

Notable Achievements: Focus on Women

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Frances Perkins on the cover of *Time*, Aug. 14, 1933
Caption reads: Secretary of Labor
“It’s time to treat ourselves to some civilization”





Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA



Hull House, founded 1889 by Jane Addams and Ellen Gates Starr

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Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire
New York City, March 25, 1911



Alfred E. Smith

Governor of New York,
1919-20 and 1923-28

Losing Presidential candidate
to Herbert Hoover, 1928

Associated with Tammany Hall

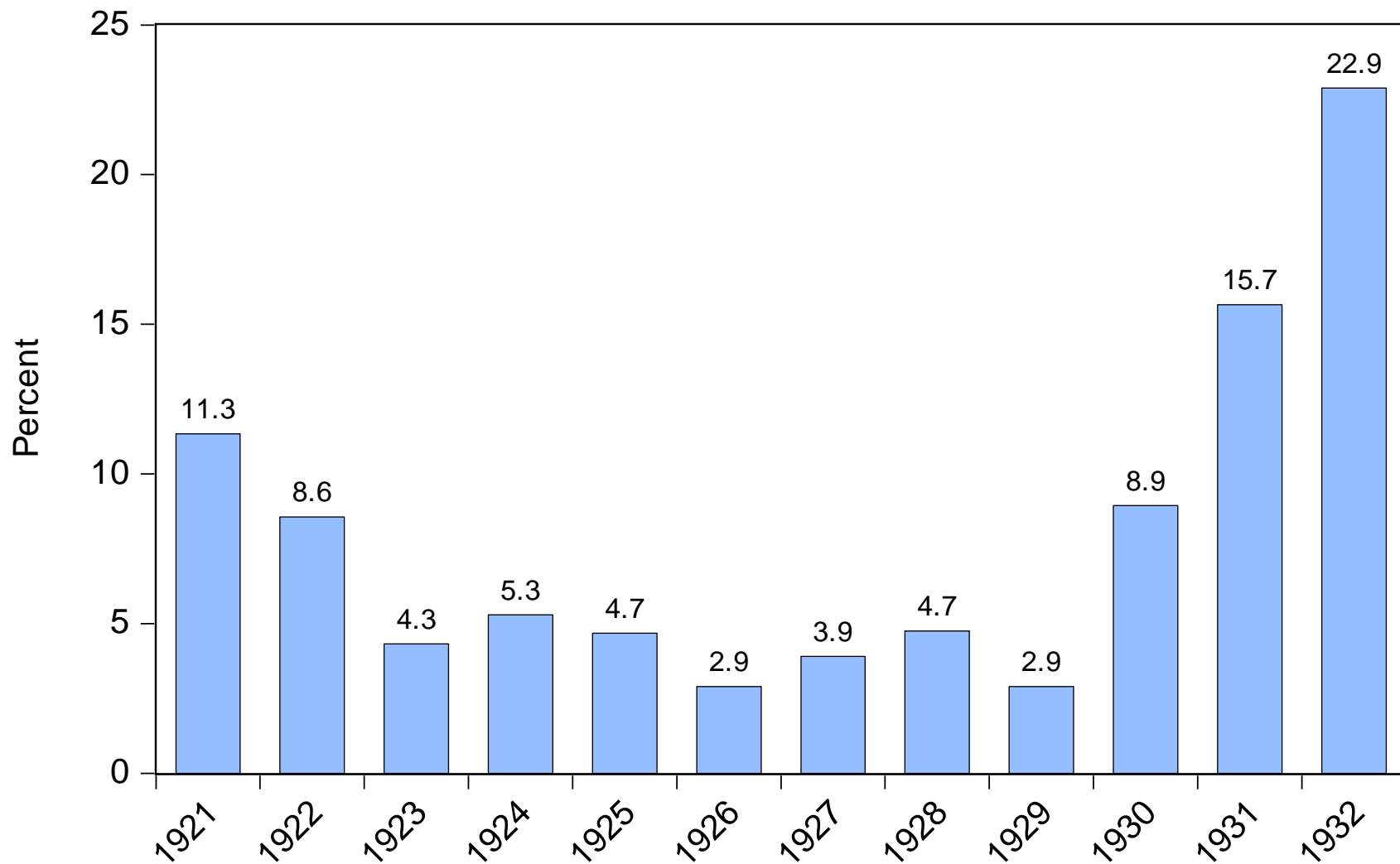
Succeeded as NY Governor
by Franklin Roosevelt





