



Join us for our June Book Club!

A Lab of One's Own: One Woman's Personal Journey Through Sexism in Science

Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022

Time: 11 AM EDT

RSVP: register@awisphl.org

Zoom link will be provided upon registration.

The author's zoom talk at Harvard can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/1ZtYBmVqhGg>

From the Publisher's website: "If you think sexism thrives only on Wall Street or Hollywood, you haven't visited a lab, a science department, a research foundation, or a biotech firm.

Rita Colwell is one of the top scientists in America: the groundbreaking microbiologist who discovered how cholera survives between epidemics and the former head of the National Science Foundation. But when she first applied for a graduate fellowship in bacteriology, she was told, "We don't waste fellowships on women." A lack of support from some male superiors would lead her to change her area of study six times before completing her PhD.

A Lab of One's Own is an "engaging" (*Booklist*) book that documents all Colwell has seen and heard over her six decades in science, from sexual harassment in the lab to obscure systems blocking women from leading professional organizations or publishing their work. Along the way, she encounters other women pushing back against the status quo, including a group at MIT who revolt when they discover their labs are a fraction of the size of their male colleagues.

A Lab of One's Own is "an inspiring read for women embarking on a career or experiencing career challenges" (*Library Journal*, starred review) that shares the sheer joy a scientist feels when moving toward a breakthrough, and the thrill of uncovering a whole new generation of female pioneers. It is the science book for the #MeToo era, offering an astute diagnosis of how to fix the problem of sexism in science—and a celebration of women pushing back."