



Simon Baatz

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Knowledge, Culture, and Science in the Metropolis: The New York Academy of Sciences, 1817–1970 (New York, 1990)

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"Well researched and stylishly written ... Baatz does a fine job of depicting the social and cultural milieu in which the New York Academy of Sciences operated." (Medical History)

"[This] fine book should serve as a standard reference on the historical adjustments and notable accomplishments of professional science in the United States." (History of Education Quarterly)

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