

Dr. Gertrud Szilard will present the second annual Leo Szilard Award for Physics in the Public Interest

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Dr. Gertrud Weiss Szilard, Lecturer in Community Medicine at the University of California, San Diego, was named to present the second annual Leo Szilard Award for Physics in the Public Interest at the annual meeting of the American Physical Society held recently in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Szilard, widow of the Hungarian-born nuclear physicist, presented the award to Dr. Bernard T. Feld, Professor of Physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Elizabeth U. Baranger, Professor of Physics at the University of Pittsburgh and daughter of Dr. Harold Urey, University Professor Emeritus at UCSD, presided at the presentation.

The Leo Szilard Award for Physics in the Public Interest recognizes outstanding accomplishment by a physicist in promoting the use of physics for the benefit of society in such areas as the environment, arms controls, and science policy. It was established last year in honor of Szilard, a leader in the efforts of scientists to control nuclear weapons.

Dr. Feld was honored for his work on nuclear disarmament, his leadership of the Council for a Livable World, and his work on the Pugwash Conferences.

Mrs. Szilard, who holds a master's degree in public health from Columbia University and an M.D. from the University of Vienna, edited the scientific writings of her late husband for publication by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Press in late 1972 and is currently compiling the scientists' social and political writings, his fiction, and his taped interviews and speeches for publication as his collected works.

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