

Overview

Title: Rita Colwell papers
Call Number: Coll202
Creator: Colwell, Rita R., 1934-
Dates: 1964-1992;
Size: 65 boxes (65.5 linear feet)
Language: English
Abstract: Collection consists of the personal and research papers of Rita Colwell relating to Colwell's time as a microbiology professor at the University of Maryland, College Park and her work with the founding of the Maryland Biotechnology Institute.
Citation: Rita Colwell papers, Center for Biological Sciences Archives, Collection 202, Special Collections, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (Baltimore, MD).

Administrative/Biographical Note

Rita Colwell is a scientific administrator and environmental microbiologist. Most notably, she has served as the Director of the United States National Science Foundation, President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, President of the American Society for Microbiology, and as President of the American Institute of Biological Science. Colwell has also taught as a professor at the University of Maryland, College Park and at Johns Hopkins University and was a founding administrator at the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute in Baltimore, MD. She has authored numerous books and publications, and also won many awards for her work and research.

Provenance Information

Provenance and Acquisition Information

In 2007, Special Collections received from the American Society for Microbiology all of Colwell's materials not relating to her activities with the ASM. Colwell has requested that materials relating to the National Science Foundation be transferred to the Library of Congress when processed.

Related Collections

Rita Colwell papers, Center for the History of Microbiology, American Society for Microbiology, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (Baltimore, MD).

Processing Note

Collection unprocessed. An inventory of the original donation is available.

Descriptive Rules Used

Describing Archives: a Content Standard (DACS)

[Archives Processing Manual: Description \(2015\)](#): The processing manual used in Special Collections for all descriptive platforms, including PastPerfect.

Access & Use

Finding Aids

A box list is available.

Finding Aid: <http://library.umbc.edu/speccoll/findingaids/coll202.php>

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Subject Headings

Creators

Colwell, Rita R., 1934-

Subjects

Microbiology

Colwell, Rita R., 1934- -- Archives

Maryland Biotechnology Institute

University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute

University of Maryland at College Park -- Faculty

University of Maryland, College Park -- Faculty