SPEAKER BIOS

Donald R. Schmitt

Author • UFO
Researcher • Former
Director of Special
Investigations, J. Allen
Hynek Center for UFO
Studies

Donald R. Schmitt is a leading investigator of the

Roswell Incident and a nationally recognized expert on UFO phenomena. With over 30 years of field research, Schmitt has interviewed hundreds of witnesses, uncovered classified documents, and challenged official narratives surrounding one of the most controversial events in American history.

He served as the director of special investigations at the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies and was a founding member of the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, New Mexico. Schmitt's work has been featured on the History Channel, Discovery, and NBC and in numerous documentaries and radio programs.

He is the co-author of several bestselling books, including:

- *UFO Crash at Roswell* (Avon Books, 1991)
- Witness to Roswell (New Page Books, 2007)
- Inside the Real Area 51 (New Page Books
- , 2013)
- Roswell: The Chronological Pictorial (Roswell Museum Press, 2017)

His research has been cited in academic papers, government hearings, and media outlets worldwide. Schmitt continues to lecture internationally and contributes to ongoing

investigations into historical and contemporary UFO encounters.

"The Roswell Incident is not just a story—it's a turning point in how we understand our place in the universe." — Donald R. Schmitt

Selected Publications & Media Mentions

- UFO Crash at Roswell, Avon Books, 1991
- Witness to Roswell, New Page Books, 2007
- Featured on History Channel's *Ancient Aliens*
- Interviewed on *Coast to Coast AM* and *The Paracast*

David Hatcher Childress



Author • Explorer
• Founder of
Adventures
Unlimited Press
David Hatcher
Childress is a
prolific author,
researcher, and world

explorer known for investigating ancient civilizations, lost technologies, and alternative archaeology. Often called the "real-life Indiana Jones," Childress has traveled extensively to remote regions for evidence that challenges mainstream historical narratives.

He founded Adventures Unlimited Press, a publishing company dedicated to unconventional history and science. Childress has written over 20 books, including:

- Lost Cities of Ancient Lemuria & the Pacific (Adventures Unlimited Press, 1988)
- *Technology of the Gods* (Adventures Unlimited Press, 2000)

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- Pirates and the Lost Templar Fleet (Adventures Unlimited Press, 2003)
- The Anti-Gravity Handbook (Adventures Unlimited Press, 1993)

Childress is a regular guest on the History Channel's *Ancient Aliens*, where he shares insights on megalithic structures, ancient flight, and global myths. His work has been featured in documentaries, radio shows, and international conferences.

"We are not the first civilization to reach for the stars—we are rediscovering what was once known." — David Hatcher Childress

Selected Publications & Media Mentions

- Technology of the Gods, Adventures Unlimited Press, 2000
- Lost Cities of Ancient Lemuria & the Pacific, 1988
- Featured on History Channel's Ancient Aliens
- Interviewed on Coast to Coast AM and Fade to Black

Melinda Leslie



UFO Researcher ●
Abduction
Investigator ●
Director of UFO
Sighting Tours in
Sedona

Melinda Leslie is a leading researcher in the field of UFO

abduction phenomena and

covert government involvement in extraterrestrial encounters. With over 30 years of investigative experience, Leslie has conducted hundreds of interviews with experiencers and whistleblowers, focusing on the intersection of contact events and military surveillance.

She is the director of UFO Sighting Tours in Sedona, Arizona, where she guides participants through high-tech night vision experiences in one of the country's most active UFO hotspots. Leslie's contributions have appeared in various documentaries, conference events, and radio shows throughout the United States.

Her presentations explore the psychological, spiritual, and geopolitical dimensions of contact, and she is known for her compelling synthesis of field data and insider testimony.

"Disclosure is not just about sightings—it's about the people who've lived the experience." — Melinda Leslie.

Selected Publications & Media Mentions

- Featured in Alien Contact: The Messages They Bring, 2015
- Interviewed on Fade to Black and Coast to Coast AM
- Speaker at Contact in the Desert and MUFON Symposiums

Ron James



Filmmaker • Media
Director for MUFON •
Host of "The
Disclosure
Dialogues"
Ron James is an
award-winning
filmmaker and media
producer specializing in
the UFO and paranormal

genres. As the Director of Media Relations for MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), James is pivotal in shaping public discourse around disclosure and extraterrestrial phenomena.

He is the creator and host of *The Disclosure Dialogues*, a documentary series and interview

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platform that brings together top researchers, experiencers, and thought leaders. James has produced over 200 hours of content and has been featured on major networks including History Channel and Gaia TV.

