

CURRICULUM VITAE – Arthur Firstenberg

Arthur Firstenberg is the founder and president of the Cellular Phone Task Force, and the author of *The Invisible Rainbow: A History of Electricity and Life* (AGB Press 2017), available at http://www.cellphonetaskforce.org/?page_id=1427. He is also the author of *Microwaving Our Planet: The Environmental Impact of the Wireless Revolution* (Cellular Phone Task Force 1996). From 1997 to 2002, he was the editor of the journal *No Place To Hide*.

Since 1996, the Task Force has provided a global clearinghouse for information about wireless technology's injurious effects, and a national support network for people disabled by this technology. In 1997 the Task Force was the lead litigant in a challenge brought by over 50 citizens groups against the FCC's limits for human exposure to radio frequency radiation.

Firstenberg is also president of the Santa Fe Alliance for Public Health and Safety, which he co-founded in 2005 and which mounted a successful campaign to oppose citywide WiFi in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is president of New Mexicans for Utility Safety, which he co-founded in 2015 and which succeeded in stopping the deployment of Smart Meters in New Mexico's cities. He co-founded the Global Union Against Radiation Deployment from Space (GUARDS) in 2014 to oppose global wireless Internet from thousands of satellites in space.

Articles by Firstenberg or about his work have appeared in *Mother Jones*, *The Ecologist*, *Earth Island Journal*, *Vegetarian Times*, *Village Voice*, *Utne Reader*, *Townsend Letter for Doctors and Patients*, *New York Daily News*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and other newspapers and magazines. His work has been translated into Spanish, French, Portuguese, Dutch, Italian, Danish, Norwegian, Japanese, and Chinese.

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Cornell University with a B.A. in mathematics, he attended the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine from 1978 to 1982. Injury by x-ray overdose cut short his medical career. For the past 37 years he has been a researcher, consultant and lecturer on the health and environmental effects of electromagnetic radiation.

Training and Experience

Summers, 1966 and 1967. Research Fellow, renal and electrophysiology, Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York. Hugh J. Carroll, M.D., supervising physician.

1967. Winner, Westinghouse Science Talent Search.

1967 to 1971. National Merit Scholar, Cornell University.

1971. Bachelor of Arts with distinction in all subjects, Cornell University. Major: mathematics. Minor: physics.

1971. Elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

1976. Completed professional training program for interpreters for the deaf. University of Arizona.

1977 to 1978. Pre-medical courses at San Diego State University and University of California, San Diego.

1978. Enrolled in University of California, Irvine Medical School.

Summer 1980. Injured by overdose of X-rays. Became hypersensitive to electromagnetic radiation.

December 1981. Presented first paper on health effects of electromagnetic radiation: "The effects of radiant energy on living organisms."

February 27, 1982. Despite being in the top half of the class academically, was forced to resign from medical school due to life-threatening injuries from medical technology.

1983 to 1985. Attended RST-IV training in the Rubenfeld Synergy Method at The Rubenfeld Center, New York, New York.

1986 to 1988. Attended Feldenkrais training with Mia Segal in New York.

1996. Founded Cellular Phone Task Force.

1996 to present. President, Cellular Phone Task Force.

1997 to 2001. Leader of litigation brought by over 50 citizens' groups against the Federal Communications Commission's guidelines for human exposure to radio frequency radiation. *Cellular Phone Taskforce v. FCC*, 205 F.3d 82 (2nd Cir. 2000) and *Cellular Phone Taskforce v. FCC*, 217 F.3d 72 (2nd Cir. 2000), *cert. denied* (2001).

September 9, 1997. Cellular Phone Task Force incorporated in New York State as a domestic not-for-profit corporation.

1997. Expert witness, *Frank Szabo v. Esat Digifone Ltd.*, 2 ILRM 102 (Irish High Court, Feb. 6, 1998).

1997 to 2002. Publisher and Editor, *No Place To Hide*, a journal, distributed to subscribers worldwide, that documented the changes in public health and the environment that were being caused by wireless technology.

April 10, 1999. Panelist, international public forum, "Cell Phones, Antennas, Radio/TV Towers: Health Risks of Going Wireless. Sponsored by the California Council on Wireless Technology Impacts. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Tiburon, California.

July 30, 1999. Panelist, public forum, "Microwave War." Sponsored by the Mendocino Environmental Center. Mendocino Recreational Center, Mendocino, California.

November 10, 2000. Panelist, film and discussion with the filmmaker, "Powerlines: A short film by Helen Hall." Mendocino Rec Center, Mendocino, California.

March 20, 2001. Panelist, community forum, "Wireless Technology, Our Environment, and Historic Preservation." Sponsored by Alliance for Integrative Health Care, Cellular Free Mendocino, Community Action Network, Toxics Free Future and Mendocino Community Network. Presbyterian Church, Mendocino, California.

2005. Co-founded the Santa Fe Alliance for Public Health and Safety to oppose proposed city-wide WiFi.

2007. Appointed to steering committee to advise the Information Technology and Telecommunications Department of the City of Santa Fe on the health effects of wireless Internet.

