

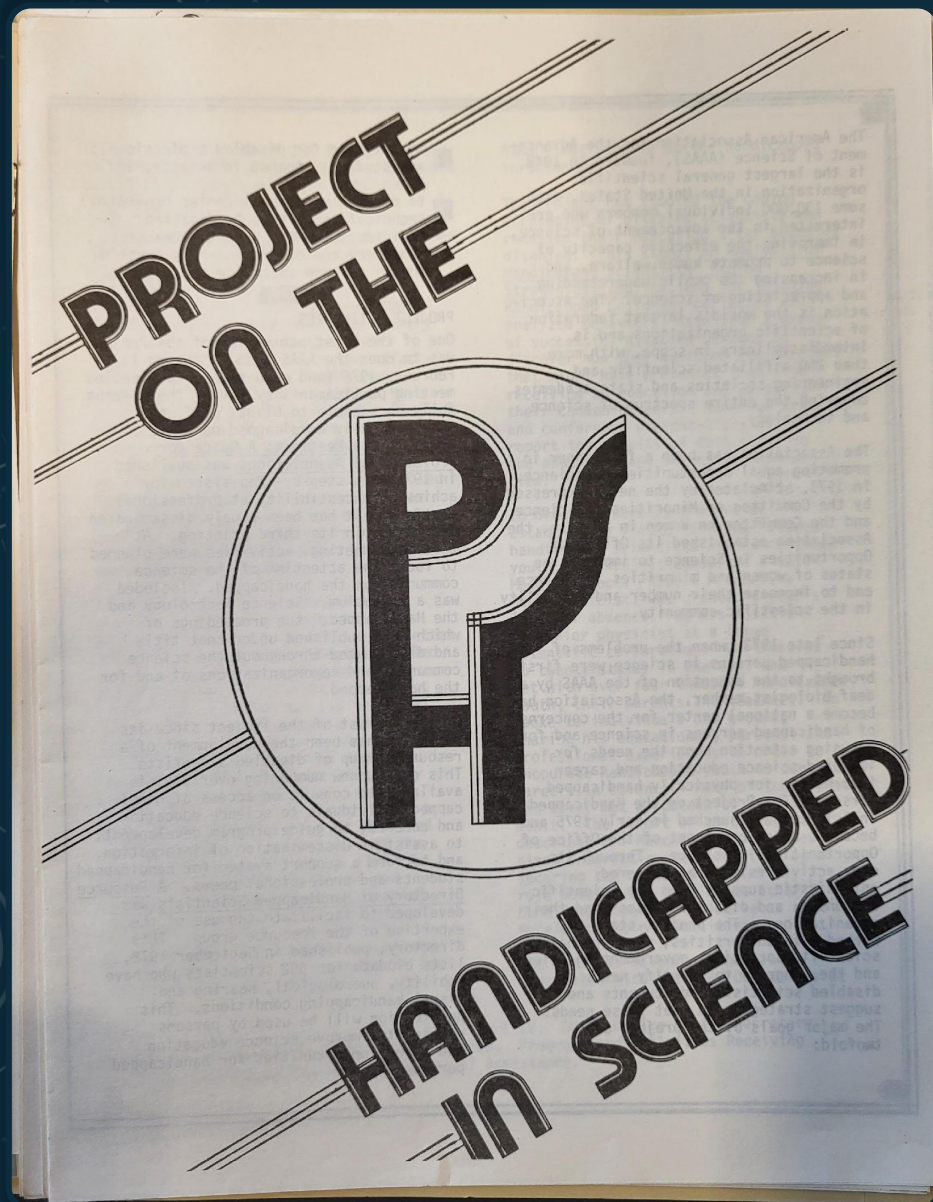
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TRANSHISTORICAL NARRATIVES

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF IDENTITY

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AAAS PHS Cover, 1975

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

PROJECT ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND DISABILITY

Multistate Speaking Tour
Set for Deaf Scientist



Robert Menchel (left) converses with Leonard G. Zwick, superintendent of the Rochester School for the Deaf.


AAAS News, 1977



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Jan J. Eldridge's infobox BEFORE...

Eldridge



Alma mater [University of Cambridge](#)

Scientific career

Fields [Theoretical astrophysics](#)

Institutions [Institut d'astrophysique de Paris](#),
[Queen's University Belfast](#),
[Institute of Astronomy](#),
[Cambridge](#), [University of Auckland](#)

Thesis [Progenitors of Core-Collapse Supernovae](#) [↗](#) (2002)

...and AFTER!



Jan J. Eldridge



Eldridge in 2023

Citizenship [New Zealand](#)

Alma mater [University of Cambridge](#)

Known for [Research on evolution of binary star systems](#), co-developing [Binary Population and Spectral Synthesis models \(BPASS\)](#)

Awards [Anne Green Prize for Mid-Career Scientist](#), awarded by the [Astronomical Society of Australia](#) (2020); [Faculty of Science Award for Sustained Excellence in Teaching](#), awarded by the [University of Auckland](#) (2019)

Scientific career

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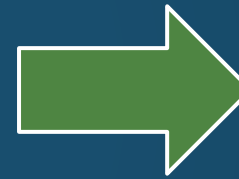
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Megan Povey's infobox BEFORE...

