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# *A LAB OF ONE'S OWN:*

## *ONE WOMAN'S PERSONAL JOURNEY THROUGH SEXISM IN SCIENCE*

APRIL 8, 2021 • 6:30 PM EST

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Rita Colwell, PhD

Host: Dr. Rosie Clawson, professor of Political Science and WGHI Internal Steering Committee member at Purdue.

## DR. RITA COLWELL

- Former Director of the National Science Foundation
- WGHI External Advisory Council member

Dr. Rita Colwell is a pioneering microbiologist and the first female Director of the National Science Foundation. She is Distinguished University Professor both at the University of Maryland at College Park and at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. She received her BS and MS from Purdue and her PhD from University of Washington. She also serves on the WGHI External Advisory Council.

Dr. Colwell will discuss her recent book "A Lab of One's Own: One Woman's Personal Journey Through Sexism in Science" with Dr. Rosie Clawson, professor of Political Science and WGHI Internal Steering Committee member at Purdue. The book describes Dr. Colwell's experience from her early days at Purdue pursuing her Master's degree, through to her becoming the first female NSF director, encountering sexism in the science field. This inspiring memoir provides Dr. Colwell's insights into how she overcame the obstacles and advances in resisting sexism made by new generation of male and female scientists.

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