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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of audio and visual recordings, as well as their supporting documentation, of Lemelson Center interviews, symposia, exhibits, and events. Programs, symposia, and the exhibit documented within this collection include "Innovative Lives," "Patents on Life: Diamond v. Chakrabarty at 40," "New Perspectives Symposium: Black Inventors and Innovators," "New Perspectives Symposium: Immigrant Inventors," and *Inventive Minds*.

"Innovative Lives" is a public program series that brings audiences of all ages and backgrounds face-to-face with diverse inventors and innovation leaders to engage in a public conversation about their pioneering work and careers. Among those featured are Lonnie Johnson; Tiffany Kelley; Anna Young; Susannah Fox; Robert W. Pittman; Vikas Gupta; James McLurkin; Jeri Robinson; Susan D. Kare; Andy Hildebrand; Kareem Abdul-Jabbar; James E. West; Ellington West; Kathy Sullivan; Oscar Loreto, Jr.; Dan Mancina; Aaron "Wheelz" Fotheringham; Lisa Lindahl, Hinda Miller; Polly Palmer Smith; Jessica O. Matthews; Marilyn Hamilton; Sarah Will; Mike Schultz; Nat Mathis; Kavita Shukla; Martine Rothblatt; Warren Shadd; Dan Edwards; Martin Graetz; Steven Piner; Steve Russell; Peter Samson; Robert Saunders; Wayne Wiitanen; and Mike Augspurger.

The Lemelson's symposia serve as forums for issues related to invention and innovation. Some of the topics covered in the symposia documented in this collection are video games; intellectual property; black inventors and innovators; and immigrant inventors. People featured include Ananda Chakrabary; Dan Charles; Dan Kevles; Jennie Schmidt; Sean Martin O'Connor; Ashok Gadgil; Ayah Bdeir; Dany Behar; Petra Moser; Ruth Ellen Wasem; William Kerr; Andre Brock; Yolanda Leslie Comedy; Lisa D. Cook; Rayvon Fouche; Tyrone Grandison; James Holly, Jr.; Shontavia Johnson; Cathleen S. Lewis; Charlton D. McIlwain; Tahira Reid Smith; Amy E. Slaton; and Kara W. Swanson.

Inventive Minds is a gallery within the Lemelson Hall of Invention and Innovation which introduces visitors to the mission and work of the Lemelson Center, particularly their efforts to document invention. The exhibit features brief video interviews, complemented by archival materials and artifacts, which puts the focus on the inventors and their processes, telling their stories in their own words. People featured include Ralph H. Baer; Patricia Bath;

Sunil Cherian; Theresa Dankovich; Ashok Gadgil; Subhendu Guha; Jerry Lemelson; Paul B. MacCready; Marion Donovan; Van Phillips; A. Prieto; David Stone; and Bryan Willson.

Materials include participant releases, audio and video recordings, flyers, and program brochures. Materials are in electronic format.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

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African American inventors
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Inventions
Inventors
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Museums -- Public relations
Technological innovations
Video games

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Augspurger, Mike Baer, Ralph H. Bath, Patricia, 1942-2019 Bdeir, Ayah, 1982-Behar, Dany Brock, Andre, 1978-Chakrabary, Ananda Charles, Dan Cherian, Sunil Comedy, Yolanda Leslie Cook, Lisa D. Dankovich, Theresa Donovan, Marion, 1917-1998 Edwards, Dan Fotheringham, Aaron Fouche, Rayvon, 1969-Fox, Susannah Gadgil, Ashok Gadqil, Ashok

Graetz, Martin Grandison, Tyrone

Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem, 1947-

Guha, Subhendu

Gupta, Vikas

Hamilton, Marilyn

Hildebrand, Andy

Holly, James, Jr.

Inventive Minds (Exhibition) (2015-: Washington, D.C.)

Johnson, Lonnie, 1949-

Johnson, Shontavia

Kare, Susan D.

