



## Atristain Publishes First Book

The book begins by describing why the paranormal is worthy of scientific investigation and why belief in the paranormal has increased over the last 10 years. Next it reviews the areas of neuroscience, neurotheology, and quantum physics. These are relatively new areas to mainstream science and therefore can be unfamiliar even to the veteran paranormal investigator. The brief overview of each topic provides one with a general understanding of the topic and explains why they are important to paranormal research and how they may someday make the paranormal very normal.

The basics of the three-step investigation process used by The Center for Paranormal Research and Investigation (CPRI) is presented next. This is the same process used by the group I am affili-

ated with and it is good to see others using it. This investigation procedure is very successful and should be used by more paranormal investigators. A little bit more information on what types of questions are asked during the interview and the specifics of the full-scale investigation would have been an added bonus.

The review of theories on infrasound, electromagnetic fields, and geomagnetic fields, their effects on the brain, and how they can be the cause of some subjective paranormal experiences is extremely well done. Complex theories from Michael Persinger

and Vic Tandy are presented in a logical and easily understandable format. Examples from the scientific literature and real-life case studies provide the needed support in order to drive the information home. unique equipment the CRPI is using to test these theories in the field.

Visit [lulu.com/cpri](http://lulu.com/cpri) for more info.



The cover of Bobbie Atristain's new book "Haunted People, Haunted Minds". You can buy it by visiting <http://lulu.com/cpri>

## "Last Call on the Potomac" Published

Al Tyas, former Co-Director of the VA Ghost and Hauntings Research Society and current Founder and Director of DC Metro Area Ghosthunters has published his first book. It details case studies around the Northern

VA area. This book contains true accounts of hauntings across the Washington, DC Metro Area as told by Al Tyas, the Founder & Chief of Washington, DC Metro Area Ghost Watchers. This book focuses on the history

of several haunted places in the DC Metro Area, and the investigations that documented each haunting.

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### Special points of interest:

- CPRI is featured in a new documentary about the paranormal
- CPRI films an episode of the hit show Ghost Hunters
- Bobbie Atristain publishes her first book
- New Ghost Hunting DVD set is released by Mike Roberge

## CPRI Spotlight: Melissa Kepley

Melissa was named Animal Cognition Specialist in 2006.

From a very young age Melissa had an inexplicable connection with animals of all species. The pursuit of an explanation for this feeling of connection led her to begin research into the paranormal and parapsychology. She began formally working with animals as a veterinary technician, and broadened her knowledge and skill base to include pet grooming, canine obedience training, biofield therapy, and grief counsel-



Animal Cognition Specialist Melissa Kepley

ing for pet owners mourning the passing of their beloved companions. She returned to school in the year 2000 to earn her B.A. from The College of William

and Mary in Comparative Psychology, a field of study that utilizes animal cognition and behavior models to analyze aspects of human behavior. She is also a Certified Dog Behavior Consultant through The International Association of

Animal Behavior Consultants.

Through her work with CPRI, Melissa hopes to further research the role animals play in detecting paranormal activity, as well as the existence of interspecies communication on a telepathic level.

When she is not tending to her research subjects at The College of William and Mary, she enjoys spending time with her husband Donnie and her four dogs.

## Rhine Research Center: EVP/ITC Program

**Wednesday November 1 12-1:30pm: Special 1 ½ hour Scholars Luncheon: Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) and Instrumental Transcommunication (ITC): Communications with the Spirit World?** A presentation by a panel of RRC re-

searchers Steve Baumann, Jim Carpenter and Graham Watkins along with Jerry Pittman, a local Raleigh physician, will provide a brief history and the current state of affairs of

EVP/ITC with examples. Donations \$10, RRC Members \$8.

Bring a bag lunch, drinks will be provided. Call 309-4600 for more information

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## CPRI Films with T.A.P.S for the Show “Ghost Hunters”

CPRI Director and Founder Bobbie Atristain will be a guest investigator on an upcoming episode of the SciFi hit “Ghost Hunters” to air sometime in January. CPRI allowed TAPS to investigate one of their former cases for the show. Although we aren’t allowed to give you any

details right now due to privacy policy for the show we can promise an interesting turn of events at this infamous location. We will post details about the airing of the show when they become available. *Check out the Ghost Hunters website @ <http://scifi.com/ghosthunters>.*



Brian Hanois, Melissa Kepley, Bobbie Atristain, and Tom Vranas

## Mike Roberge Releases a How To Ghost Hunt DVD Set

These DVD's are designed for people of a wide variety of interest levels. From the novice ghost hunter, to the victims of hauntings who are looking for answers, to experienced individuals in the field of the paranormal and Demonology.