Megan J. Povey	
Alma mater	University of Lancaster
Scientific career	
Institutions	University of Leeds



...and AFTER!

Megan J. Povey	
	
Megan Povey in June 2025	
Citizenship	England
Alma mater	University of Lancaster
Scientific career	
Fields	Food physics, ultrasound and acoustics research
Institutions	University of Leeds

Writing best practices

Deadnames:

- When writing about living trans scientists, do **not** include their deadnames anywhere in the text. Only refer to them by their current name.
 - If the person you are writing about has published research under their deadname and you feel that it is **absolutely necessary** to specify (i.e. someone could not find their work by simply searching under the author's last name), you may choose to include it in a footnote.
 - To clarify for readers without explicitly sharing the person's deadname, you can also simply include citations for their research in your Works Cited/Bibliography section.
 - Another way to clarify without sharing the person's deadname is to say something along the lines of: "Since Dr. Smith transitioned mid-career, some of their papers were published under their former first name."
 - ♣ This should be sufficient in most cases, but again, if necessary it would also be acceptable to then include their deadname in a footnote.
 - Avoid introducing trans scientists with their deadname. Instead, simply introduce them with their current name and pronouns.
 - Ex. Jane Smith (she/her)
 - For someone who uses multiple sets of pronouns, this may look like: Kim Jones (they/she) OR Kai Jones (they/them or she/her).
 - Avoid: Jane Smith (~~born John Smith~~)
 - If your sources include research published under the person's deadname, those are fine to cite in the References or Bibliography sections.

TRANSGENDER PHYSICIST RESEARCH GUIDE



Great for using in the historical context, but also for physicists to use in everyday communication about their trans+ colleagues!



ALAN L. HART

1890-1962

Radiologist

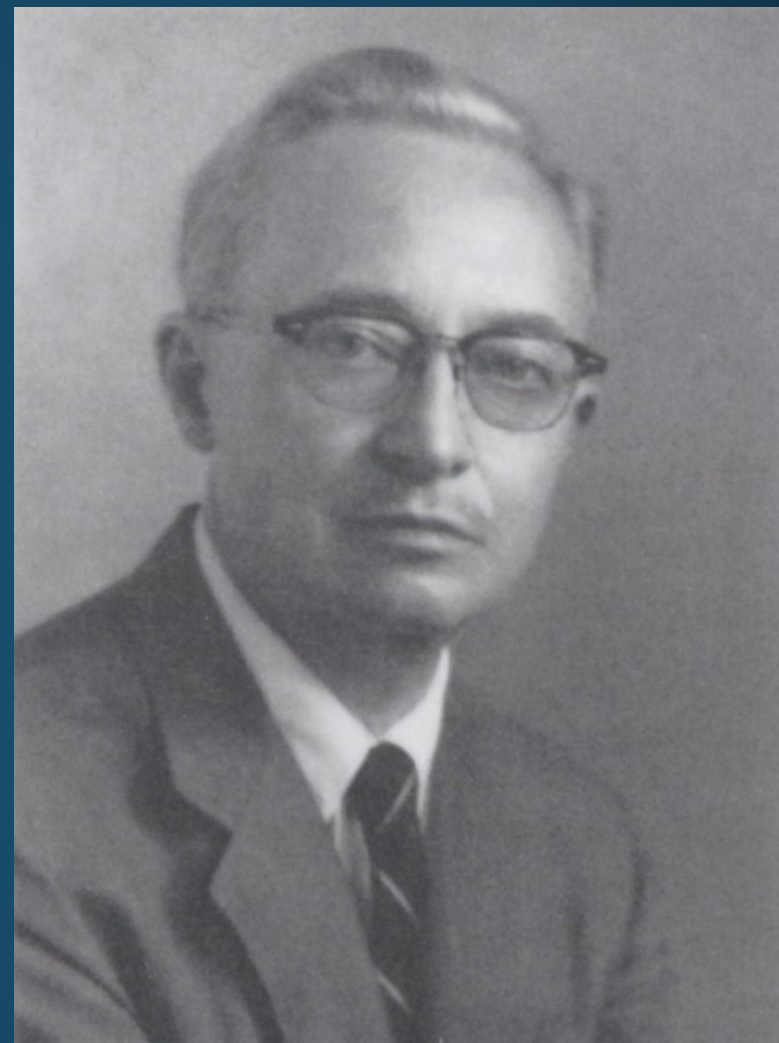
Tuberculosis Researcher

Public Health Expert

Author



Hart in 1942



Hart in 1950

Catching Cold? Best Advice Is The Oldest, Go To Bed And Stay



(Ed. Note: The following is the first of a series of weekly articles on Idaho health problems which Dr. Hart will contribute to the Sunday issue of the Tribune. The author is consultant for the Idaho Anti-Tuberculosis association and the state division of public health.)

By ALAN L. HART, M. D.

Hart's first weekly column in the
Lewiston Tribune, Jan. 1, 1939

Cancer Can Be Cured If Spread Is Halted Early, Asserts Expert

Hart's weekly column in the
Lewiston Tribune, Apr. 28, 1940

Hart, nurses x-raying a patient in Tacoma General Hospital, 1933



Mink in 2024



ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS



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1951-

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Positional Astronomer

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