Kelley, Tiffany

Kerr, William

Kevles, Dan

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Lemelson, Jerome, 1923-

Lewis, Cathleen S., 1958-

Lindahl, Lisa

Loreto, Oscar, Jr.

MacCready, Paul B.

Mancina, Dan

Mathis, Nat, 1946-

Matthews, Jessica O.

McIlwain, Charlton D., 1971-

McLurkin, James

Miller, Hinda

Moser, Petra

New Perspectives Symposium: Black Inventors and Innovators (2020: Washington, D.C.)

New Perspectives Symposium: Immigrant Inventors (2021: Washington, D.C.)

O'Connor, Sean Martin

Patents on Life: Diamond v. Chakrabarty at 40 (2020: Washington, D.C.)

Phillips, Van

Piner, Steven

Robinson, Jeri

Rothblatt, Martine

Russell, Steve

Samson, Peter

Saunders, Robert

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Schultz, Mike, 1981-

Shadd, Warren

Shukla, Kavita

Slaton, Amy E., 1957-

Smith, Polly Palmer

Smith, Tahira Reid

Stone, David

Sullivan, Kathy, 1951-

Swanson, Kara W.

Wasem, Ruth Ellen

West, Ellington

West, James E., 1931-

Wiitanen, Wayne

Will, Sarah

Willson, Bryan

Young, Anna

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Video recording - Lonnie Johnson, March 6, 2019 (electronic records) Electronic Records

Electronic Records Release form - Lonnie Johnson, 2017 (electronic records)

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Electronic Records Release form - Susannah Fox, 2017 (electronic records)

Electronic Records Release form - Tiffany Kelley, 2017 (electronic records)

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Release form - Anna Young, 2017 (electronic records)

Innovative Lives: Bob Pittman, November 16, 2017 - Having started his media career as a radio announcer at age 15, Bob Pittman played a leading role in creating MTV while still in his 20s and then had a career as CEO of MTV Networks, AOL Networks, Six Flags Theme Parks, Quantum Media, Century 21 Real Estate, and Time Warner Enterprises. Currently the Chairman and CEO of iHeartMedia, Pittman has continually revolutionized how music and media are recorded, transmitted, and enjoyed by billions of people worldwide.

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Release form - Robert W. Pittman, 2017 (electronic records)

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Release form - Vikas Gupta, 2018 (electronic records)

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Release form - Jeri Robinson, 2018 (electronic records)

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Electronic Records	Audio recording - The Pioneers of Spacewar!, November 29, 2018 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Transcript - The Pioneers of Spacewar!, November 29, 2018 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Dan Edwards, 2018 (electronic records)

Electronic Records	Release form - Martin Graetz, 2018 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Steven Piner, 2018 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Steve Russell, 2018 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Peter Samson, 2018 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Robert Saunders, 2018 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Wayne Wiitanen, 2018 (electronic records)
	Innovative Lives: James West and Ellington West, March 6, 2019 - An inventor with over 60 U.S. patents, Jim West started his career at Bell Laboratories, where he worked his way up from technical aide to a high-ranking Bell Labs Fellow. Since retiring from Bell Labs in 2001, Jim has continued to carry out research and invent new technologies for sound recording and transmission at Johns Hopkins University. A well-known advocate for invention education and opportunities for minority youth, Jim has received numerous medals and prizes, including induction into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 1999. Ellington West leads Sonavi Labs, a company developing modern medical products that analyze body sounds to diagnose disease. Summary: Innovative Lives: James West and Ellington West, March 6, 2019 - An inventor with over 60 U.S. patents, Jim West started his career at Bell Laboratories, where he worked his way up from technical aide to a high-ranking Bell Labs Fellow. Since retiring from Bell Labs in 2001, Jim has continued to carry out research and invent new technologies for sound recording and transmission at Johns Hopkins University. A well-known advocate for invention education and opportunities for minority youth, Jim has received numerous medals and prizes, including induction into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 1999. Ellington West leads Sonavi Labs, a company developing modern medical products that analyze body sounds to diagnose disease.
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Electronic Records	Release form - James West and Ellington West, 2019 (electronic records)

