

“Providence Native H. P. Lovecraft, a voice of HORROR”

PowerPoint presentation, lecture and discussion of the work of Howard P. Lovecraft

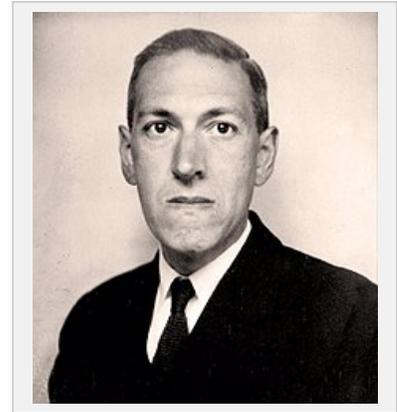
Carl Johnson

Time: 7pm – 9pm, Tuesday October 23

Place: S330

Light refreshments

Students, faculty, staff -- Public invited



Even Stephen King could be frightened by Lovecraft!

"I think it is beyond doubt that **H. P. Lovecraft** has yet to be surpassed as the twentieth century's greatest practitioner of the classic horror tale." ¹

Who better to speak about Lovecraft's horror tales than Carl Johnson, one of the first investigators in 1973 of the Perron family in Harrisville, RI -- a story that later became the movie "The Conjuring." While researching a 50th anniversary of Lovecraft's passing, Carl discovered in 1987 that he is cousin to Lovecraft. Carl started a Commemoration that year that began at Lovecraft's grave in Swan Point and continues 30 years later every year at the Ladd Observatory.

Since he was a teenager, Johnson has been fascinated with exploring unexplained phenomena. He was a member of The Atlantic Paranormal Society (TAPS) and appeared on the SyFy Channel series *Ghost Hunters*, as well as other television programs such as *The Haunted*, *Finding Bigfoot*, *Paranormal State: The New Class* and *Most Terrifying Places in America*. He is also the author of *Shadow Realms: Demonology Handbook* (2017).

Johnson is currently Director and Founder of H. P. Lovecraft and Edgar Allan Poe Commemorative Activities Committee and Senior Interpreter of the Old Slater Mill Association. as well as author and paranormal investigator.

Lovecraft wrote haunting tales of horrific and eerily realistic and fantastic characters, mostly in stories published in pulp magazines. As Johnson states: "The very name of H.P. Lovecraft has become synonymous with gripping, supernatural suspense, and his disturbing themes continue to be a major influence on movies, television and horror literature."

Come and hear about those tale in Carl L. Johnson's presentation **on Tuesday, October 23rd in S330 on the East Greenwich Campus**. All are invited, and light refreshments will be available.

1 Wohleber, C. (1995). The man who can scare Stephen King. *American Heritage*, 46(8), 82.