May 14, 2007. Lecture, "City-wide WiFi: What's being proposed and why you should be afraid for your health." Sponsored by Santa Fe Alliance for Public Health and Safety. Santa Fe Women's Club, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

August 28, 2007. Presenter at environmental conference; "Ionizing and Non-Ionizing Radiation on Indian Lands." Sponsored by Unci Maka Uonihanpo (Honor Mother Earth). Prairie Knights Casino, Sanding Rock Sioux Indian Reservation.

May 27, 2010. Gave a workshop to medical practitioners: "Electromagnetic Fields in Clinical Practice: A Workshop for Doctors." Isis Medicine, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

December 22, 2010. Cellular Phone Task Force became a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization.

2014. Co-founded the Global Union Against Radiation Deployment from Space (GUARDS) to oppose high-speed Internet from thousands of satellites in space.

2015. Co-founded New Mexicans for Utility Safety to opposed Smart Meters in the State.

1985 to present. Certified Rubenfeld Synergy Method practitioner.

1988 to present. Certified Feldenkrais practitioner.

1996 to present. Environmental refugee. Fled New York City on November 21, 1996 due to life-threatening injuries from citywide rooftop cell phone antennas that were activated on November 14. Fled Norwich, New York in 1998 after the installation of cell towers there. Fled Mendocino, California in 2003 after digital TV and wireless Internet came to the Mendocino coast, and fled northern California in 2004 after living in a car and being unable to find a safe home for one year.

1996 to present. Consultant to doctors and individuals on electromagnetic fields and electromagnetic radiation.

Books

Microwaving Our Planet: The Environmental Impact of the Wireless Revolution (Cellular Phone Task Force, NY 1996).

Microwaving Our Planet: The Environmental Impact of the Wireless Revolution, second edition (Cellular Phone Task Force, NY 1997).

The Invisible Rainbow: A History of Electricity and Life (AGB Press: Santa Fe 2017).

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“5G Wireless in Space.” *Rocky Mountain Environmental Health Association Newsletter*, March 2018.

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- “Danger: radiation.” *Total Wellness*, September 2005.
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Testimonials

"*Microwaving Our Planet: The Environmental Impact of the Wireless Revolution* is an essential reference tool."

– Daryl T. Bean, National President, Public Service Alliance of Canada, September 14, 1998.

"Firstenberg is to be congratulated on the quality of his publication! He also has courage to take up military technology."

– Rosalie Bertell, PhD, Editor-in-Chief, *International Perspectives in Public Health*, April 1, 1999

"We feel that reading the *No Place To Hide* newsletter could extend your life with healthier years."

– Jerry Mittelman, DDS, editor, *The Holistic Dental Digest*, Sept./Oct. 1999

"He is one of my valued contributors and a personal hero."

– Gar Smith, editor, *Earth Island Journal*, October 24, 2000

"His work is absolutely essential and eventually it will be more widely appreciated."

– William E. Morton, MD, PhD, Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Epidemiology, Oregon Health Sciences University, May 1, 2001

“Your cause is a most important one, without any doubt. You mustn’t give up.”

– Teddy Goldsmith, founder, *The Ecologist*,
July 27, 2001

“At age 81, it’s normal for me to start losing my memory. But everybody I tell this to, says, ‘Well, I seem to be losing my memory, too.’ And I tell them about the work of Arthur Firstenberg.”

– Pete Seeger, April 21, 2000

“Firstenberg is a pioneer in the sense that Rachel Carson was a pioneer.”

– Chellis Glendinning, PhD, author of *When
Technology Wounds*, March 17, 2007

“*The Invisible Rainbow*, which as a medical doctor I found hard to put down, explores the relationship between electricity and life from beginning to end: from the early eighteenth century to today, and from the point of view of the physician, the physicist, and the average person in the street. Firstenberg makes a compelling case that the major diseases of civilization—heart disease, diabetes, and cancer—are in large part related to the pollution of our world by electricity.”

– Bradley Johnson, M.D.
Amen Clinic, San Francisco

“*The Invisible Rainbow* is wonderful. Firstenberg has done his research thoroughly. His book is easily readable and provocative while being entertaining. A remarkable contribution.”

– David O. Carpenter, M.D.
Director, Institute for Health and the Environment, School of Public Health,
State University of New York at Albany

“I found *The Invisible Rainbow* to be a mystery unfolding and could not put it down... This book is very, very important.”

– Sandy Ross, Ph.D.
President, Health and Habitat, Inc.

“I was stunned by *The Invisible Rainbow*. It is an extremely valuable document about an increasingly widespread environmental health risk to which we are all exposed. I am overwhelmed with admiration for what Firstenberg has accomplished.”

– William E. Morton, M.D., Dr.P.H.
Professor Emeritus, Oregon Health Sciences University

“*The Invisible Rainbow* is a game changer. I couldn't put it down. It's a grand overview of over-electrification and it's effects on biology. It's well written and researched. Arthur is a scientist and a journalist. He's a great story teller.”

Shelley Masters, artist
Sonoma, California

“The Invisible Rainbow: A History of Electricity and Life, by Arthur Firstenberg, is not only a marvelous opus. It is one of those once-in-a-millennium books that turn into classics. Easy to read, hard to put down, sublimely poetic, and scientifically rigorous, with a bibliography almost one-third the size of the book itself, this is a history of electricity which has never been told.”

Jennifer Wood, architect