

UAP DISCLOSURE FORUM 2026

Humanity at the Edge of Discovery

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“From proof to process: what happens when the unknown becomes a public responsibility?”

Why this event matters

Organizer: Disclosure Foundation | Host: Jordan Flowers | Opening frame: Christopher Mellon

- Moved the subject from “are they real?” to “what is the plan?”
- Treated disclosure as governance, science, security, and resilience work
- Connected evidence, oversight, psychology, religion, technology, and markets
- Created a serious institutional setting for a topic long shaped by stigma



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“Disclosure is not only a UAP story. It is a trust story.”

Opening Address: Christopher Mellon

Christopher Mellon, Chairman of the Board, Disclosure Foundation; former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence

- Argued decisive UAP data remains behind classification walls
- Named major gaps: satellite, space surveillance, radar, and submerged-domain data
- Linked UAP transparency to democracy, national security, and science
- Framed secrecy as a drag on public trust and scientific progress



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“Ignorance is not a national security strategy.”

Congressional Roundtable on UAP Transparency

Anna Paulina Luna, Eric Burlison, André Carson, Suhas Subramanyam; Tim Burchett honored

- Presented UAP transparency as a bipartisan issue with public demand behind it
- Centered whistleblower protection, amnesty, and NDA waivers
- Discussed tools: subpoenas, UAP Disclosure Act, document requests, contractor scrutiny
- Identified procedural resistance and staff bottlenecks as real obstacles



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“If the system punishes truth-tellers, the truth stays buried.”

“Disclosure is not just a truth problem. It is a plumbing problem inside government.”

Disclosure Award: Lou Elizondo

Luis “Lue” Elizondo, former intelligence official and public UAP transparency advocate

- Accepted the award as a reflection of the broader public, not one person
- Described the forum as democracy in action
- Credited citizen pressure, witnesses, and bipartisan leaders for progress
- Reinforced truth-seeking as a civic responsibility



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“Truth and democracy go hand in hand.”

Security & Defense: National Security and UAP

Moderator: Gadi Schwartz | Panelists: Christopher Mellon, Kirk McConnell, Rear Adm. Timothy Gallaudet, Marik von Rennenkampff

- Focused on incursions over bases, ranges, ships, and underwater domains
- Asked whether government knows a lot, or is concealing uncertainty
- Identified silos and overclassification as preparedness failures
- Linked UAP seriousness to drone warfare and homeland defense gaps



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“Unknown does not mean alien, but unknown over military bases is worrying.”

“A healthy government should be able to say: we do not know yet, but here is how we are investigating.”

Policy Address: Senator Mike Rounds

Sen. Mike Rounds, U.S. Senator from South Dakota; Senate Armed Services and Senate Intelligence

- Framed oversight as a duty tied to national security and fiscal responsibility
- Explained the UAP Disclosure Act as modeled on the JFK records process
- Highlighted the need for a records review board and lawful declassification
- Warned that interagency and intercommittee silos weaken oversight



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“Disclosure needs architecture, not just announcements.”

Science & Investigation: From Anecdote to Data

Moderator: Kristin Fisher | Panelists: Avi Loeb, PhD; Harold “Hal” Puthoff, PhD

- Loeb: the work is to distinguish signals from noise
- UAP Science Advisory Council requested 50+ information items
- Puthoff: stove-piping blocks cross-correlation and technical progress
- Path forward: calibrated sensors, open data, peer review, testable hypotheses



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“Stories create urgency. Instruments create answers.”

“The right posture is not belief or ridicule. It is disciplined curiosity.”

Religious Implications: The Impossible Made Real

Carlos Eire, PhD, Yale University, T. Lawrason Riggs Professor of History and Religious Studies

- Religion has long dealt with encounters involving non-human intelligences
- Disclosure could rupture worldviews, but not necessarily destroy faith
- Miracle testimony and UAP testimony share the problem of believability
- The humanities help society interpret meaning, not just mechanism



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“Science may tell us what is happening. The humanities help us understand what it means.”

Society & Psychology: Processing the Unprecedented

Jennice Vilhauer, PhD, clinical psychologist and creator of Future-Directed Therapy

- Mass panic is unlikely; system strain is the bigger risk
- Stages: limited, confirmatory, attribution, reconciliation, integrated disclosure
- Perceived threat and personal relevance drive psychological impact
- Trustworthy communication and media standards are preparedness infrastructure



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“The risk is not mass panic. The risk is institutional unpreparedness.”

“How information is communicated may matter as much as the information itself.”

Technology & Innovation: What Comes Next

Moderator: Mike Gold | Panelists: Jonathan Miller, MIT; Susan Winterberg, dual-use and deep tech specialist

- Operators need sensemaking tools for anomalous events
- MIT exercise exposed confusion over authority, data reliability, and response
- Needed sensors: visual, radar, infrared, hyperspectral, propulsion signatures
- Citizen science, AI, NASA archives, and dual-use pathways can accelerate discovery



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“I do not know’ should be where the investigation begins, not where it ends.”

Financial Impacts: Risks and Opportunities

Moderator: Jordan Flowers | Panelists: Pippa Malmgren, economist; Matthew Tuttle, CEO, Tuttle Capital Management

- Challenged the assumption that disclosure automatically crashes markets
- Markets care about technology, energy, risk, and who understands the future first
- Potential themes: energy, propulsion, defense, sensors, AI, materials, robotics
- Analysts cannot model what remains hidden or undefined



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“Even the ordinary explanation has extraordinary consequences.”

“If the answer is drones, we need better defense. If the answer is unknown technology, we need better science. Either way, we need better systems.”

Closing: Whistleblower Support

Jordan Flowers; Dylan Borland; Matthew Brown; Jeff Nuccetelli; Whitley Strieber; Vanguard Enterprise

- Announced the first Disclosure Foundation grant: \$10,000 to Vanguard Enterprise
- Centered legal, financial, medical, psychological, and community support
- Named the human costs: careers, clearances, pensions, reputations, and families
- Honored experiencers and witnesses who lived through ridicule and isolation, by calling Whitley Strieber to the podium

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“If society wants truth, it must protect truth-tellers.”

“The credibility of disclosure will depend on how we treat the people who come forward.”

Cross-event learnings

A synthesis across the forum's policy, science, culture, technology, finance, and public-health sessions

- Disclosure is a process: laws, archives, sensors, communication, culture
- Transparency and security must be reconciled, not treated as opposites
- Evidence standards must mature without stigma or ridicule
- Public preparation is resilience infrastructure, not public relations

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“The responsible posture is neither blind belief nor reflexive dismissal. It is evidence-driven transparency.”

Podcast conclusion: the responsible path forward

Recommended close for a 45-minute podcast conversation

- If mundane: improve airspace security, sensor systems, and institutional trust
- If extraordinary: prepare for one of the largest worldview shifts in history
- Near term: protect whistleblowers, declassify lawfully, fund science, communicate clearly
- Do not overclaim, but do not let stigma substitute for investigation

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“The old model of stigma, silence, and overclassification is no longer enough.”

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