

Bumps in the Night!!!!

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At TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC our primary mission is to help the client with their paranormal concerns. We research the background of the property, gather data during an onsite investigation, review that data to determine if any paranormal evidence was captured, and provide the client with a report of our findings. We also use this time to educate our clients on the paranormal field and helping to ease their fears.

We would love to assist you with your paranormal needs. If you would like to know more about our services, ask us questions, or to request an investigation please go to www.tntparanormal.com.

Announcement: TnT Paranormal is accepting applications for full and part time team members. Use the following link to learn more:

<http://www.tntparanormal.com/seekingnewteammembers.htm>.

TnT Paranormal Happenings

June is a busy month for many people as the kids are home for summer break, and there are many outdoor activities to enjoy. The warmer weather has us all wanting to get out more and take in the sun! In addition to the summer fun, we at TnT Paranormal have been very active with cases as well as a memorable paravan trip. Some cases have been re-investigations while others have been new clients. All have given us a much appreciated opportunity to research!

We kicked off the month with the paravan to OH and investigated for the first time with Ghostland Society. The investigation was at the famous Ohio State Reformatory. It was great to investigate a prison and work with both new and remote team members. Great job to Tracey, Shannon, and Chris. See page 4 for more updates.

In June we also had several new cases from Hoffman Estates to Highland Park and revisits to existing cases in Naperville. We are preparing for some cases in July as well.

We added a new team member to the fold in June as well. We'd like to give a warm welcome to Linda Legac. Linda lives in the Orland Park area and is a high school teacher. She has taught Language Arts, Psychology and Special Education. To learn more about Linda go to: <http://www.tntparanormal.com/ourstaff.htm#746715990>.

Additional, highlights of our June Happenings are:

- Data Review from May cases
- Interviews with team applicants
- Scheduling additional library programs
- Discussions with a local location for hosting investigations for participants to come along with us on an investigation.

We are always on the lookout for new cases and places to investigate, so please keep us in mind if you hear of anything. That's all for this issue but not by any means, all for us and what we are up to. To learn more go to our website (www.tntparanormal.com), check us out on FaceBook (https://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_146712678732927&ap=1), or Twitter (TnTParanormal).

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Shadow People

by Angela Sangster, TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC

Shadows are seen every day as reflections of solid matter, however there are shadows that have been seen by people that seem to have no explainable source. There are theories about these "shadow people", ranging from hypnagogic and hypnopompic hallucinations, misperceptions, manifested energy, and "watchers". The watcher theory was especially expounded upon by a researcher named Heidi Hollis who often appeared on Art Bell's "Coast To Coast" radio show in the 1990's. Hollis claims that her studies have shown these entities are not human in any way, but rather have been around since before the earth's creation.

None of her research or claims have been conclusively proven, however the studies have certainly kept the interest in these creatures going. It was on Bell's radio program that the term "shadow people" became a popular reference. It had been used before in a radio serial drama during the 1950's called "Hall of Fantasy", however the concept is certainly not exclusive to recent history. Many cultures have spoken of ominous shadows that foretell danger of some kind.

One such culture is the Cherokee nation. Legends speak of a menacing creature known as the Raven Mocker, which is said to be a grotesque bird that shape-shifts into a malevolent shadowy creature with exaggerated human-like features. It was believed that the appearance of the Raven Mocker signified the attempt to capture a soul as it crossed from life into death.

Some people believe that shadow creatures are evil or demonic in nature. The belief can be so strong, that clergy will sometimes offer to do a blessing or a cleansing of the home or area. Each religion has its own way of ridding evil entities, and as with anything, much of it is dependent on the belief of those involved, as well as the conviction of those beliefs. It must be stressed that there is nothing to conclusively prove that demonic entities exist, however there continue to be many theories on this subject. Other beliefs include the possibility of the shadows being manifestations of negative energy that causes an unpleasant feeling of heaviness and dread.