New York Mural, 1932
Stuart Davis

Unemployment Rate, 1921-1932



Share of Total U.S. Income, 1913-2014



Perkin's Agenda

Ending corruption in Immigration Bureau

Ending corruption in Employment Service

Professionalizing Bureau of Labor Statistics

Staffing Children's Bureau, Women's Bureau

Effecting labor aspects of NIRA

National Industrial Recovery Act, June 16, 1933

Title 1

Authorized cartels and monopolies to regulate production

Authorized industrial codes of fair competition

Guaranteed trade union rights and bargaining

Permitted regulation of working standards

Regulated refined petroleum prices and transportation

Title 2

Established national public works program

Title 1 held unconstitutional by Supreme Court, May 1935

National Labor Relations Act of 1935 follows up on trade union provisions

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Chairs Committee on Economic Security

Drafts and promotes Social Security Act

Setbacks

Impeachment!!!

Failure to liberalize immigration

Immigration moved to Justice

Employment Service moved to SSA,
then to War Manpower Commission

No power to address NLRB problems

Recognition

Frances Perkins Building in DC, 1980

Homes National Historic Landmarks

Francis Perkins Center in Damariscotta, 2009

Francis Perkins Program at Mount Holyoke

David Brooks, *The Road to Character* (2015)

June Taylor mural -- Maine Department of Labor



Panels of mural by Judy Taylor, 2008

Maine Department of Labor

Removed by Gov. Paul LePage, 2011

Mural panels 1 through 3.

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Mural panels 8 through 11.

