

Rough Research: Center for Frontier Sciences (*What's Going On At Temple University?*)

The history of science has shown repeatedly that many of the most important scientific discoveries have been initially disregarded. Thus, scientists working at the forefront of knowledge face considerable obstacles. With this in mind, Temple University established the Center for Frontier Sciences in 1987.

In 1988 Dr. Beverly Rubik relocated to Philadelphia to become founding director of the Center. The Center facilitated global information exchange, networking, and education on frontier issues of science and medicine. Two important foci of the Center were alternative/complementary medicine and the matter-mind-spirit interrelationship. The Center was the first of its kind in the world linked to a major university and spawned sister centers at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico and the University of Milano, Italy. A journal, *Frontier Perspectives*, was founded in 1990 by Rubik and was published and distributed semi-annually to over 3,500 affiliates of the Center in 58 countries.

The Center hosted free public lectures, and International Roundtable Meetings and Proceedings. Luminary members and lecturers included David Bohm, Gerald Edelman, Roger Penrose, Karl Pribram, Sir John Eccles, Herbert Froehlich, Larry Dossey, and Robert Jahn.

In late 1995 Dr. Rubik left Temple University to continue her work as an independent scholar and consultant and founded the Institute for Frontier Science, a nonprofit corporation.

In 1998, a prominent representative of authoritarian science (scientism), Martin Gardner, published the article *What's Going On At Temple University?* in the Sept-Oct 1998 issue of *Skeptical Inquirer*.

"In recent years Temple University, a distinguished coeducational institution in Philadelphia, has become a center for the promulgation of some of the wildest aspects of pseudoscience. It all began in 1986 when Richard J. Fox, chairman of Temple's board of trustees, met with some fringe scientists in London. He became impressed by their difficulties in getting work published that went beyond 'mainstream paradigms.' 'Paradigm' is still a favorite buzzword of maverick scientists and those who write about them."

http://www.csicop.org/si/show/whatsquos_going_on_at_temple_university/

Although *Frontier Perspectives* is still apparently being published under auspices of the Center for Frontier Sciences, Temple University, no mention is made of this center in the list of "Centers" at the Temple University home page:

<http://www.temple.edu/academics/centers.htm>

Issues appear to be available only in archives or through collections ie;

<http://www.highbeam.com/doc/1G1-156136197.html>

<http://www.encyclopedia.com/Frontier+Perspectives/publications.aspx?pageNumber=1>

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information appears on the Cavendish Lab, University of Cambridge UK website:
<http://www.tcm.phy.cam.ac.uk/~bdj10/mm/misc/cfs.txt>