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American Academy of Arts and Sciences

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The first woman elected to the Academy was Maria Mitchell in 1848 from Vassar College, where she was also the first ever professor to be appointed. Mitchell was an astronomer renowned for her discovery of “Miss Mitchell’s Comet” and for her pioneering role in advancing women’s participation in scientific research.

Name	UCB Department	UCB Start Year	Section	Election Year	Member Type
Dawn X. Song	EECS	2007	Computer Sciences	2025	Fellow
Leslie Kurke	Ancient Greek & Roman Studies	1990	Literature and Language Studies	2025	Fellow
Polly L. Arnold	Chemistry	2020	Chemistry	2024	Fellow
Doris Bachtrog	Interactive Biology	2008	Evolution and Ecology	2024	Fellow
Marla Feller	Molecular & Cell Biology	2007	Neurosciences	2023	Fellow
Amy E. Lerman	Goldman School of Public Policy	-	Political Science	2023	Fellow
Lauren Edelman	Law	1996	Law	2022	Fellow
Rebecca W. Heald	Molecular & Cell Biology	1997	Cellular and Developmental Biology	2022	Fellow
Alessandra Lanzara	Physics	2002	Physics	2022	Fellow
Kathleen Collins	Molecular & Cell Biology	1995	Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Molecular Biology	2020	Fellow
Kris D. Gutiérrez	Graduate School of Education	-	Education	2020	Fellow
Chung-Pei Ma	Astronomy; Physics	2002	Astronomy, Astrophysics, and Earth Sciences	2020	Fellow
Marjorie D. Shapiro	Physics	1990	Physics	2020	Fellow
Judith Butler	Comparative Literature	1993	Literature and Language Studies	2019	Fellow
Kristin Scott	Molecular & Cell Biology	2003	Neurosciences	2019	Fellow
Claire J. Tomlin	EECS	2005	Computer Sciences	2019	Fellow
Rosemary G. Gillespie	Environmental Science, Policy & Management	1999	Evolution and Ecology	2018	Fellow
Hilary W. Hoynes	Economics	2013	Economics	2018	Fellow
K. Birgitta Whaley	Chemistry	1986	Physics	2018	Fellow
Vera Serganova	Mathematics	1992	Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Statistics	2017	Fellow
Katherine A. Yelick	EECS	1991	Computer Sciences	2017	Fellow
Barbara V. Jacak	Physics	2015	Physics	2016	Fellow

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Eva Nogales	Molecular & Cell Biology	1998	Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Molecular Biology	2016	Fellow
Janet A. Napolitano	Goldman School of Public Policy	2015	Educational and Academic Leadership	2015	Fellow
Jennifer Tour Chayes	Dean, College of Computing, Data Science & Society	2020	Computer Sciences	2014	Fellow
Inez Fung	Earth & Planetary Science; Environmental Science, Policy & Management	1998	Astronomy, Astrophysics, and Earth Sciences	2014	Fellow
Sabeeha Merchant	Molecular & Cell Biology	2018	Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Molecular Biology	2014	Fellow
Alison Gopnik	Psychology	1988	Psychological Sciences	2013	Fellow
Susan Marqusee	Molecular & Cell Biology	1992	Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Molecular Biology	2013	Fellow
Pamela Samuelson	Berkeley Law	1996	Law	2013	Fellow
Bin Yu	Statistics; EECS	1993	Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Statistics	2013	Fellow
Ruth Berins Collier	Political Science	1990	Political Science	2010	Fellow
Carla A. Hesse	History	1989	History	2010	Fellow
Alanna Schepartz	Chemistry; Molecular & Cell Biology	2019	Chemistry	2010	Fellow
Mary Elizabeth Berry	History	1978	History	2009	Fellow
Mary Eleanor Power	Integrative Biology	1987	Evolution and Ecology	2007	Fellow
Carol T. Christ	English; Chancellor	1970	Educational and Academic Leadership	2004	Fellow
Christina Romer	Economics	1988	Economics	2004	Fellow
Jennifer A. Doudna	Molecular & Cell Biology	2002	Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Molecular Biology	2003	Fellow
Mina J. Bissell	Comparative Biochemistry	1972	Medical Sciences	2002	Fellow
Catherine Gallagher	English	1980	Literature and Language Studies	2002	Fellow
Mimi A. R. Koehl	Integrative Biology	1983	Evolution and Ecology	2002	Fellow
Laura D'Andrea Tyson	Haas School of Business; Goldman School of Public Policy	1977	Educational and Academic Leadership	2002	Fellow
Barbara A. Romanowicz	Earth & Planetary Science	1991	Astronomy, Astrophysics, and Earth Sciences	2001	Fellow
Darleane Christian Hoffman	Chemistry	1984	Chemistry	1998	Fellow
Kristin Luker	Law; Sociology	1986	Sociology, Demography, and Geography	1997	Fellow
Carol J. Clover	Medieval Studies; American Film	-	Literature and Language Studies	1996	Fellow

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Susan Lois Graham	EECS	1971	Computer Sciences	1995	Fellow
Barbara Jean Meyer	Molecular & Cell Biology	1990	Cellular and Developmental Biology	1995	Fellow
Katharine Milton	Integrative Biology	2002	Evolution and Ecology	1995	Fellow
Judith Pollock Klinman	Chemistry; Molecular & Cell Biology	1978	Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Molecular Biology	1993	Fellow
Bharati Mukherjee	English	1989	Literature	1993	Deceased Fellow
Maxine Hong Kingston	English	1958	Literature	1992	Fellow
Sydney Govons Kustu	Molecular & Cell Biology	1986	Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Molecular Biology	1992	Deceased Fellow
Marina Ratner	Mathematics	1975	Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Statistics	1992	Deceased Fellow
Marian Elliott Koshland	Molecular & Cell Biology	1965	Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Molecular Biology	1991	Deceased Fellow
Laura Nader	Anthropology (First turned woman in the Anthropology department)	1960	Anthropology and Archaeology	1991	Fellow
Mary Katharine Ralph Gaillard	Physics	1981	Physics	1989	Deceased Fellow
Herma Hill Kay	Berkeley Law	1960	Law	1989	Deceased Fellow
Julia Bowman Robinson	Mathematics	1976	Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Statistics	1985	Deceased Fellow
Hanna Fenichel Pitkin	Political Science	1966	Political Science	1980	Deceased Fellow
Elizabeth Florence Colson	Anthropology	1964	Anthropology and Archaeology	1978	Deceased Fellow
Mary Rosamond Haas	Linguistics	1943	Literature and Language Studies	1974	Deceased Fellow
Josephine Louise Miles	English	1940	Literature and Language Studies	1964	Deceased Fellow
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