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Articles on Parapsychologists Tart & Radin at UNLV

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Below are two articles regarding the fading parapsychology programs at University of Nevada, Las Vegas. There is a lot of politics going on below the surface, and Robert Bigelow is part of the mix.

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Las Vegas Sun, March 03, 1998

The NeXt Files

What lies beyond normal human consciousness? Delving into 'altered states' and 'transpersonal psychology,' a UNLV visiting professor aims to find out

By Lisa Ferguson
LAS VEGAS SUN

Rolling up his long, striped shirt sleeves, Charles Tart prepares to journey into the mysteries of the mind.

And, just as he's done twice weekly since January, he's taking the 69 UNLV students enrolled in his "Altered States of Consciousness" class with him.

On a recent blustery afternoon, Tart, distinguished visiting professor on a one-year appointment with the university's Bigelow Chair of Consciousness Studies, took the stage of an expansive lecture hall in the Flora Dungan Humanities building.

The topic of this day's lecture: Dreaming. "In my ordinary life, I'm a mild-mannered professor. In my dream life, you're looking at Indiana Jones," he jokes with the group.

But the study of human consciousness is no laughing matter to Tart, who has spent the bulk of his career researching, teaching, lecturing and writing more than a dozen books and countless academic papers about the subject.

His 1969 volume, "Altered States of Consciousness," (which is also one of the course's textbooks) sold more than 100,000 copies. It was followed by such intriguingly-titled scientific works as "On Being Stoned: A Psychological Study of Marijuana Intoxication" (1971) and "Psi: Scientific Studies of the Psychic Realm" (1977).

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Includes photo of Tart.

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RADIN PROTESTS UNLV DISMISSAL

At: <http://www.psiresearch.org/crlthes.htm>

This document includes an article on Radin's UNLV dismissal in the London Times Higher Education Supplement (10/17/97), along with Radin's response to it.

Radin: "At first, the Provost countered the academic freedom issue by citing the appointment of parapsychologist Charles Tart to the Bigelow Chair of Consciousness Studies for the 1997-1998 term. However, he later said it was merely a coincidence that Prof. Tart was a parapsychologist, and that 'next year ... the person sitting in the Bigelow Chair will be potentially from a totally unrelated area.' (Las Vegas Sun, 3/3/98). This is odd given that the Bigelow Chair was explicitly endowed to teach courses in survival of human consciousness, a sub-branch of parapsychology."

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