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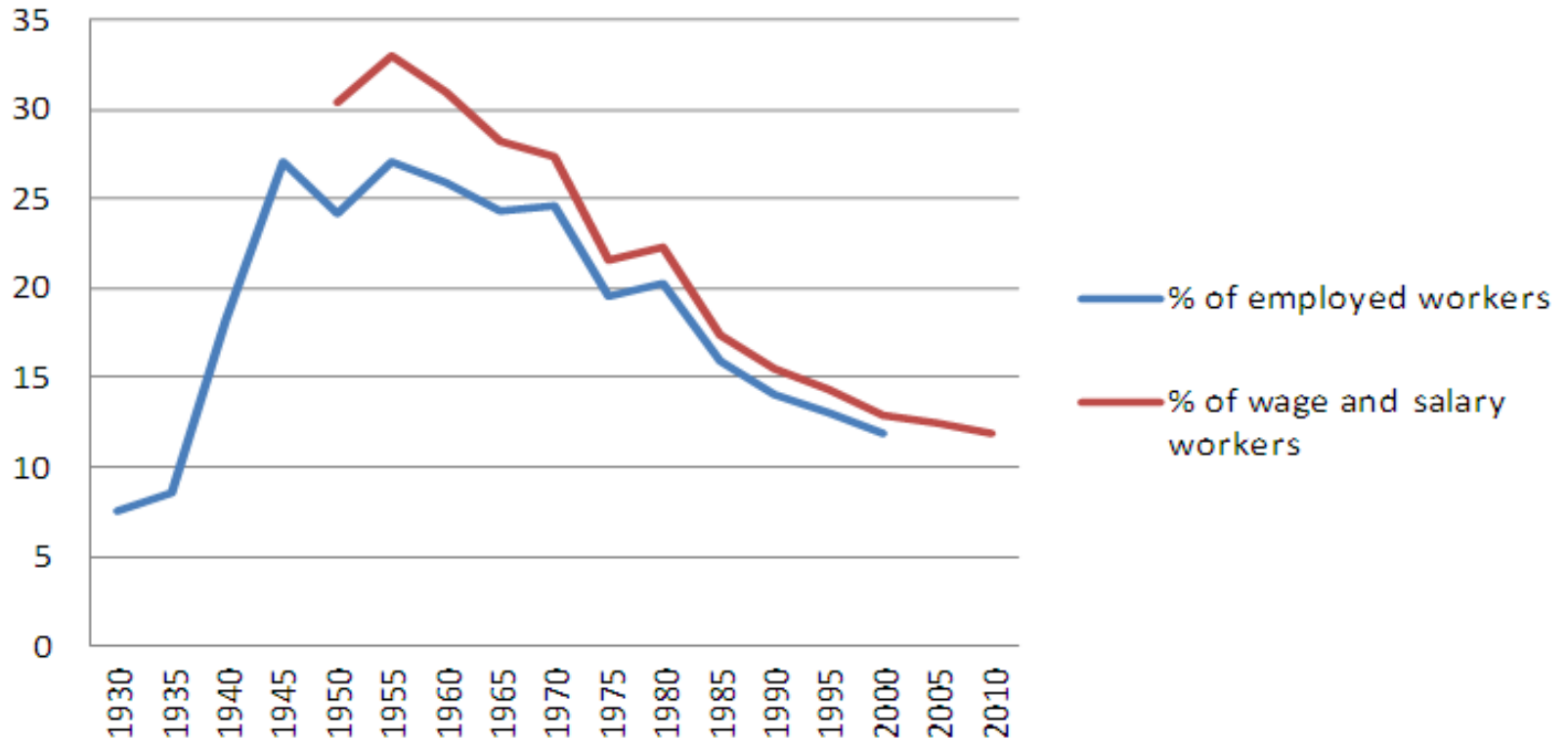
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Now at Maine State Museum

Social and Economic Concerns Today

Union membership falling, income inequality rising

Union Membership in the United States, 1930-2010



Source: Employed workers from Gerald Mayer, "Union Membership Trends in the United States," Cornell ILR, 2004; wage and salary workers from Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Worker safety, pay, security now global matters

Mixed story on economic participation of women

Women Cabinet Secretary “Firsts”

Labor	Frances Perkins	1933
HEW (defunct)	Oveta Culp Hobby	1953
HUD	Carla Hills	1975
Commerce	Juanita Kreps	1977
Education	Shirley Hufstedler	1979
HHS	Patricia Roberts Harris	1979
Transportation	Elizabeth Dole	1983
Attorney General	Janet Reno	1993
Energy	Hazel O’Leary	1993
State	Madeleine Albright	1997
Interior	Gail Norton	2001
Agriculture	Ann Veneman	2001
Homeland Security	Janet Napolitano	2009

Labor Force, Age 16+, Percent Women

Year	Percent
1800	21
1850	20
1900	21
1950	30
2010	47

Percent of Women in the Labor Force, Ages 15-64

	2000	2012
France	62	66
Germany	63	72
Japan	60	63
Netherlands	65	74
Spain	53	69
Sweden	76	78
UK	69	71
US	71	68

