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Speaker Bios

Phyllis Budinger

Phyllis Budinger was born and raised in northeast Ohio. She holds two degrees in Chemistry: B.S. from Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio (1961) and M.S. from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (1964). She joined Sohio, the original Standard Oil Company, in 1964. Through a series of mergers and takeovers the company ultimately became BP/Amoco. Phyllis retired with the rank of Research Scientist from BP/Amoco in August 1999. Her 35 years of experience has been devoted to some facet of trouble shooting and problem solving for BP businesses. She has extensive experience in analyses using spectroscopic techniques (Infrared and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance), and has a working knowledge of most other analytical techniques.

A life long interest in the mystery of the UFO phenomenon was the impetus for her to establish a small laboratory dedicated to the study of physical traces related to UFO events. Frontier Analysis, Ltd. was launched in March 2000. Since then, the laboratory has examined numerous UFO trace samples from all over the world. These include samples from abductions, cattle mutilations, crop circles, UFO deposits, and angel hair. Some highly visible cases for which analyses have been provided include: soil traces from the Delphos Kansas landing event; bedding material from a 2002 alleged abduction case in Brazil; the Betty Hill dress; and assorted samples from Stan Romanek's experience.

Richard M. Dolan

Richard M. Dolan was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1962. He holds an MA in History from the University of Rochester and a BA in History from Alfred University. He earned a Certificate in Political Theory from Oxford University and was a Rhodes Scholar finalist. Prior to his interest in anomalous phenomena, Dolan studied U.S. Cold War strategy, Soviet history, and international diplomacy.

In 2000, he published a 500-page study, *UFOs and the National Security State*. This is the first volume of a two-part historical narrative of the national security dimensions of the UFO phenomenon from 1941 to the present. Included are the records of more than fifty military bases relating to innumerable violations of sensitive airspace by unknown objects, demonstrating that the U.S. military has taken the topic of UFOs very seriously indeed.

Apollo 14 astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell has called Dolan's book monumental, while Dr. Hal Puthoff, Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Austin, has declared it to be a Must-read for serious students in the field.

Dolan has published numerous articles on anomalous phenomena, science, and the intelligence community for *UFO Magazine*. In 2003, he helped to found *Phenomena*, a magazine dedicated to leading edge issues pertaining to science and society.

Dolan has appeared many times on television documentaries and radio programs on the theme of UFOs and government disclosure. He has been a featured speaker at numerous conferences, including the International UFO Conference, the International MUFON Symposium, the Aztec UFO Symposium and other.

Richard Dolan also continues to research and write volume two of *UFOs and the National Security State*. He lives with his family in Rochester, New York. Visit his homepage at <http://keyholepublishing.com> or email him at keyhole@rochester.rr.com.

Elaine Douglass

Elaine Douglass, M.S., has been a UFO researcher for 19 years. She is currently MUFON co-state director for Utah, and she was for many years MUFON state director for Washington, D.C. In the 1990s she was an Organizer of Operation Right to Know, an organization dedicated to public protest of UFO secrecy at the White House, the Pentagon, U.S. Senate offices, the U.S. General Accounting Office, and the *Washington Post*. She is the author of several articles on UFOs and veteran of numerous radio and TV interviews and public talks on same. For 20 years she has been self-employed as a marketing consultant. Elaine holds a master's degree from MIT in military policy.

Stanton T. Friedman

Stanton T. Friedman received BSc and MSc degrees in physics from the University of Chicago in 1955 and 1956. He was employed for 14 years as a nuclear physicist for such companies as GE, GM, Westinghouse, TRW Systems, Aerojet General Nucleonics, and McDonnell Douglas on such advanced, classified, eventually cancelled projects as nuclear aircraft, fission and fusion rockets, and nuclear power plants for space. Since 1967 he has lectured on the topic "Flying Saucers Are Real!" at more than 600 colleges and over 100 professional groups in 50 states, 9 provinces, and 14 other countries. He has published more than 80 UFO papers and appeared on hundreds of radio and TV programs. He is the original civilian investigator of the Roswell Incident and co-authored "Crash at Corona: The Definitive Study of the Roswell Incident." TOP SECRET/MAJIC, his explosive book about the Majestic 12 group established in 1947 to deal with crashed saucers, was published in 1996 and went through 6 printings. Stan was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award in Leeds, England, in September, 2002, by UFO Magazine of the UK. A documentary, "Stanton T. Friedman *IS* Real" was broadcast in Canada in 2002. He was featured in "Do you believe in MAJIC?" a 2004 Canadian TV documentary.