His work blends cinematic storytelling with investigative journalism, and he is a frequent speaker at conferences worldwide.

"The truth is out there—but it's also in the stories we dare to tell." — Ron James

Selected Publications & Media Mentions

- The Disclosure Dialogues (Documentary Series)
- Media Director for MUFON
- Featured on History Channel's Ancient Aliens and Gaia TV

Stacey Wright



State Director of Arizona MUFON • Researcher • Educator.

Stacey Wright is the State Director of Arizona MUFON and a dedicated educator in the

field of UFO research and public outreach. With a teaching and organizational leadership background, Wright has helped shape Arizona's reputation as a hub for serious UFO investigation.

She coordinates MUFON's Arizona chapter events, manages case investigations, and facilitates community engagement through lectures and workshops. Wright is known for her straightforward, grounded approach to the UFO phenomenon and her commitment to fostering respectful dialogue.

Her work emphasizes the importance of education, transparency, and scientific rigor in pursuing truth.

"Curiosity is the first step—investigation is the journey." — Stacey Wright

Selected Publications & Media Mentions

- Speaker at MUFON International **Symposiums**
- Interviewed on UFO Chronicles Podcast
- Featured in Phenomenon Radio and local Arizona media

Jennifer Stein

Documentary Filmmaker Researcher

Founder of Main Line MUFON

Jennifer W. Stein is the coordinator of Sedona MUFON's monthly educational lecture series, which she

revitalized in February Previously, she was the

2022. founding director of Main Line MUFON, where she produced an educational lecture series in Radnor, PA, from 2002 until 2020, initially as live in-person lectures. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, these programs adapted to free Zoom educational lectures, greatly expanding their reach across the country.

Stein is best known as a documentary filmmaker, having created the award-winning 90-minute film "Travis – The True Story of Travis Walton." Before this, she received multiple awards for her documentary "It Could Happen Tomorrow," co-

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produced with Ron James. In 2023, she coproduced the multi-award-winning documentary "Accidental Truth," which was released on Amazon Prime in April.

Her published articles cover topics such as UFO phenomena, precognition, synchronicity, the crop circle phenomenon, and the Travis Walton story. For 15 years, she produced monthly programming for Main Line Television's public access station in Radnor, PA, bringing guest speakers of the free lecture series to a wider audience.

In 2014, Stein helped design, underwrite, and develop MUFON's educational streaming platform alongside Ron James, creating a vision for MUFON TV. She frequently presents at various conferences, podcasts, and internet radio shows on topics including UFOs, crop circles, the Travis Walton story, and ancient archaeological sites advanced for their time, such as Göbekli Tepe in Turkey.

As a young adult, Stein developed her entrepreneurial skills while working in a family-owned business to support her college education, ultimately earning a Bachelor of Science in Textiles from the University of Arizona in 1983. She also completed one year of a two-year MBA program at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

Stein has two wonderful adult daughters who live in the Philadelphia area. To learn more about documentary, the Travis Walton visit TravisWaltonTheMovie.com. For more information about MUFON's educational programming, visit MainLineMUFON.com or SedonaMUFON.org. To explore her film work accomplishments, visit OnwingesProductions.com.

"Film is a bridge—between experience and understanding, between mystery and meaning." — Jennifer W. Stein

Selected Publications & Media Mentions

- Travis: The True Story of Travis Walton (Documentary, 2015)
- Founder of Main Line MUFON
- Speaker at Conscious Life Expo and Contact in the Desert

Travis Walton



Experiencer

• Author •

Subject of

"Fire in the

Sky" Travis

Walton is one of the well-known UFO

experiencers in history, whose 1975 abduction case in Arizona became the basis for the book and film *Fire in the Sky*. Multiple organizations have investigated his account, which remains one of the most compelling and controversial extraterrestrial contact cases.

Walton is the author of *Fire in the Sky: The Walton Experience*, and has spoken at conferences around the world, sharing his story and advocating for greater understanding of the abduction phenomenon.

Documentaries, podcasts, and various media platforms have highlighted his experiences, which still inspire discussion and curiosity among people of all ages.

"I know what I saw. I know what I lived. And I know it changed me forever." — Travis Walton



Selected Publications & Media Mentions

- Fire in the Sky: The Walton Experience, 1996
- Subject of Fire in the Sky (Paramount Pictures, 1993)
- Interviewed on Larry King Live, Coast to Coast AM, and The Joe Rogan Experience