The shapes of the shadows often vary from animals and insects to full bodied apparitions. Two of the most commonly reported sightings are the Hat Man and the Hooded Shadow. The Hat Man is said to be the shadow of a tall man wearing a fedora hat. Some have reported feeling dread or the sense of something negative upon seeing this particular creature. The Hooded Shadow is often reported in cases of sleep paralysis, a sleeping disorder that can cause a person to feel awake and yet unable to move. This has been researched and is popularly accepted that they are instances of the brain waking up before the body. In this state, many describe seeing a shadow of a hooded figure or an old woman in a cloak. This is often called the "Old Hag" syndrome.

Other possible explanations for seeing shadow creatures are eye floaters, which can be caused by a variety of eye conditions. This is especially true if shadows resembling insects are seen. Pareidolia, or the mind's tendency to make sense of random shapes, can cause a person to think they are seeing a shadow creature when it is likely the shadow of something mundane. Certain neurological conditions must also be ruled out, as some of these can cause brain misfires and hallucinations.

Hypnagogic hallucinations are ones that are seen just as a person is drifting off to sleep and hypnopompic hallucinations appear just upon waking. These can be extremely frightening, and many have reported seeing shadowy creatures emerging out of nowhere. The reports are

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Shadow People – Is it just me or something else?

varied in physical confrontations, however the majority say that they are simply watched in an unsettling way. This can be explained by the person panicking upon seeing a shadow and striking out. In a state of REM sleep, it can feel as though a physical attack is happening. At TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC, we will keep researching all possible answers on these reports. Whether they can be explained or not, we understand that actually seeing something that looks sinister right in front of you is frightening. These shadow creatures have been talked about for a very long time and will no doubt continue to fascinate us for years to come!

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Famous Haunts

McPike Mansion, Alton, IL

<http://www.mcpikemansion.com/index.htm>

Located just 25 miles north of St. Louis Missouri is the river town of Alton in Madison County, Illinois. It is well known for being the last stop in the Lincoln/Douglas debates that took place in seven Illinois cities in 1858, as well as the bluffs along River Road. The land in this particular section of the Midwest is ideal farm country, which is likely what drew Henry Guest McPike to call it home. He purchased fifteen acres and commissioned a mansion to be built by the well-known architect Lucas Pfeifferberger. The home was completed in 1869. He enjoyed many years at "Mt. Lookout Park" and as he was extremely proficient in horticulture, the land was cultivated well. Crops and vineyards thrived, and the "McPike Grape" was well known throughout the country. He has three marriages on record, with children from each one. He remained at the mansion for the rest of his days until his death in 1910 at the age of 85.

The history of the home becomes slightly muddled at this point. The property was occupied by Brown's Business College for a time as well as a man named Paul Laichinger. During the time of Laichinger's ownership, the home was rented out as rooms to tenants. The last time anyone was known to have lived in the property was the early 1950's. The once beautiful Italian/Victorian mansion became a crumbling ruin for many years until it was purchased in 1994 by a couple who has worked hard along with volunteers to restore the mansion to its former glory.

There are some who say that the home has picked up a few spirits along the way. Much of what has been reported seems to be sights and sounds from another time that remain imprinted there. Sounds of children's laughter as well as apparitions of a woman thought to have been a cleaning lady and former owner Paul Laichinger have been reported. Sightings of what are thought to be members of the McPike family have

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McPike Mansion

also been claimed by those who have ventured inside. One of the most allegedly active areas of the home is in the basement where the former wine cellar is located. Most of the reports seem to indicate that if indeed any spirits remain in McPike mansion, they are simply doing what they did in life--tending to and enjoying the home and land.

The mansion is open to tours and investigations, with proceeds going to the renovations of the home, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. During these times, many believe they have experienced paranormal activity including apparitions and disembodied voices. One moment in particular was caught on video and featured on the television show "Fact or Faked". A mist seemingly came out of nowhere during an investigation of the wine cellar, appearing to dip in and out in front of the people there. When Fact or Faked attempted to recreate the mist using natural means, nothing quite added up to what was on the original video. The mansion was also featured on the television show Ghost Lab. It remains one of the most mysterious and talked about haunted locations in the Midwest.

