

# Sci Fi Investigates

***Sci Fi Investigates*** is a six episode reality television series featuring skeptic Rob Mariano, forensic specialist Deborah Dobrydney, archaeologist Bill Doleman, and paranormal investigator Richard Dolan, as they look at paranormal and supernatural phenomenon and try to explain them. The show debuted in October 2006 on the American SyFy channel following Ghost Hunters. There have also been two webisodes.

## Episode format

The series documents a team of four paranormal investigators who travel to various locations around the United States and investigate various urban legends.

The team uses various research methods to gather as much information as they can about the particular legend or phenomena an episode focuses on. They meet with local residents, listen to eye-witness reports, study documentation, conduct forensic experiments on physical evidence, and conduct on-location archaeological studies. At the end they review and discuss their findings and each investigator gives their opinions from different points-of-view.

Each episode is an hour long, including commercials.

## Criticism

The Cryptomundo blog by Mothman researcher Loren Coleman is an indepth criticism of the October 26, 2006, "Sci-fi Investigates" broadcast's "Mothman" episode. Coleman wrote that while it had a few moments that are pure entertainment and certainly funny, it had little or nothing to do with "investigating" Mothman or unexplained phenomena.

## Credited cast

- **Deborah Dobrydney** – Dobrydney is a forensics specialist with a B.S. in psychology and a B.A. in Spanish studies both from Fordham University in New York and is a graduate of the Masters of Science program from the University of New Haven. She has worked for a crime scene investigation unit since 2002.
- **Richard M. Dolan** – Dolan is a paranormal investigator and author of two volumes entitled *UFOs and the National Security State*. Prior to his interest in UFOs, he studied Cold War history, tactics and diplomacy. He has a master's degree in history from the University of Rochester and a bachelor's degree in history from Alfred University. He earned a certificate in political theory from Oxford University and was a Rhodes Scholar finalist. Dolan has also appeared in numerous paranormal documentaries over the years including Sci-Fi Channel's *UFO Invasion at Rendlesham* documentary.
- **Bill Doleman** – Dr. Doleman is an archaeologist. He was also the chief investigator of a Roswell, New Mexico evidence dig conducted by the University of New Mexico and

<i><b>Sci Fi Investigates</b></i>	
<b>Starring</b>	See <i>Credited Cast below</i>
<b>Country of origin</b>	United States
<b>Original language</b>	English
<b>No. of seasons</b>	1
<b>No. of episodes</b>	6 ( <u>list of episodes</u> )
Production	
<b>Running time</b>	60 minutes (including commercials)
Original release	
<b>Network</b>	<u>Sci Fi Channel</u>
<b>Release</b>	October 11 – November 15, 2006

documented in the 2003 documentary *The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence*, which was hosted by Bryant Gumbel and also produced by the Sci-Fi Channel. Doleman is a 1995 graduate of UNM with a Ph.D. in anthropology. In 2004, Doleman became director of New Mexico's archaeological archive and database (a.k.a. ARMS).

- **Rob Mariano** – An adventurer, Rob Mariano was also the former competitor "Boston Rob" to fans of *Survivor: Marquesas*, *Survivor: All-Stars* and *The Amazing Race*. He is the skeptic of the investigative team.
- **Lisa Van Camp** – Van Camp is a forensic analyst (appeared in "Roswell" and "Paranormal Hotspots" episodes, filling in for Dobrydney)

## Episodes

Ep#	Investigation	Original Airdate	Summary
101	<b>Voodoo</b>	October 11, 2006	The team travels to <u>New Orleans, LA</u> to investigate the practice of <u>voodoo</u> .
102	<b>Bigfoot</b>	October 18, 2006	The team attempts to debunk a recent <u>Bigfoot</u> video by recreating the sighting of the creature with Rob wearing a Hollywood-movie quality Bigfoot costume.
103	<b>Mothman</b>	October 25, 2006	The team travels to the mountains of <u>West Virginia</u> to investigate sightings of a winged creature known as the <u>Mothman</u> .
104	<b>The Afterlife</b>	November 1, 2006	The team looks for evidence of the afterlife by subjecting themselves to special <u>aura photography</u> , <u>sensory deprivation</u> and <u>past life regression</u> experiments.
105	<b>The Roswell Incident</b>	November 8, 2006	The team looks at the <u>Roswell UFO incident</u> . (Note: Lisa Van Camp filled in for Dobrydney for this episode.)
106	<b>Paranormal Hotspots</b>	November 15, 2006	The team visits <u>Dulce, NM</u> , and <u>Sedona, AZ</u> which are the sites of numerous reports of <u>UFO sightings</u> , <u>cattle mutilations</u> , and other alleged paranormal activity.

## Specials

- **Highway to Hell: The Legends of Clinton Road** (SciFi.com Webisode in five parts) – Deborah and Richard investigate local ghost stories of Clinton Road in West Milford, NJ.

## See also

- *The X Creatures* – a similar BBC series
- *Destination Truth*
- *Ghost Hunters*

## External links

- Sci Fi Investigates (<http://www.scifi.com/investigates>)
- Cryptomundo blog on Sci Fi Investigates' Mothman (<http://www.cryptomundo.com/cryptozoo-news/sci-fis-non-event/>)

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