

“DARK PLACES, WICKED COMPANIONS, AND STRANGE EXPERIENCES”

August 8 - 11, 2019, in Minneapolis, Minnesota

Sponsored by The Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota, the Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections at the University of Minnesota, and the University of Minnesota Libraries

Our schedule has been finalized and we look forward to your participation in what promises to be an interesting and entertaining weekend. We previously sent a note to attendees with a list of things to do in the area should your visit allow some free time.

Transportation to The Graduate Hotel:

If you're traveling from the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport to the Graduate Hotel, the most economical transportation is by light rail. There are shuttles and taxis available as well.

*Take the Blue Line from Terminal 1 or 2 toward downtown Minneapolis

*Transfer from the Blue Line at the U.S. Bank Station (station name recently changed from Downtown East) and cross the track to get on the Green Line heading east toward St. Paul

*Depart the Green Line and get off at East Bank Station (located at 551 Washington Ave.) and you will see the Graduate Hotel east, approximately ½ block from the station.

The Graduate Hotel:

The Graduate Hotel is located at 615 Washington Ave. SE, Minneapolis, on the campus of the University of Minnesota. The hotel can be reached at 612-379-8888.

- The onsite restaurant is the Beacon Restaurant. Their menu is available online at: <https://www.graduatehotels.com/minneapolis/restaurant>
- There is also a Starbucks and an Applebee's Restaurant within the hotel. There are many restaurants nearby, some within 0.1 mile of the hotel.
- The hotel has a free shuttle service within 5 miles of the hotel. (The airport is outside of this range.) The shuttle can be reached through their main number 612-379-8888 or through their bell stand, and is subject to availability.
- Parking is available either in the flat lot behind the hotel or across the street at the Washington Ave. ramp. The rates are as follows:
 - Valet parking with unlimited come and go - \$27 per night
 - Washington Ave. ramp (connected to the hotel via skyway) - \$12 per night
 - Self parking behind hotel - \$20 per night
- There is a 24 hour a day fitness center, complimentary bike rentals, and loaner headphones.
- The new Topgolf Swing Suite is open and can be viewed online at: <https://www.graduatehotels.com/minneapolis/topgolf-swing-suite>
- Food and beverages are available in the suite.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 8 -

8:30 am - 7 pm - The exhibit "Dark Places, Wicked Companions, and Strange Experiences" will be open at the Elmer Andersen Library.

7 pm - 9:30 pm - Opening reception at The Graduate Hotel, second floor near The Meridian Ballroom. Cash bar and light appetizers will be available (registration not open).

Friday, August 9 -

8:30 am - 4:30 pm - The exhibit "Dark Places, Wicked Companions, and Strange Experiences" open at the Elmer L. Andersen Library.

11:00 am - 1 pm - Conference registration on the 2nd floor of The Graduate Hotel.

The Graduate Hotel second floor, Meridian Ballroom:

1:15 pm - Opening remarks by the conference co-chairs, followed by presentations.

1:30 pm - Ross Davies - "Dark Places in 'The Empty House.' "

2:30 pm - Regina Stinson - "Deceptions, Disguises, and Dark Secrets."

3:30 pm - David Harnois - "Boswell's Journey to the Dark, Wicked, and Strange."

4:45 pm - Break.

5:15 pm - Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections Meeting, open to all. There will be a short business meeting and special presentation by Jeffrey Hatcher.

Evening free, on your own.

Saturday, August 10 - The Graduate Hotel second floor, Meridian Ballroom:

9 am - Alan Rettig - "A Scandal in Manhattan."

10 am - Barbara Rusch - "'The Creeping Man' and Other Dark Tales of the Canon."

11 am - Dan Polvere - "Baritsu to a T: The Japanese Art of Wrestling."

Noon - 2 pm - Lunch break; box lunch included with registration fee.

2 pm - Carlina de la Cova - "...a most worthy colleague in anthropology."

3 pm - Cheryl Fong - "Minneapolis and The Farewell Tour; William Gillette at the Metropolitan Opera House."

4 pm - Dan Payton - "Victorian Attitudes Toward America."

6:30 pm - Cash bar opens.

7 pm - The banquet is included with the registration fee. Bill Mason is our guest speaker.

Sunday, August 11 - The Graduate Hotel second floor, Meridian Ballroom:

9 am - Shannon Carlisle - "Whimsical Little Incidents and Three Pipe Problems in a Sherlockian Themed Classroom."

10 am - The Long Suffering Companions Panel with:

- Judy Margolin - "Living in a Museum";
- Mike McKuras - "Strange Experiences with Wicked Companions in Dark Places";
- Barbara Shaw - "Living with 'Johnny Appleseed': Hijacked Planes, Couch Surfing, and The Search for the Holy Grail."

11:30 am - The Red-Throated League of the Norwegian Explorers will present the radio play "The Adventure of The Hound of the Baskervilles, Part VI."

12:15 pm - Conference concludes with closing remarks.