Link to video from YouTube on the SyFy Fact or Faked episode:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6sCzYUTEwPQ>

Ohio State Reformatory – Paravan Update

On Tuesday, May 31st several of the TnT Paranormal team members drove from Chicago over to Mansfield, OH and along with Ghostland Society had a private tour and investigation of the old Ohio State Reformatory. On Wednesday, June 1st we arrived at the prison at 1pm for a private tour with our tour guide, Ron Puff. Ron took us on a 2.5 hour walk through of the prison and showed us hotspots and told us stories from previous investigations. We then took a break for a few hours and went to get ready for the night.

We arrived back at 7PM for the investigation. We spent the first hour or so getting equipment ready, setup, and checking out the location at night. Then we split up into teams and took a rotation approach for the investigation....meaning a team per area of the prison for a certain amount of time and then go to next area. All in all there were 5 separate locations and 5 separate teams of 3 investigators. The investigation ran from 7:30PM to 5AM.

During the investigation several of us had personal experiences in several areas of the prison. So we hope that we have some data to back them up. One such experienced happened to three of the investigators on the floor directly above where the prison chapel had been. This room had been used as a hospital, most notably as a Tuberculosis Hospital. There were three of us up there and as we left two of us felt as if there was an oppressive feeling as if something (or someone) did not want us up there. The feeling kept getting more intense and more negative. We decided to leave the area and as we neared the stairs it felt like this presence was right behind us...pushing us out. Pushing us down the stairs. Those that felt that presence will tell you it was like nothing else they had even felt before. It took several minutes for the feeling to pass and to get back to normal. What it was they aren't sure, but hope we have some data to help us figure it out.

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Tools of the Trade

Digital Video Recorder (DVR) System



DVR System

As paranormal investigators we are in search of data to show that the paranormal does exist, or at the very least answer some questions that both we and our clients might have. There are many methods we use to document an investigation, but the two main methods are with video and audio data. One of the techniques used to capture video data is using an “off the shelf” video surveillance system such as a Digital Video Recorder (DVR) with external Infrared Camera (IRs) attached to it.

The DVR systems used are very similar to what are used by department and grocery stores to monitor their stores and parking lots. The main difference is that they connect the cameras in a permanent stationary position, which is how they are designed to function. We however use them on tripods to give us a temporary stationary position.

The cameras we use are the day/night type that can film in the daylight and in the complete darkness. We have many different types, styles and varieties of these cameras. We have some that can film in complete darkness for up to 80 feet and some that can film up to 132. They come in distance ratings from 60 to 200+. Keep in mind you don't want too many long range cameras if you are doing home investigations because for smaller rooms the long range varieties will wash out on the walls.

The cameras are connected to the DVR using cables or via wireless technology. The type of cable will depend on the type of DVR and the distance in which the camera will be from the DVR system. These cables come in various lengths from 25' to 300'. The type we use in of the BNC variety with the power and data connection being supplied by the same cable. This technology is called Siamese cables.

We use tripods in various sizes, shapes, varieties, etc. We have some that can sit on a table top and some that will elevate the camera to 7' from the ground/floor. We have some, called Gorilla, that have flexible legs and can literally be wrapped around a stationary item.

Some people ask us why we use IR cameras and why we investigate at night. The primary reason is the theory that more paranormal experiences are document in the IR frequency of the light spectrum. These IR cameras work better at night. Thus the use of them at night. Some ask is it because activity is more at night. We can't be sure of that, since we've been able to document activity at various times of the day and night.

Please note this entire setup was not designed for setup and tear down over and over again, but rather to be installed once and remain installed. So make sure to be careful with your components to assist with a longer life, which will keep your costs down.



IR Camera Setup

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Ghostly Believe it or Not

What you Don't Know Might Scare You

Story by Shannon Tanner, TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC

In *Unwanted Guest*, I told you about my first ghost experience that had occurred during my visit to my cousin's house. After a horrifying night in his house, I asked my cousin for an explanation about what was happening in the house. He spent the next few hours telling me story after story of paranormal events that had occurred over the years in his family's house. I don't have the room to share all of them with you, but here are a few of the stories he shared with me. The names were changed to protect their identities.

