



Please join the Women in Science Program as they host a virtual screening of

PICTURE A SCIENTIST

YEAR 2020 | RUN TIME 97 mins | LANGUAGE English



The film will be available for 72 hours beginning **Sept 8 – 10, 2020**.

It will be followed by a virtual panel discussion with St John's faculty on **Friday, Sept 11th at 2 pm**.

Panelists include:

Alison Hyslop, Associate Professor/Chemistry
Manouchkathe Cassagnol, Associate Clinical Professor/Clinical Pharmacy
Paula Lazrus, Associate Professor/Institute for Core Studies
Allison Jaeger, Assistant Professor/Psychology

Registration is required for both events. Last date to register is September 5 2020.

Please RSVP with your name and St. John's email address to:

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Once registered you will receive a unique link the day before to access the film.

Picture a Scientist Breaks New Ground with Virtual Theatrical Release

PICTURE A SCIENTIST is a feature-length documentary film chronicling the groundswell of researchers who are writing a new chapter for women scientists. A biologist, a chemist and a geologist lead viewers on a journey deep into their own experiences in the sciences, overcoming brutal harassment, institutional discrimination, and years of subtle slights to revolutionize the culture of science. From cramped laboratories to spectacular field stations, we also encounter scientific luminaries who provide new perspectives on how to make science itself more diverse, equitable, and open to all.

May 22, 2020 - Award-winning directors Ian Cheney (*THE CITY DARK*, *THE SEARCH FOR GENERAL TSO*, *THE MOST UNKNOWN*) and Sharon Shattuck (*FROM THIS DAY FORWARD*, *ANIMATED LIFE SERIES*) are breaking new ground by releasing their new full-length documentary film, *Picture a Scientist*, on virtual theater screens across North America

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.