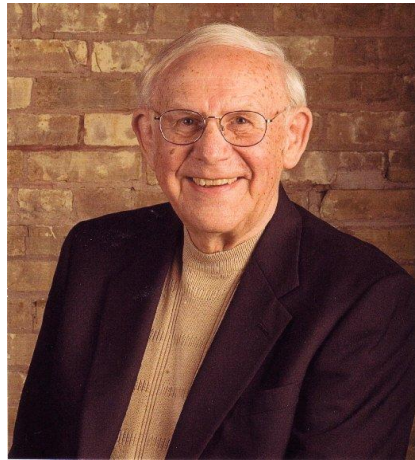


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Dr. Treffert graduated from the University of Wisconsin Medical School in 1958, interned in Eugene, Oregon and completed a Residency in Psychiatry at University Hospitals in Madison, Wisconsin. In 1962 he joined the staff of Winnebago Mental Health Institute where he developed the Child-Adolescent Unit. In 1964 he was named Superintendent of the Institute, a position he held for 15 years. In 1979 he left that position to divide his time between the private practice of Psychiatry and a position as Executive Director of the Fond du Lac County Health Care Center.



During that time he was also Medical Director of the Alcoholism Rehabilitation Unit of St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac. In 1991 he retired from those positions and now devotes his time to conducting research, writing and lecturing at the Treffert Center.

Dr. Treffert was President of the State Medical Society of Wisconsin in 1979-80 and Chairman of the Board of Directors of that organization from 1981-87. He has been President of the Wisconsin Psychiatric Association and the American Association of Psychiatric Administrators. He was a member of the Controlled Substances Board of Wisconsin for 12 years from 1970 to 1982. He was reappointed to that Board by the Governor in August 2004. He was a member of the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board from 1995-2003 and served as Chairman of the MEB in 2002. Dr. Treffert was a clinical professor at the University of Wisconsin Medical School and UW-Milwaukee.

Professional speaking and writing interests include prevention in the mental health area under the title of *Mellowing* and prevention in the physical health area under the title of *Rustproofing People*. He is an internationally known researcher on savant syndrome (islands of genius in otherwise severely disabled persons) and nationally known as well for his writings in the area of the rights of the mentally ill and in the area of alcohol and drug abuse. In these areas he has appearances on *60 Minutes*, *CBS Evening News*, *McNeil/Lehrer Newshour*, *Larry King*, *Today*, *Donahue*, *Oprah*, *Discovery Channel*, *Dateline*, *CNN*, and a number of documentaries in the U.S. and other countries. His work has appeared in numerous publications including *Time*, *People*, *Newsweek*, *USA Today*, and *Scientific American*. He has over 50 publications in professional journals as well. His book *Extraordinary People: Understanding Savant Syndrome* has been published in the U.S. and has been translated into ten other languages. His most recent book *Islands of Genius: The Bountiful Mind of the Autistic, Acquired and Sudden Savant* was published in April 2010; it summarizes his 50 years of interest and research in both autism and savant syndrome. Dr. Treffert was a consultant to the movie *Rain Man*, in which Dustin Hoffman portrays an autistic savant. He maintains a nationally and internationally recognized website on savant syndrome through the Wisconsin Medical Society at www.savantsyndrome.com

Dr. Treffert has received honorary awards from the Wisconsin Mental Health Association, the Office of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. He has been listed in the *Best Doctors in America*, by peer selection, beginning in 1979. He resides in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.