Snooze

Days after Christmas my aunt took my cousins shopping, so they could return items and to buy gifts with their Christmas money. Chad, the eldest son, decided he would rather sleep-in than go fight the crowds at the mall. My Aunt Kara and my three younger cousins got up really early and left for their shopping trip. Chad was sleeping on the couch when he was awakened by loud music coming from the upstairs. He went upstairs and turned off his sister's new clock/radio. He was angry that she forgot to turn off her alarm before she left. Chad reclaimed his place on the couch and soon was snoozing again.

He hadn't slept long when he was woke up by music playing upstairs. Chad stomped up the stairs mad at himself for bumping the snooze button. He was surprised to find that it wasn't Helen's clock playing, but it was his own clock/radio playing at full volume. He turned it off and returned to the couch. Before he could doze off again, more music was blasting. He went up the stairs with a bit more fear than the first few times. His radio was playing again, unsure if he had bumped the snooze button he decided to unplug not just his clock but all of the clock/radios upstairs.

As Chad began to fall sleep, music started to play upstairs. He grabbed his shoes, coat, and ran the block to his grandparents' house. He waited for his mother and siblings to return at his grandparents' house.

Alone In The Dark

The winter before my visit, my Uncle Liam renovated the downstairs bathroom. My cousins, Chad and Bryce were watching football on the television as he began to tile the shower and floor. Uncle Liam asked Chad and Bryce to carry up some of the supplies being stored in the shed. The boys went out to the shed and brought in boxes of tiles and other supplies for his project.

Bryce left with some friends, so Chad had to help my uncle alone. It began to get dark about the time Liam asked Chad to bring up more tile. Chad was walking down the path when he thought he heard someone walking with him. He thought his dad had joined him outside. When he turned around, he found himself all alone. Chad began to walk again and again he hears someone walking in the snow behind him, but no one was there. He picks up the tile and races the hundred yards to the house. Liam told Chad to go ahead bring up the rest of the tile. Each box of tile weighed 30 lbs, so he could only carry a couple of boxes at a time without danger of dropping and breaking the tile. As Chad entered the shed he heard someone call his name, he thought it might be his dad. When he brought the tile to his dad, Chad asked if my uncle had called to him. Liam said he hadn't called his name. This freaked Chad out; he was scared of what might be outside. He didn't want to go back outside, but Liam told him to go get the tile and quit making excuses.

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Chad continued to hear footsteps and even heard his name said a few times. On his last trip about halfway to the shed he heard his dad say his name. He was positive it was his father's voice as he turned back toward the house. Again, he was standing alone; Chad ran the remaining distance to the shed. Just as he entered the shed, he saw a white figure behind him. He picked up the last two boxes of tiles and turned toward the door of the shed. A white figure stood between him and the door, Chad just stared at the figure. The figure rushed past Chad, he started for the door when he heard his name. Chad took off running for the house; he could hear the figure running behind him. He felt a cold hand on his shoulder as he entered the house. Chad put the boxes on the floor and told his dad if he wanted anything else he had to get it himself.

The Snow Shadow

Uncle Liam thought the kids and my Aunt Kara were hysterical and making things up. He wouldn't listen to their stories, even teasing them and continued to deny any paranormal activity in their house. A few weeks after Chad had been harassed while carrying tile, my uncle was using a snow blower to clear the driveway and make a footpath to the house.

The day before there had been a snowstorm and it had snowed more than 12 inches. It was early so the snow was still pristine. Liam was running the blower when he saw a shadow in the snow. He thought one of the kids had come outside, when he looked behind him no one was there nor were there footprints in the snow. After sometime he ran out of gas, he walked through the deep snow to get some gas. He kept hearing footsteps and even his name being said a few times. He refused to acknowledge what was occurring. When he came out of the shed to return to the snow blower he found two sets of footprints going to the shed. He finished clearing the driveway and the path to the house. He told my aunt later that he saw shadows in the snow many times, but there was no one outside with him and it wasn't his shadow. He wouldn't talk about what happened, but after that, he didn't dismiss their fear or make fun of them about what they were experiencing.