Source: OECD

Some Notable Women in American Economics

Elinor Ostrom, Nobel Prize, 2009

Janet Yellen, Federal Reserve Chair, since 2014

Chairs of President's Council of Economic Advisers

Laura Tyson, 1993-95

Janet Yellen, 1997-99

Christina Romer, 2000-2010

Presidents of American Economic Association

Alice Rivlin, 1986

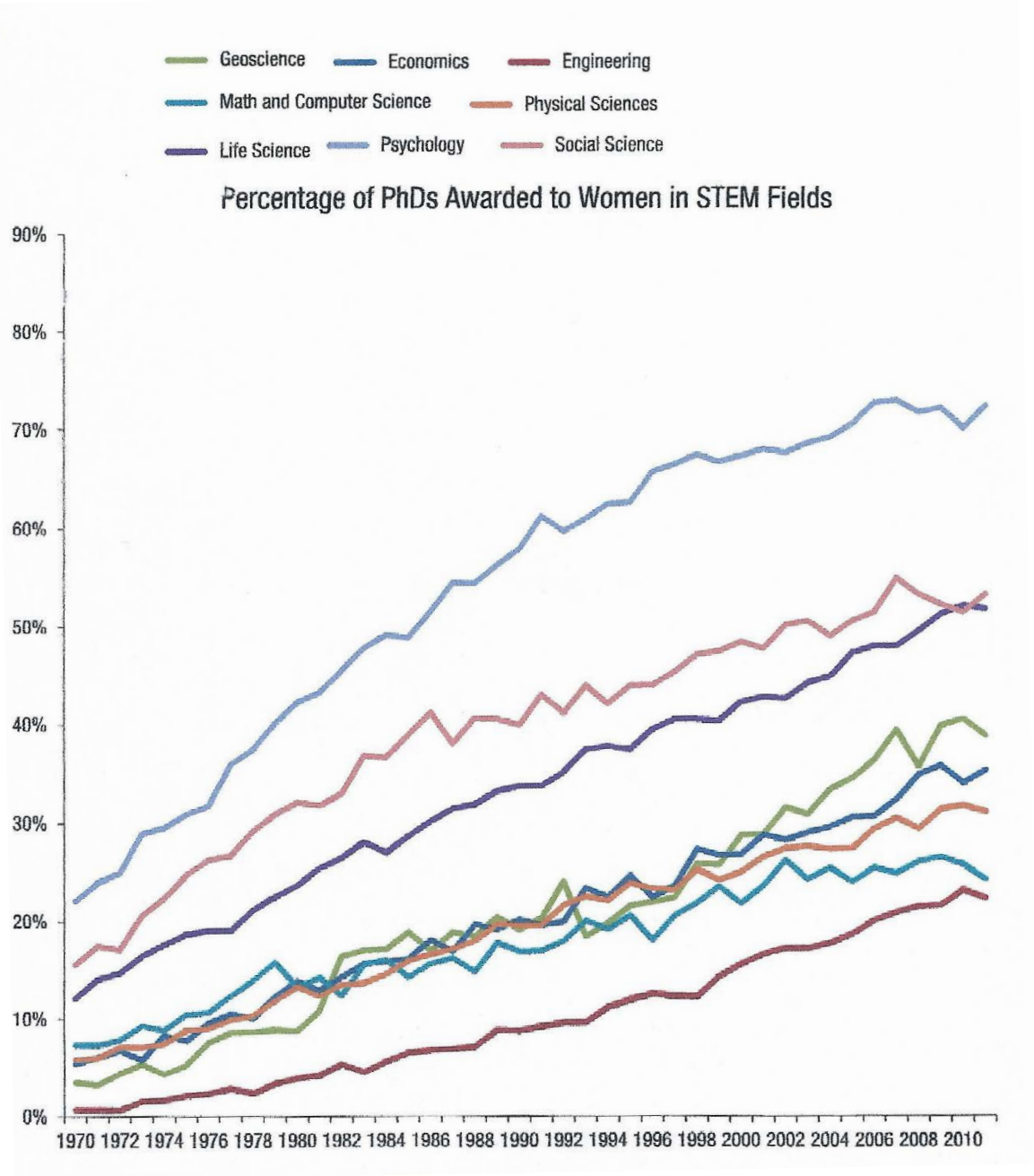
Anne Krueger, 1996

Claudia Goldin, 2013

