

Short Bio

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Teresa Woodruff is an internationally recognized expert in ovarian biology. In 2006, she coined the term oncofertility to describe the merging of two fields: oncology and fertility. Oncofertility is now a formalized medical field. Widely recognized for her work, Woodruff was awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring by Barack Obama in an Oval Office ceremony; the Beacon Award from Frontiers in Reproduction; and the Women in Science Award from the Weitzman Institute. She also was named to *Time* magazine's most influential persons list and received the highest alumni awards from the Northwestern Alumni Association and will receive the same honor from Olivet Nazarene University in 2016. She has an honorary degree from Bates College and was the first female commencement speaker at her alma mater, Olivet Nazarene University. She is civically active and is an elected member of The Economic Club of Chicago, an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, served on the school board of the Chicago-based Young Women's Leadership Charter School, is past president of the Endocrine Society, serves on Council for the Office of Women in the NIH Office of the Director, and championed the new NIH policy that mandates the use of females in fundamental research.