West in 2018

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100 Women: Gladys West - the 'hidden

From the sat nav in your car, to the tags on your social media posts, many of us use global positioning systems, or GPS, every day.

Gladys West is one of the people whose work was instrumental in developing the

Until now, her story has remained untold.

figure' of GPS By Amelia Butterly

When Mrs West started her career at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in the US state of Virginia in 1956, just one other black woman and two black men worked alongside her.

"I carried that load round, thinking that I had to be the best that I could be," she

### 'Hidden Figure' whose mathematical modelling enabled GPS becomes first woman to win the Prince Philip Medal

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The Royal Academy of Engineering, founded by HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, 45 years ago this week at Buckingham Palace, has presented its highest individual award - the Prince Philip Medal - to Dr Gladys West, whose mathematical modelling paved the way for the engineering innovation of GPS. Dr West is the first woman to win the Prince Philip Medal in the 30 years since it was presented for the first time in 1991 to Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle, wartime pioneer and inventor of the jet engine.

As a pioneer in the use of complex mathematics and efficient programming to process early satellite data to







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For people named Katie Bowman, see Katie Bowman (disambiguation).

Katherine Louise Bouman (/ˈbaʊmən/;[1] born 1989) is an American engineer and computer scientist working in the field of computational imaging. She led the development of an algorithm for imaging black holes, known as Continuous High-resolution Image Reconstruction using Patch priors (CHIRP), and was a member of the Event Horizon Telescope team that captured the first image of a black hole. [2][3][4]

The California Institute of Technology, which hired Bouman as an assistant professor in June 2019, awarded her a named professorship in 2020. [5][6] In 2021, asteroid 291387 Katiebouman was named after her.[7] In 2024, she became an associate professor.

#### Early life and education [edit]

Bouman grew up in West Lafayette, Indiana. Her father, Charles Bouman, is a professor of electrical and computer engineering and biomedical engineering at Purdue University.[8]

As a high school student, Bouman conducted imaging research at Purdue University. She graduated from West Lafayette Junior-Senior High School in 2007.[8]

Bouman studied electrical engineering at the University of Michigan and graduated summa cum laude in 2011. She earned her master's degree in 2013 and obtained a doctoral degree in electrical engineering and computer science in 2017 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).[9]

At MIT, she was a member of the MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL).[10][11] This group also worked closely with MIT's Haystack Observatory and with the

# **Katie Bouman** Bouman speaking about the Event Horizon Telescope in 2019

Born Katherine Louise Bouman

1989 (age 35-36)

Nationality American

Alma mater University of Michigan (BS)

Massachusetts Institute of

Technology (SM, PhD)

Known for CHIRP algorithm

Scientific career

**Fields** Computer vision · machine

learning

Institutions California Institute of Technology

Harvard University

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### Donna Strickland

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Donna Theo Strickland, FRS CC (born 27 May 1959)[1][2][3] is a Canadian optical physicist and pioneer in the field of pulsed lasers. She was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2018, together with Gérard Mourou, for the invention of chirped pulse amplification. [4] She is a professor at the University of Waterloo. [5]

She served as fellow, vice president, and president of The Optical Society, and is currently chair of their Presidential Advisory Committee. In 2018, she was listed as one of BBC's 100 Women. [6]

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Early life and education [edit]

# **Donna Strickland** FRS CC Born Donna Theo Strickland

27 May 1959 (age 61)

Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Education McMaster University (BEng)

University of Rochester (MS, PhD)

Known for Intense laser-matter interactions

Nonlinear optics

Short-pulse intense laser systems

### Jane Lubchenco

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Jane Lubchenco (born December 4, 1947) is an American environmental scientist and marine ecologist who teaches and does research at Oregon State University. Her research interests include interactions between the environment and human well-being, biodiversity, climate change, and sustainable use of oceans and the planet. From 2009 to 2013, she served as Administrator of NOAA and Under Secretary of Commercia for Opean and Atmosphere. After resigning from NOAA, she was the Himiland Peter Haas Distinguished Visiter in Patric Service at Stanton University (March–June 2013). In June 2013, she returned to Oregon State University where she was on the faculty prior to being invited by President-Elect Obama to serve on his 'science team. In 2002, Discover magazine recognized Lubchenco as one of the 50 most important women in science. In 2002, Discover magazine recognized Lubchenco as one of the 50 most important women in science.

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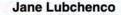
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Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere

9th Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### In office

March 20, 2009 - February, 2013

President Barack Obama

Preceded by Conrad C. Lautenbacher

Succeeded by Kathryn D. Sullivan

Personal details

Born

December 4, 1947 (age 71)

Denver, Colorado, U.S.

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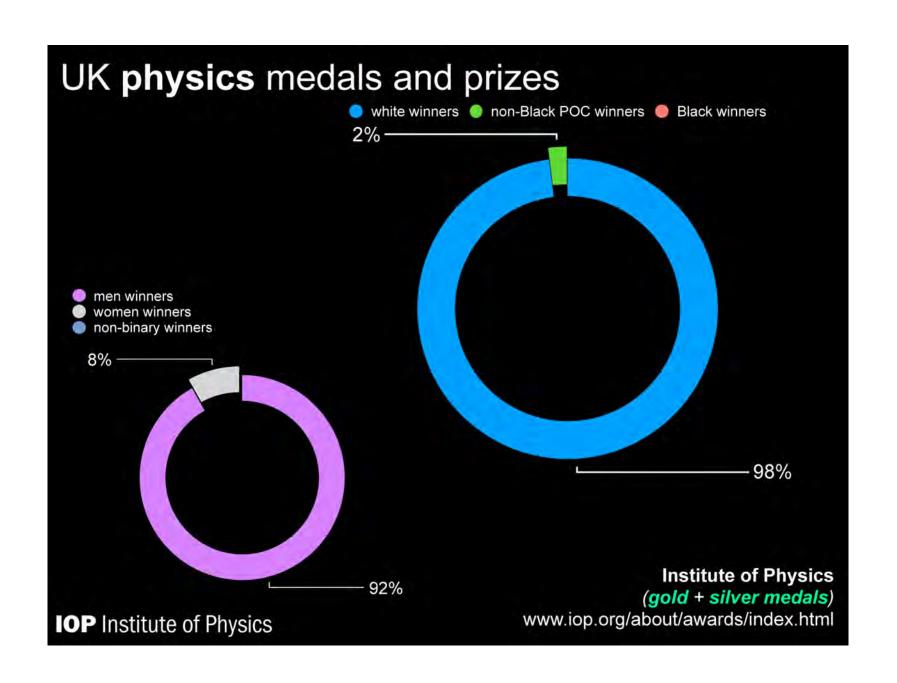
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