He has provided written testimony to Congressional Hearings, appeared twice at the United Nations, and has been a pioneer in many aspects of Ufology including Roswell, Majestic 12, the Betty Hill-Marjorie Fish star may work; analysis of the Delphos, Kansas physical trace case; crashed saucers, flying saucer technology and challenges to the S.E.T.I. (Silly Effort to Investigate) cultists.

Stan takes a clear-cut unambiguous stand that SOME UFOs are alien spacecraft, that the subject of flying saucers represents a Cosmic Watergate, that none of the anti-UFO arguments made by a variety of noisy negativists stand up to careful scrutiny, and that we are dealing with the biggest story of the past millennium; visits to Planet Earth by alien spacecraft and successful cover-up by governments of the best data; alien wreckage and bodies recovered in New Mexico, for 58 years. He has spent many weeks at the total

of 20 document archives. Stan has successfully taken on many critics of flying saucers, Roswell, Majestic 12, including winning a debate at Oxford University and on Coast to Coast with Dr. Seth Shostak of the SETI Institute.

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Paola Leopizzi Harris

Paola Leopizzi Harris is an Italo American Journalist/researcher in the field of UFO research on paranormal phenomena. Her book, "*Connecting the Dots*"...making sense of the UFO phenomenon was published by Granite Publishing in Roswell, New Mexico in July 2003. It demonstrates that everything in the universe is interconnected and that we are "not, nor have ever been alone" in the cosmos. She has lived in Rome for nine years and has a Master's Degree in Education. She teaches history and photojournalism at the American Overseas School of Rome. Paola is most noted for her articles in *Nexus*, *Notzario UFO*, and *Dossier Alieni* and has organized and appeared at many conferences. She has a website that stimulates independent thinking on the UFO phenomenon. Her website address is: <http://utenti.lycos.it/paolaharris>.

Lynne D. Kitei, M.D.

Lynne d. Kitei, M.D. is an internationally acclaimed physician and health educator who recently pushed aside her successful medical career to pursue *The Phoenix Lights* book and Documentary project. www.thephoenixlights.net. She was leading the cuttingedge era of early disease detection and prevention as Chief Clinical Consultant at the world renowned Arizona Heart Institute's Imaging/Prevention/Wellness Center in Phoenix, Arizona until coming forward, after seven years of anonymity, as the key witness to the still unexplained sighting throughout Arizona on March 13, 1997.

Before her medical training, Dr. Lynne appeared in over 30 featured and starring roles in professional musical comedies including *Alice in Wonderland* with Sherman Hemsley, *Oklahoma* starring Gordon MacRae, *Guys and Dolls* starring Betty Grable, and understudied for Barbara Eden in *The Sound of Music*. She also played the role of "Florence Arizona" in the 20th Century box office hit *Raising Arizona* starring Nicolas Cage, Holly Hunter, Frances McDormand, and John Goodman.

Dr. Lynne has been called the "woman pioneer" of medical communications in TV Guide after creating and producing innovative TV News health reports for NBC in Philadelphia in 1976. Since that time, Dr. Lynne has dedicated over 25 years to global public awareness, wellness, and health education. She has appeared as the resident health expert reporter for NBC affiliates in Philadelphia, and Phoenix, and had been featured on USA Cable, FOX TV News and MSNBC.

As the producer, writer, and director of the "You Make It!" prevention/education video and workbook curriculum series, Dr. Lynne has been recognized with the Telly Bronze Award in 1995, the National Education Film & Video Festival Silver Apple Award in 1994, the New York International Film Festival Finalist Award in 1992, and 1993, and many others. She has worked under the auspices of the Arizona Community Foundation for almost 20 years to help fund and distribute her revolutionary

prevention/education programs to schools, churches, youth groups and libraries throughout Arizona.

In 1995, Dr Lynne witnessed and photographed unexplained phenomena just yards from her home. She is considered the key witness to the still unexplained mass UFO sighting that took place throughout Arizona on March 13, 1997. After seven years of investigative work, Dr. Lynne is coming forward – for the first time – with startling photographic evidence and personal antidotes relating to the Phoenix Lights event and more. Through her meticulous research Dr. Lynne has discovered we are not alone.

Dr. Roger Leir

Dr. Roger Leir was born in San Francisco, California. In 1948 he moved to Southern California where he completed high school and began his undergraduate education with a major in Biological Science. After attending the University of California, he moved back to the San Francisco bay area where he attended the College of Podiatric Medicine. Dr. Leir graduated with a Doctor's degree in Podiatric Medicine in 1964. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree.