Paranormal or Not?



Picture: Private Investigation, Waverly Hills Sanatorium, Louisville, KY

The above picture was taken in August of 2009 while at a private investigation at Waverly Hills Sanatorium in Louisville, KY. The top row of windows is the 4th floor of the building. Take a closer look at the window to the left of the window with the ladder in it. Please note no one was in that portion of the building at the time. What do you make of it?

Answers will be provided in next month's issue.

Answer from the June Issue:

Picture : Investigation, Shelbyville, IL

This picture was taken with a digital camera, and it was cold outside at the time with snow on the ground. It could be the breathe of the person taking the photo or could be heat coming off the person or the building. Either way we do not feel it is paranormal, but rather an explainable photo. What are your thoughts on it?



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Paranormal Talk with Rev. Kathy

The Doppelganger Effect

Contributed By Rev. Kathy Houck, Independent Paranormal Investigations Research Consultant

Doppelganger is a German term from the combined words *doppel*, meaning 'double' and *ganger*, meaning 'goer' or less commonly 'walker'. The word originates from folklore and was first used in print in 1796 by author Jean Paul in his German romance novel *Siebenkas* and defined in a footnote.

The doppelganger is one of the most unusual classifications of interactive human spirits and remains the most difficult to describe or to find evidence of. I call it the *living ghost*, as this type of spirit entity is still alive in the flesh in an actual body. Through *bi-location*, or the ability to be in two places at the exact same moment in time, a person is able to be present in spirit *and* elsewhere from their physical location.

A common form of this phenomenon is when a person witnesses a doppelganger previous to the mortality moment. This is known to have happened just prior to the time of death. Numerous reports exist of spouses, relatives and close friends being visited far away from a loved one on their deathbed with a personal message of love and affirmation of safety and security.

Less commonly yet still important are those events when someone may see us out in the community somewhere, maybe walking down the street, at the library or at a store. You get the phone call only to tell your friend that no, you were at home or work and it couldn't have possibly been you. "I swear it was you!" Your friend may exclaim. Usually, the person visualizing the doppelganger is certain of what they have seen.

When someone reports an experience such as this that is impossible to investigate as it lasts only moments and is unlikely to recur, *should* we consider the character and credibility of the witness and accept it as unexplained or paranormal phenomena? It's also unlikely we will ever know if a doppelganger that passes through in spirit is aware of or in any way in control of their own appearance to others. Is it just a case of mistaken identity, or could there be a deeper explanation?

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Ask TnT Paranormal

These questions were submitted by our readers, by our online subscribers, or at events.

What is an Intelligent Haunting?

An *intelligent* haunting is a spirit (also known as entity) that has some intelligence to it. An *intelligent* haunting will have no set pattern to the activity and will make attempts to communicate with the living.

How many types of EVPs are there?

Electronic Voice Phenomenon (EVP) is a voice that was captured using an audio or video recorder, but was not heard by the humans in the location at the time of the recording. The theory is that an EVP is not audible to the human ear and can only be heard when captured on recording equipment and are in frequencies below the range heard by the human ear.

There are 3 classes of EVPs (A – C):

- **Class A** - This type of EVP is loud, clear, and of very high quality and is easily understandable and does not need enhancement or amplification. Often (but not always) in direct response to a question being asked.
- **Class B** - This is the most common type of EVP. This type of EVP is of somewhat lower quality and clarity and often do need some amount of enhancement or amplification to be heard clearer.
- **Class C** - This is the lowest quality EVP. With a Class C EVP even the best enhancement and amplification may not be sufficient to make the voice audible or clear.

Sneak Peek



In the next issue of Bumps in the Night!!!:

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- **Famous Haunts** – S121
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What's on Your Mind?

Audio – Things to be aware of!!!

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We would like to discuss different noises that can take place during an investigation that, if not accounted for, can sound like something unexplained. Taking some time to account for all noises made that have a natural cause will help in doing review later.

Stomach growls: This is one of those times when you have to sheepishly say "that was me..." because otherwise, it may sound on audio like something else. It's important for the reviewer to know what made the sound...the demon of Taco Bell can sound a lot like a demon from hell! Carrying some snacks to munch on in designated areas will help keep growling stomachs under control.