Economics Doctoral Students and Faculty, Percent Women

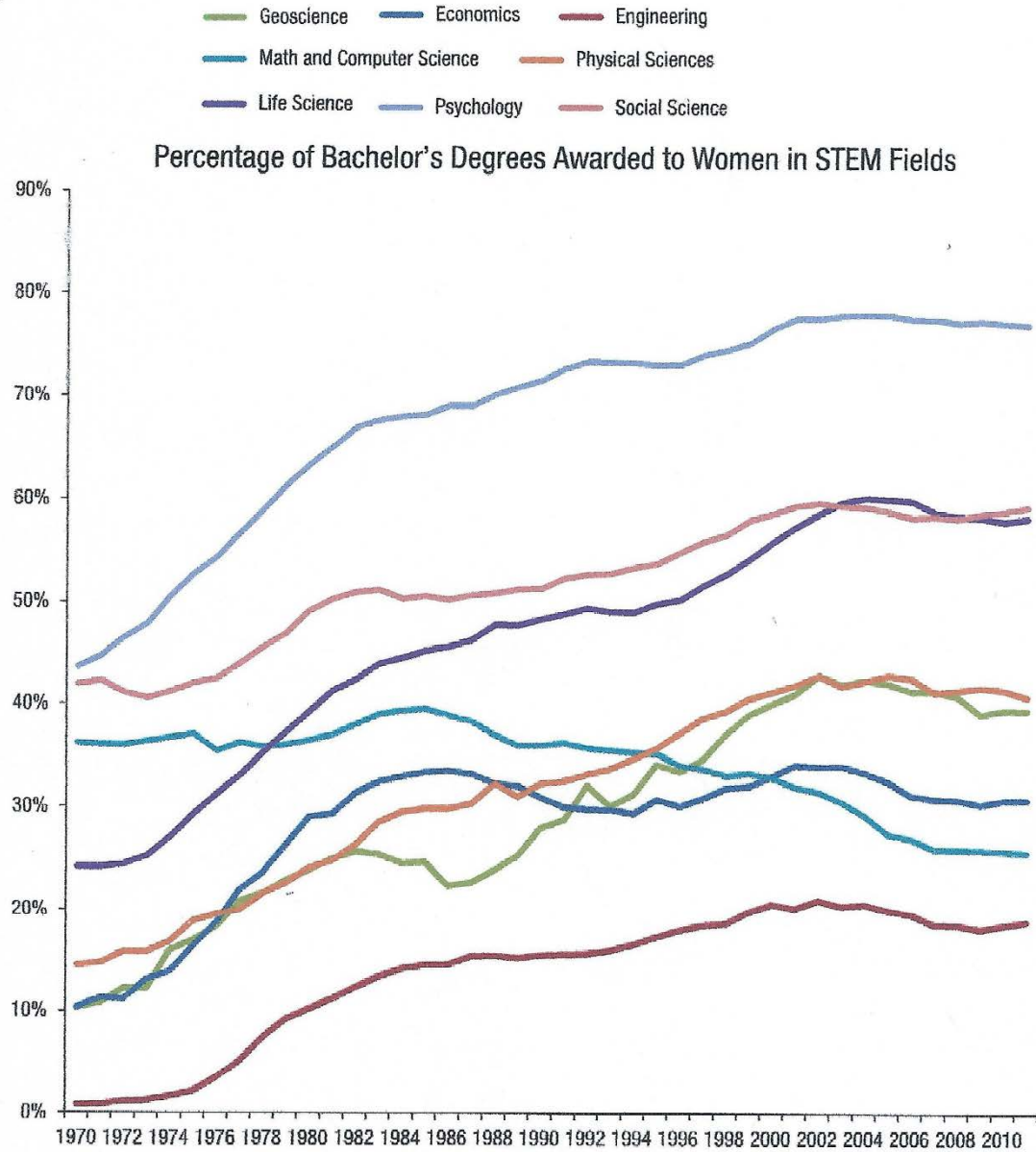
	1972	1997	2016
PhD's granted	8	28	32
Professor	3	7	13
Assoc. Prof.	5	19	26
Assist. Prof.	8	24	28

Source: American Economic Association, Committee on the Status of Women
in the Economics Professor, *Annual Reports*



Source: National Science Foundation's WebCASPAR

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