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Scientific Marginality in the United States: A Research Project

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Science is a highly stratified social activity: its elite figures draw a wide range of resources from their occupation, while others face a variety of difficulties, e.g. a less recognised status, difficulties in getting access to grants and prestigious publication outlets, etc. This project seeks to understand why many of the most marginal researchers cope with, and even consent to or contribute to, these inequalities and the scientific standards that produce them. It hypothesizes that the socialization of these scientists plays a key part in maintaining the scientific order.

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