Any walking or movement: If you are going to walk around, state in a clear voice who you are and that you are walking to another area.

Don't hold audio equipment in your hand any more than absolutely needed to move it. Account for any jewelry you are wearing on your hands and wrists if you do have to pick anything up.

Make sure all investigators in the room state their name in a clear voice so the reviewer will know who all is in the room. This can eliminate false tags later as well.

DO NOT WHISPER! When you are doing an investigation, the temptation to whisper is there because it is quiet and you're wanting to stay quiet. It is better to speak in a clear voice if it is necessary...and of course, avoid all unnecessary conversation. Whispers will confuse a reviewer later because it is too difficult to tell who is doing it.

Always look at your surroundings. If you are outside, take into account that there could be animals, cars, and a multitude of other outside sounds. Identify these clearly when possible. Go outside and hear what sounds are being made to get an idea of what to identify.

Identify house/building sounds: All buildings make sounds of some kind..whether it is foundation settling, animals getting in, or the creaks and moans of expansion and contraction. If it is a home or building that is still in use, then it is important to check where all appliances are, especially ones that run on a cycle. Flush toilets and turn water on to see what sounds the plumbing makes.

Wear soft soled shoes to eliminate extra sounds from footsteps. Wear clothing that doesn't make a lot of noise (such as biker wallets or chains).

Set up rubber band stands when possible to eliminate sounds traveling through the table or surface.

These are just a few suggestions to eliminate false tags during later review of audio. Before we can identify a sound as unexplained, ALL explanations must be considered, and when possible, identified or eliminated.

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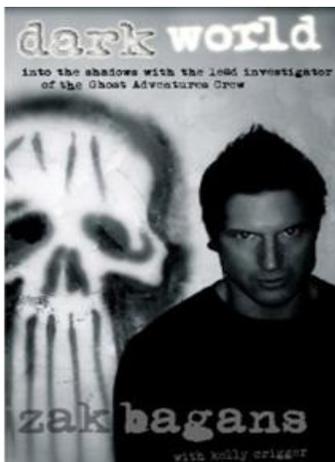
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Dark World: Into the Shadows with the Lead Investigator of The Ghost Adventures Crew



Authors: Zac Bagans and Kelly Criggers

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It's easy to say ghosts exist or don't exist. Anyone can do that. Trying to figure out the why or what is a different story. Paranormal investigator Zak Bagans, host of the popular Travel Channel series *Ghost Adventures*, pulls from his years of experience with paranormal activities and unexplained phenomena to provide an evenhanded look at a divisive subject.

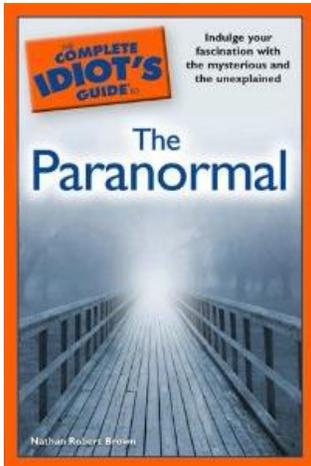
In *Dark World*, regardless of whether you believe in the afterlife or not, Zak does his best to find and share answers to the phenomena that people encounter. He wants you to experience a haunting through his eyes: to feel what it's like to be scared, freaked out, pushed, cold, sluggish, whispered-at and touched by an ethereal being or attacked by a demonic spirit. But beyond simply experiencing these events, Zak is looking for the reasons behind them, searching for answers to the unanswered questions. Addressing all the major issues and theories of the field in an impartial way,

Dark World is a must read for paranormal enthusiasts, those who don't believe and anyone who's ever wondered about things that go bump in the night.

