

Division of Humanities



Edmonia Lewis

First woman of African American and Native American heritage to achieve international fame and recognition as a sculptor in the **fine arts** world.

edmonialewis.com



Paul Robeson

Stage and screen **actor**, civil rights activist
pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/paul-robeson-about-the-actor/66



Cornel West

Philosopher, academic, social activist, author, public intellectual

cornelwest.com

Division of Natural Sciences



Benjamin Banneker

Scientist, mathematician, astronomer, compiler of almanacs, inventor, writer

notablebiographies.com/Ba-Be/Banneker-Benjamin.html



Elbert F. Cox

First Black **Mathematician** to earn a Ph.D.
aaregistry.org/historic_events/view/elbert-f-cox-pure-mathematician



Marie Maynard Daly

First Black American woman to earn a Ph.D. in **Chemistry**.
chemheritage.org/discover/online-resources/chemistry-in-history/themes/biomolecules/proteins-and-sugars/daly.aspx

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Additional Information on African American Arts & Sciences Scholars

Black Scientists & Inventors:

infoplease.com/spot/bhmScientists1.html

Prominent African Americans:

aawc.com/paa.html

Division of Social Sciences

Shirley Chisholm

Politician, educator, author, First African American woman elected to the US Congress.

nwhm.org/education-resources/biography/biographies/shirley-anita-chisholm



W.E.B. DuBois

Sociologist, historian, civil rights activist, Pan-Africanist, author, editor

webdubois.org



Zora Neale Hurston

Anthropologist, novelist, writer, folklore

zoranealehurston.com



Inez Beverly Prosser

First African American woman to receive a Ph.D. in educational **psychology**.

psychology.okstate.edu/museum/afroam/bio.htm#aturner



Marguerite Thomas Williams

First African American to earn a Ph.D. in **geology**.

blackpast.org/aah/williams-marguerite-thomas-1895-1991

Carter G. Woodson

Father of Black History Month

Writer and **historian**

biography.com/people/carter-g-woodson-9536515

