Science presents a largely white face to the world. In this issue, a special news section beginning on page 1089 reviews attempts to add color to that face. By creating job opportunities in academia and industry, and by becoming scientific policy-makers, minority scientists are making some inroads. But obstacles such as a lack of role models, economic hard times, and some cultural values held by both majority and minority groups are strewn across a far-from-finished canvas.

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