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The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Paranormal



An otherworldly examination of the unknown that will keep fright fans reading all night

From any strange experience that can't be defined by science to psychic phenomena to monsters and weird creatures, *The Complete Idiot's Guide(r) to the Paranormal* focuses on the most interesting and bone-chilling aspects of the Paranormal the supernatural including:

- Ghosts and spirits
- Angels, demons, and spellcasters
- Unexplained phenomena

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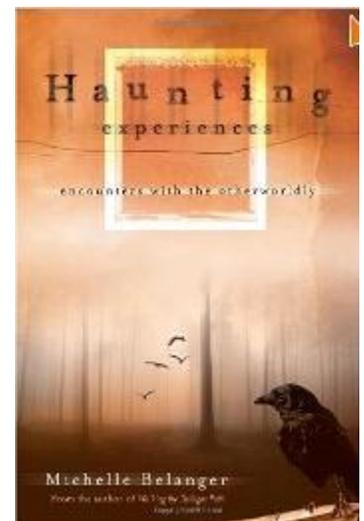
Haunting Experiences: Encounters with the Otherworldly

Michelle Belanger's chilling collection of true ghost stories will take you further than you've ever gone before into the realm of spirits, astral entities, and dark forces. Along the way, you'll encounter haunted violins, dark fey, hell hounds, haunted cremains, and even an astral vampire summoned by an aspiring magician who becomes its unwitting target.

Whether she's being accosted by an angry spirit who recently committed suicide or being driven out of haunted woods in a very Hitchcock-esque manner, Belanger's hard-won expertise and insightful commentary add both depth and context to her truly frightening—and sometimes dangerous—haunted experiences.

About the Author

Michelle Belanger (Ohio) is a popular author best known for her writings on psychic vampirism and the modern vampire subculture. A self-professed energy vampire, she has appeared on the British documentary *American Vampires*, Peter Anthony Holder's *Soul Call*, *Coast to Coast*, the *X-Zone*, as well as on the History Channel, WE!, and A&E. She has lectured at colleges across the United States and occasionally tours with her Chicago-based dark metal band URN. More information can be found at www.michellebelanger.com and www.twilightpath.com.



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- Paranormal 101 Program, Fountaindale Library, Bolingbrook, 9/8 at 7:00PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Lansing Library, 9/15 at 6:30PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Glenwood-Lynwood Library, 9/22 at 7:00PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Lemont Library, 9/29 at 7:00PM
- Chicago Ghost Conference III (hosting a booth), Portage Theater, Chicago, IL, September 30 – October 1, 2011 (<http://www.chicagohauntings.com/conference.html>)
- Paranormal 101 Program, Carol Stream Library, 10/4 at 7:00PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Lisle Library, 10/6 at 7:00PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Wilmette Library, 10/11, at 7:00PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Three Rivers Library, 10/13 at 6:30PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Downers Grove Library, 10/18 at 7:00PM
- Paranormal 102 Program, Westmont Library, 10/20 at 7:00PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Mt. Prospect Library, 10/25 at 7:30PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, New Lenox Library, 10/27 at 6:30PM

To learn more about these events go to:

<http://www.tntparanormal.com/events.htm>

Upcoming Paranormal Events

- September 30 – October 1, 2011, Chicago Ghost Conference III, Portage Theater, Chicago, IL, <http://www.chicagohauntings.com/conference.html>
- August 12-13, 2011, Second Annual Michigan Paranormal Convention, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, <http://miparacon.com/>
- August 20, 2011, Buffalo Central Terminal, Buffalo, NY, http://idealeventmanage.com/buffalo_central_terminal.html
- December 16 - 19, 2011, Mt. Washington, Beyond Reality Events, <http://www.beyondrealityevents.com/mtwashington/>

Investigator Spotlight

Kim Slater

Investigator in Training

Kim was born in Morris, IL and has lived in the Chicagoland area for over thirty years. She has been interested in all things paranormal for as long as she can remember. It started when she was a young girl hooked on horror comics and movies, and now as an adult, watches Ghost Hunters and Ghost Adventures TV shows and reads a lot of books on the paranormal. Her favorite holiday is Halloween and spends many months planning the perfect scary costume for her two daughters. She also enjoys outdoor adventures that including camping, fishing, and nature hikes with her children. Kim is thrilled to be part of a paranormal team and is eager to learn more about the process and maybe find some answers on what could be out there.