The following years were spent doing a preceptorship and residency in Podiatric surgery. He was also actively involved in two research projects pertaining to tendon regeneration and the use of artificial materials to be used in bone and joint replacement. He has been interested in the UFO subject since 1947 and has total recall of his father's reaction to the Roswell headline. He became a member of the Ventura-Santa Barbara MUFON group in the 1980s and finally a member of the international MUFON organization. During this period he served in the capacity of investigative report for the MUFON periodical, *The VORTEX* and took an active interest in UFO research. Dr. Leir served as State Section Director for the Ventura-Santa Barbara group for 10 years. As a challenge to prove the subject of Alien Implants was just fantasy, he volunteered to perform a surgery free of charge for the removal of two objects from the toe of a female who had a history of Alien Abduction. He was amazed when the biological and metallurgical findings proved these objects were possibly not from this earth. Since then, he and his surgical team have performed eleven (11) surgeries and have submitted twelve (12) objects for scientific analysis. He has written several books on the subject and has performed over two thousand hours of radio and television including numerous interviews by Art Bell and other hosts of the Coast-to-Coast radio show, talking about the subject of Alien Implants and physical evidence. He also appeared in the prime time NBC television documentary *Confirmation* in 1999 where he performed a surgery on camera and then submitted the recovered object to laboratories for analysis. Dr. Leir has visited 42 different countries performing lectures and investigations. He has recently authored and released his newest book *UFO Crash in Brazil*, which is the story of his personal investigation of the Varginha, Brazil UFO crash of 1996, appearance and medical treatment of several non-terrestrial entities. Dr. Leir may be reached through his website: <http://Alienscalpel.com> and his email: RKLeir1st@aol.com.

Edgar Mitchell, Ph.D.

On January 31, 1971, Dr. Edgar Mitchell, then a U.S. Navy Captain, embarked on a journey through outer space of some 500,000 miles that resulted in becoming the sixth man to walk on the moon. That historic journey terminated safely nine days later of

February 9, 1971 and was made in the company of two other men of valor: Admiral Alan Shepard and Colonel Stuart Roosa.

Scientist, test pilot, naval officer, astronaut, entrepreneur, author and lecturer, Dr. Mitchell's extraordinary and varied career personifies humankind's external thrust to widen its horizons as well as explore its inner soul.

His academic background includes a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management from Carnegie Mellon University in 1952, a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics from the U.S. Navy Postgraduate School in 1961 and a Doctor of Science degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1964. In addition, he has received four honorary doctorates from New Mexico State University, the University of Akron, Carnegie Mellon University and Embry-Riddle University.

In 1973, a year after retiring from the U.S. Navy and the Astronaut Program, Dr. Mitchell founded the Institute of Noetic Sciences. It is a foundation organization to sponsor research in the nature of consciousness. He is the co-founder of the Association of Space Explorers, an international organization founded in 1984 for all who share the experience of space travel. Both organizations are educational organizations developed to provide new understanding of the human condition resulting from the epoch of space exploration.

He is the author of *Psychic Exploration: A Challenge for Science* (G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1974), a major reference book; and *The Way of the Explorer* (Putnam, 1996). He is also author and/or interviewee in dozens of articles in both professional and popular periodicals.

Dr. Mitchell's honors and awards include the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the USN Distinguished Service Medal, the NASA Distinguished Service Medal and the NASA Group Achievement Award (three times).

Tracie Austin-Peters

Tracie Austin was born in England in 1965. Having completed various studies at Cauldon College of Further Education in 1984, Tracie relocated to London a year later to study at the Guild School of Music & Drama as a concert pianist, and to teach in her instrument in schools. Her interest in UFOs first began there, when she witnessed a UFO, an event that would later change her life.

In 1989, Tracie moved back to her hometown of Staffordshire to teach piano/keyboard to numerous students, and became Project Manager of a popular music tuition agency. Her second daylight sighting occurred in May of 1996. A profound sighting of a black, boomerang object that changes shape, was observed by other witnesses, and made a second appearance that day over her house. The Television channel "BBC Digital" became aware of her sighting, and during the making of their TV documentary titled "Over the Moon," Tracie told her story and re-enacted her sighting.

It was in June of 1996, that she hosted her first UFO conference, which became a major success. Radio appearances followed, as well as articles in local newspapers and invitations to speak on the subject at various organizations. A second conference followed in 1998.

Research into the UFO phenomena has been an on-going process since her first sighting in 1987, and she has investigated some highly strange UFO activity. Personal sightings of UFOs continue to date.

Tracie is the Executive Producer and Host of her own cable TV talk show in California called "Let's Talk...Paranormal" which has become quite a success in the USA.

Scott Ramsey

Scott Ramsey has focused the past 18 years tracking and documenting piece by piece the facts about the authenticity of the Aztec UFO Crash/Landing of 1948. Just like any other topic, people are drawn to the topic of Unidentified Flying Objects for many reasons: possible sightings, curiosity, a search for the unknown or the unexplained, legends, confirmation or a belief system, or documentation of history. Unfortunately, as with so many other issues, information on UFOs can get lumped together, distorted or mistaken.

