Reseaching the Weird and Wonderful

Dr. Ciarán O’Keeffe, Université de Toulouse, France, amuses with his adventures as a parapsychologist. He will provide accounts of his frequent battles with mediums and psychics, in the laboratory or out, or reveal “evidence” from his field work examining haunting experiences (or “ghostbusting”). There may also be mention of some psychic criminology cases and his fascination with “religious” parapsychology (i.e., exorcism, possession and stigmata).

Aside from academic research, which he has published and presented at various conferences, Ciarán attempts to provide a more skeptical perspective on various “paranormal” shows in the UK (e.g., Living TV’s Most Haunted and Jane Goldman Investigates), so a behind-the-scenes story is guaranteed.

Ciarán has also participated in numerous bizarre projects (e.g., a ghost investigation of Hampton Court and Edinburgh Vaults, the physiological effects of infrasound in the Royal Festival Hall and an exorcism “training day”). More recently, he has participated in various documentaries examining the use of psychics in criminal investigations and provided accounts of his daily activities in order to inform the lead (Andrew Lincoln, now on The Walking Dead) in popular UK paranormal drama Afterlife.

When: Wednesday, Jan. 30, noon – 1 p.m.
Where: CN Conference Theatre, Room 5-142, City Centre Campus

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