These 4 DVD's cover a very wide range of topics. Just to name a few:

Technical aspects of ghost hunting - how to use equipment and what to do with it

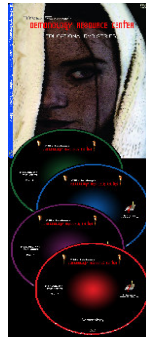
Psychic abilities - what they are,

who has them, and when and how to use them

The various spirits - strengths, ties, manifestations - what to expect from them

Occult - Wicca, craft, Voodoo, Satanism

Spells and curses - The differences and what to do to combat them



*DVD set by Mike Roberge gives good advice on ghost hunting*

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Practices Witch-

Possession and Exorcism - detailed explanations

Visit <http://drcri.com> for more info

## Movie Spotlight: Texas Chainsaw Massacre The Beginning

With the success of the remake it didn't take long before the studio decided to make another film, but instead of a sequel, we'd be given a prequel that would detail Leatherface's past. The idea sparked much interest among the horror community as we've never received much insight on the family's background, especially that of Leatherface in any of the previous films. It was hinted that he had a

hard childhood in the remake, which gave us an idea as to why Leatherface became the way he is. The Beginning offers some interesting ideas on the family, but we really don't see much of our chainsaw-wielding maniac growing up except for an intro montage over some credits. The film takes place in 1969, which is four years before the events of the remake. In the film we're shown how R. Lee Ermy

became Sheriff Hoyt, how Uncle Monty lost his legs, and the family's introduction to cannibalism (which was nonexistent in the remake) and Leatherface's first use of his ever-favorite weapon -- the trusty chainsaw. Darkness Falls director Jonathan Liebesman returns from doing shorts to go behind the camera for this film replacing Marcus Nispel as director of the '03 version.

## CPRI Featured in a Documentary

CPRI was featured in a documentary by Exspiro Productions entitled "The Other Side: Giving Up the Ghost". It has already been entered in film festivals and will be released on DVD in April of 2007. The film features a who's who among paranormal researchers

including members of CPRI along with John Zaffis, Vince Wilson and the gang @ Ghostly Talk Radio Show. It explores both sides of the paranormal debate. You can visit <http://exspiroproductions.com> to view the trailer and find out

more information.



The Other Side Giving Up the Ghost will be released in April 2007.

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*The Center for Paranormal Research and Investigation\*\* is a non-profit organization based outside of Richmond, VA. We conduct investigations into the paranormal in a non-metaphysical manner. One of our main goals is to seek out allegedly "haunted locations"\* and to assist those who are experiencing problems with the paranormal. We then look for authentic evidence of the paranormal and try to determine if the location is haunted\*. We are seeking genuine evidence and are careful about the presentation of this evidence... insuring that it is legitimate, researched and analyzed before being presented to the general public.*

*We use strict SCIENTIFIC methods to obtain TANGIBLE evidence - Evidence that leaves no doubt about its origin, cause and effect. Evidence that will be reproducible under controlled testing conditions. (example - If a ghost is residing in a home and is able to be clearly picked up by videotape, then it should be able to be clearly picked up upon testing replication.)*

*We are skeptics and not debunkers - skeptic means to question and debunk means to expose while ridiculing.*

## Investigation Report: Private Residence in Newport News, VA

The team arrived on time and after introductions Tom reviewed the reported events to the team. The location of the equipment was quickly put in place and the investigation began on time at 20:30. Tom showed Mark the locations for the EMF readings in the children's room and Mark continued the readings every half hour as planned. The EMF meters were modified with book lights so the meters could be read in the dark. Each round of readings were made using two members, one to read and one to record the data. Melissa and Trudy recorded EMF data outside the building, also recording the data and the graph is posted. Melissa conducted EVP questions in the children's room using two recorders.

The investigation went smooth with no hitches or equipment malfunctions. The investigators reported no "feeling" of paranormal activity during the investigation. The animals were observed behav-

ing in a normal manner. EMF readings in the children's room and closet results were decreasing on the graph with some spiking. After some discussion we decided it may be due to the power consumption as the residents settled in for the night and the switching of the air conditioner over time. The results of the outside readings seemed to confirm this. However, it was noted that a continued higher reading of EMF occurred just in front of the tree line to the south and parallel to the complex. This may be buried cables feeding the complex. This is the area a child entity appeared while the homeowner's children were playing. Although the Mother reports activity as a daily routine we detected no activity during this investigation. We believe a much longer duration of taking readings (days to weeks) would be necessary to determine if we would capture any of the events. We also believe the Mother may be the primary attraction to the entities. An increase in activity occurred when the

fourteen year old daughter visited her father for a couple weeks just prior to our investigation. She also reported experiencing activity and was unaware of the events prior to her visit. The daughter's age and gender seems to coincide with other reported cases as a reason for increased activity. The temperature and relative humidity data were nearly flat line indicating no change in the closet or on the bed.

On August 14, I delivered the results to the clients. I shared with them the historical research and data recorded. I also told them of our findings being inconclusive at this time. I requested they keep us abreast of any activity they may experience in their new home. I suggested if they knew the new tenants they could suggest they contact us if they experience any activity.