Innovative Lives: Kathryn D. Sullivan, December 4, 2019 - Kathryn D. Sullivan, a former astronaut and the first American woman to walk in space. Sullivan and other astronauts, engineers, and scientists launched, rescued, repaired, and maintained Hubble, the most productive observatory ever built. Summary:

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Electronic Records	Release form - Valerie Neal, 2019 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Kathryn D. Sullivan, 2019 (electronic records)

Innovative Lives: Adaptive Skateboarding, WCMX, and Inventing Your Own Path, February 5, 2020 - Adaptive Skateboarding, WCMX, and Inventing Your Own Path featured adaptive skaters Oscar Loreto, Jr. and Dan Mancina, and WCMX (Wheelchair Motocross) icon Aaron "Wheelz" Fotheringham. Together, through personal stories and conversation, these inspiring figures explored how innovation drives accessibility and the critical role of diversity, adaptability, and inclusion in skate and wheelchair motocross culture. Each of these incredible athletes uses creativity and invention to overcome tremendous obstacles.

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Electronic Records	Video recording - Oscar Loreto, Jr.; Dan Mancina, and Aaron Fotheringham, February 5, 2020 (electronic records)
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Electronic Records	Release form - Aaron Fotheringham, 2020 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release from - Oscar Loreto, Jr., 2020 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Dan Mancina, 2020 (electronic records)

Innovative Lives: Lisa Lindahl, Hinda Miller and Polly Palmer Smith, March 4, 2020 - Jogbra inventors Lisa Lindahl, Hinda Miller, and Polly Smith features the three 2020 National Inventors Hall of Fame inductees who created the very first commercial sports bra. Together, through personal stories and conversation, these inventors will explore how "a revolutionary garment that has enabled women's participation in athletic activities and advanced women's health and well-being" was invented and why it changed sports forever.

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Electronic Records	Release form - Hinda Miller, 2020 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Polly Palmer Smith, 2020 (electronic records)

Patents on Life: Diamond v. Chakrabarty at 40 (Ananda Chakrabary, Dan Charles, Dan Kevles, Jennie Schmidt, Sean O'Connor), June 17, 2020 - In June 1980, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Diamond v. Chakrabarty authorized the first patent on an intentionally genetically modified organism and concluded that patents may be granted for "anything under the sun that is made by man." The decision contributed to the rise of the modern biotechnology industry and reshaped the agriculture industry. Less well known, the Plant Protection Act of 1930 had previously allowed intellectual property protection for selectively bred and cloned plants. On the 40th anniversary of Diamond v. Chakrabarty and the 90th anniversary of the Plant Protection Act, the panel discussed breakthroughs in agricultural biotechnology and explored the impacts - economic and environmental - of these two major historical turning points.

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Release form - Ananda Chakrabary, Dan Charles, Dan Kevles, Jennie Schmidt, and Sean O'Connor, June 17, 2020 (electronic records)

New Perspectives Symposium: Black Inventors and Innovators, November 16-20, 2020 - The symposium brought together an interdisciplinary group of inventors, entrepreneurs, and scholars to examine Black invention and innovation in the United States. The webinar series revisited themes from a 1996 Lemelson Center workshop on technology and the African American experience. Moderated panel discussions gave participants an opportunity to hear directly from working Black inventors, as well as from historians, economists, and policy studies professionals producing pathbreaking scholarship on Black innovators past and present. Speakers included Andre Brock; Yolanda L. Comedy; Lisa D. Cook; Rayvon Fouche; Tyrone Grandison; James Holly, Jr.; Shontavia Johnson; Cathleen S. Lewis; Charlton McIlwain; Tahira Reid Smith; Amy E. Slaton; and Kara W. Swanson.

