

'PICTURE A SCIENTIST,' A NEW DOCUMENTARY ABOUT WOMEN SCIENTISTS CHANGING THE WORLD, NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE VIA THE RANGOS GIANT CINEMA



PITTSBURGH, June 17, 2020 — [Picture a Scientist](#), a documentary chronicling the groundswell of women scientists who are changing the face of science in the United States and around the world, is now available to rent online via Carnegie Science Center's Rangos Giant Cinema. Using dogged research techniques and careful data collection, the women featured in the film are not only contributing to our understanding of what keeps women scientists down, but advocating for a more diverse and inclusive future for all.

The film takes a novel, collaborative approach to its storytelling, allowing the scientists themselves to guide the narrative of the film. Science is therefore both the subject of the film, and also — through the three main characters — its guiding sensibility, providing viewers a deeper understanding of what it takes to be a scientist. Equal parts insightful and inspiring, this film will illuminate both the hard data and the very human stories of women in science.

Featuring geologist Jane Willenbring, chemist Raychelle Burks, and biologist Nancy Hopkins, as well as key social scientists working to understand and reduce gender bias in the sciences, [Picture a Scientist](#)

brings diversity in science into sharp view at a critical time. The current pandemic is a call to action for scientists to work together globally, with a multitude of different perspectives, to defeat COVID-19. For too long, women and other minorities in science have been left out or driven out, stymied by a system of harassment, discrimination, and general bias. “Any impediment to advancing minorities in science is an impediment to science itself,” says Sharon Shattuck, co-director of [Picture a Scientist](#).

Scheduled to premiere at the postponed 2020 Tribeca Film Festival, [Picture a Scientist](#) paints a nuanced, emotional but unflinching portrait of the struggles women in science have faced, in recent decades up to today. The film challenges audiences of all backgrounds and genders to question their own implicit biases and move toward change.

“As we see today, science requires constantly challenging our own assumptions,” Shattuck says. “And that must be true not only for the discoveries and breakthroughs but also for the people who are encouraged to make them.”

[Picture a Scientist](#) is available to rent online for \$6.99. For screener requests and EPK, please contact Manager of Marketing, Public Relations, and Social Media Nicole Chynoweth at ChynowethN@CarnegieScienceCenter.org. A [press kit is available via Dropbox](#).

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