

## HISTORY OF SCIENCE: ARCHIVES AND ORAL HISTORY

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The Banbury Center, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, 3-5 April 2005

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### PROGRAM

#### **Sunday, 3 April**

Afternoon Arrival at Robertson House, Banbury Center, for registration and room assignment

6:00 pm Reception at Robertson House

7:30 pm Dinner at Robertson House

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#### **Monday, 4 April**

7:00-8:15 am Breakfast at Robertson House

8:30-8:35 am Jan A. Witkowski, Banbury Center, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, New York:  
Introductory remarks.

8:35-8:45 am Mila Pollock, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, New York  
and  
Darwin H. Stapleton, The Rockefeller Archive Center, Sleepy Hollow, New York:  
Introduction.

8:45-10:00 am **SESSION 1: Owning the Past, Serving the Future**  
Chair: Lee R. Hiltzik, Rockefeller Archive Center, Sleepy Hollow, New York

8:40-8:55 am Julia Sheppard, Wellcome Library for the History and Understanding of  
Medicine, London, United Kingdom:  
The transition of ownership: players and stakes.

8:55-9:00 am Discussion

- 9:00-9:15 am Peter B. Hirtle, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York:  
Copyright ownership in scientific archives.
- 9:15-9:20 am Discussion
- 9:20-9:35 am Sara S. Hodson, The Huntington Library, San Marino, California:  
Secrets revealed or sealed: privacy in collections of personal papers.
- 9:35-9:40 am Discussion
- 9:40-9:55 am Thomas James Connors, University of Maryland, College Park:  
Scientific information in the federal government - the emerging partisan divide:  
A citizen-archivist's impressions.
- 9:55-10:00 am Discussion
- 10:00-10:30 am Break
- 10:30-12:30 pm **SESSION 2: Coping with the Digital Era in Scientific Research**  
Chair: Richard Burian, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- 10:30-10:45 am Thomas Rosko, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge:  
Challenges of collecting and preserving scientific records in the digital age.
- 10:45-10:50 am Discussion
- 10:50-11:05 am Darwin H. Stapleton, The Rockefeller Archive Center, Sleepy Hollow, New  
York:  
Just Doing It: the Smithsonian Institution Archives - Rockefeller Archive  
Center Collaborative Electronic Records Project.
- 11:05-11:10 am Discussion
- 11:10-11:25 am Reagan Moore, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla:  
Preservation of scientific collections using data grid technology.
- 11:25-11:30 am Discussion
- 11:30-11:45 am
- 11:45-11:50 am Discussion
- 11:50-12:30 pm General Discussion of Morning Sessions
- 12:45 pm Luncheon at Robertson House
- 2:00-5:30 pm **SESSION 3: Different Perspectives: Historians, Scientists and Institutions**

### **Views of Archives**

Chair: Megan Sniffin-Marinoff, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

- 2:00-2:15 pm Martin L. Levitt, American Philosophical Society Library, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:  
Primary sources: Expectations of historians vs. operational realities in archives.
- 2:15-2:20 pm Discussion
- 2:20-2:35 pm Soraya de Chadarevian, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany:  
A historian's experience working on current science.
- 2:35-2:40 pm Discussion
- 2:40-2:55 pm Robert C. Olby, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:  
A biographer's hopes and the subject's expectations.
- 2:55-3:00 pm Discussion
- 3:00-3:15 pm Peter J. Wosh, New York University, New York, New York:  
Institutional perspectives.
- 3:15-3:20 pm Discussion
- 3:20-4:00 pm Break
- 4:00-4:15 pm Clifford S. Mead, Oregon State University, Corvallis:  
Digital collections with narrative: Expanding our constituencies.
- 4:15-4:20 pm Discussion
- 4:20-5:30 pm Mila Pollock, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, New York and  
Darwin H. Stapleton, The Rockefeller Archive Center, Sleepy Hollow, New York:  
General Discussion
- 6:00 pm Reception at Robertson House
- 7:00 pm Dinner at Robertson House
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### **Tuesday, 5 April**

7:30-8:45 am Breakfast at Robertson House

9:00-10:20 am **SESSION 4: Oral History and Science**

Chair: Nathaniel C. Comfort, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore,  
Maryland

- 9:00-9:15 am Virginia Dawson, History Enterprises, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio:  
Oral history as investigative tool.
- 9:15-9:20 am Discussion
- 9:20-9:35 am Ronald E. Doel, Oregon State University, Corvallis:  
Voices in a discordant chorus: Oral history and the recent history of scientific  
institutions.
- 9:35-9:40 am Discussion
- 9:40-9:55 am Mila Pollock, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, New York:  
Recording science and life through (oral) autobiography.
- 9:55-10:00 am Discussion
- 10:00-10:15 am E. M. Tansey, Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine, London,  
United Kingdom:  
Who is oral history for? Reflections on witness seminars in modern  
biomedicine.
- 10:15-10:20 am Discussion
- 10:20-11:00 am Break
- 11:00-12:15 pm **SESSION 5: Discussion on Major Issues of the Meeting**  
Darwin H. Stapleton, The Rockefeller Archive Center, Sleepy Hollow, New  
York  
Peter B. Hirtle, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
- Key Points
- 12:30 pm Luncheon at Robertson House
- 2:00 pm Tour of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
- Afternoon departure
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