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Electronic Records	Program information - November 16, 2020 (electronic records)
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Electronic Records	Video recording - Day 5, November 20, 2020 (electronic records)

Electronic Records	Release form - Andre Brock, 2020 (electronic records)
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Electronic Records	Release form - Lisa D. Cook, 2020 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Rayvon Fouche, 2020 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Tyrone Grandison, 2020 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - James Holly, Jr., 2020 (electronic records)
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Electronic Records	Release form - Amy E. Slaton, 2020 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Kara W. Swanson, 2020 (electronic records)
	25th Year Anniversary Innovative Lives, January 13, 2021 - 25th Year Anniversary Innovative Lives panel discussion with inventor alumni from past Innovative Lives programs explored the ways in which inventing within constraints can often be the best pathway to solutions. Speakers included Lonnie Johnson, Tiffany Kelley, and Mike Augspurger. Summary: 25th Year Anniversary Innovative Lives, January 13, 2021 - 25th Year Anniversary Innovative Lives panel discussion with inventor alumni from past Innovative Lives programs explored the ways in which inventing within constraints can often be the best pathway to solutions. Speakers included Lonnie Johnson, Tiffany Kelley, and Mike Augspurger.
Electronic Records	25th Year Anniversary Innovative Lives - Flyer, January 13, 2021 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Video recording - 25th Year Anniversary Innovative Lives, January 13, 2021 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Lonnie Johnson, 2021 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Tiffany Kelley, 2021 (electronic records)

Innovative Lives: Jessica O. Matthews, February 10, 2021 - Jessica O. Matthews', Nigerian-American inventor, work is at the intersection of disruptive technology, renewable energy, and human behavior. She is the founder of Uncharted Power. Matthews shared stories about her background, inspirations, and inventions leading to 12 patents, starting with her first invention at the age of 19.

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Electronic Records	Video recording - Jessica O. Matthews, February 10, 2021 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Jessica O. Matthews, 2021 (electronic records)

Innovative Lives: Marilyn Hamilton, April 14, 2021 - Marilyn Hamilton, co-inventor of the Quickie wheelchair, spoke with National Museum of American History (NMAH) curator Katherine Ott about her life as an athlete and inventor. After a hang-gliding accident in 1978, Marilyn Hamilton worked with two friends to invent a lightweight, easy-to-maneuver wheelchair by adapting hang glider materials. They named it Quickie, and Hamilton used it to win wheelchair tennis championships. She co-founded Motion Designs to manufacture the wheelchairs, still sold today.

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Electronic Records	Innovative Lives - Marilyn Hamilton - Flyer, 2021 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Program information, April 14, 2021 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Video recording - Marilyn Hamilton, April 14, 2021 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Marilyn Hamilton, 2021 (electronic records)
	Innovative Lives: Sarah Will and Mike Schultz, May 12, 2021 - Sarah Will, Paralympic skier and accessibility advocate, and Mike Schultz, inventor of the Moto Knee and Versa Foot, joined National Museum of American History sports

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Electronic Records	Release form - Sarah Will, 2021 (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Release form - Mike Schultz, 2021 (electronic records)

New Perspectives Symposium: Immigrant Inventors, November 1-3, 2021

- A three-day webinar series exploring the history, impact, and contemporary experiences of foreign-born inventors in the United States. The speakers - historians, economists, policymakers, and immigrant inventors - examined the factors that have made the United States an attractive destination for aspiring inventors and the attitudes and mindsets that have driven their success. Speakers include Ashok Gadgil; Ayah Bdeir; Dany Behar; Petra Moser; Ruth Ellen Wasem; and William Kerr. Also considered were how foreign-born inventors have been central to historical and contemporary policy debates concerning immigration, innovation, American competitiveness, and national security.

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Electronic Records	Release form - Ashok Gadgil, 2021 (electronic records)
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Electronic Records	Release form - Dany Behar, 2021 (electronic records)
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Electronic Records	Video recording - Paul MacCready (electronic records)
Electronic Records	Video recording - Marion O'Brien Donovan (electronic records)
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