Scott's journey has taken him to travel 29 states interviewing sixty (60) first and second hand witnesses. In addition, Scott has archived over 2279 Atomic Energy Commission and U.S. Air Force Documents including uncovering three secret radar bases. He has spent hundreds of hours at the alleged crash site on Hart Canyon Road comparing data collected from witnesses to physical evidence.

Fascinated by documenting historical research is what drives Scott to continue his quest.

He has been interviewed on *Dreamland*, the cover story for the *MUFON UFO Journal*, *Hilly Rose Show*, *Coast to Coast*, *Chad Lewis – The Unexplained*, *The Jerry Pippin Show*, *Exploring Unexplained Phenomena* and *Feet2theFire*.

Scott has presented his research at a number of speaking engagements including the 2004 and 2005 Aztec UFO Symposium, North Carolina MUFON meeting, and the Eureka Springs Arkansas UFO Conference.

His research has been the topic of a documentary produced by REDSTAR Films which has won two EBE awards and is now available on the Internet at <http://www.aztec1948.com>.

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Esen Sekerkarar

Esen Sekerkarar was born in Izmir, Turkey. She graduated from Istanbul University where she studied Latin Language and Literature.

Apart from her childhood interest, she got involved in the UFO field in 1998 with the opening of Sirius UFO Space Sciences Research Center (SUSSRC). She held the position of vice president in Sirius. SUSSRC is Turkey's first center collecting all kinds of data on the subject throughout the country and conducting intense research on them. It has organized three International UFO Symposiums of Eastern Europe, Balkans and Middle East in Istanbul with the participation of worldwide researchers and scientists.

Esen has translated UFO information into Turkish for the people of Turkey. She is also one of the three founders of the International UFO Museum which opened in January 2002 in Istanbul. The center is located right in the center of Istanbul, a city with

a population of 10 million people and is located at the connection of the continents of Europe and Asia. She still resides in Istanbul and continues her freelance work.

R. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D.

Dr. Sprinkle is Professor Emeritus, Counseling Services, University of Wyoming. He holds BA (1952) and MPS (1956) Degrees from the University of Colorado and a Ph.D. Degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Missouri (1961).

He is a member of several professional organizations, including Life Member: American Association for the Advancement of Science; American Association for Counseling; and International Association for Regression Research and Therapies. He is a National Certified Counselor; Licensed Psychologist; and Registrant, Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology.

Dr. Sprinkle has published several encyclopedia entries; a half dozen book chapters; and approximately 60 articles on various topics, including: Counseling Theory and Practice, ESP, Hypnosis, Reincarnation, UFO Research, and Author, *Soul Samples* (Granite Publishing).

He has participated in many regional and national television programs, including ABC TV (That's Incredible) and NBC TV (Tom Snyder, Tomorrow Show). He has been invited to speak at several international conferences.

Claude Swanson, Ph.D.

Dr. Claude Swanson was educated as a physicist at MIT and Princeton University. During those years he worked at the MIT Science Teaching Center, Brookhaven National Laboratory and a Virginia cyclotron in the summer. At Princeton he received the National Science Foundation Fellowship and Putnam Fellowship. His Ph.D. thesis at Princeton was done in the "Gravity Croup," which focuses on experimental cosmology and astronomy, and was headed by Nobel laureate Robert Dicke. His thesis advisor was Prof. David Wilkinson, who later became chairman of the physics department.

Dr. Swanson conducted postgraduate work at Princeton and Cornell Universities on the design of superconducting plasma containment vessels for fusion energy systems. He then began work for Aeronautical Research Associates of Princeton, a consulting company, and later formed his own consulting company which carried out studies on applied physics for commercial and governmental agencies.

For the last fifteen years, interspersed with his conventional professional career in applied physics, Dr. Swanson has pursued investigations into "unconventional physics." His principal interest has been unified field theory, the so-called "Theory of Everything" which could explain the universe at the deepest possible level. This has led him to investigate many aspects of the paranormal, which appear to be completely real phenomena which violate our present science. Paranormal phenomena, which have now been proven in the laboratory in many cases, offer a window into the deeper universe, the mysteries of consciousness, and unlock new forces and principles which conventional science has only begun to glimpse.

Dr. Swanson has conducted extensive research in these areas, including research of the scientific literature, interviews with scientists in these fields, attended and spoken at conferences, and conducted experiments and investigations, to better understand how such paranormal phenomena can be incorporated into modern science. This research has

involved underwater archaeology in Bimini, scientific measurements in haunted houses, experiments in remote viewing and psychokinesis, and testing of devices which can measure these strange forces. He has just published a book, *The Synchronized Universe*, which summarizes some of the new discoveries of this emerging science.