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BIO

Larry D. Thacker is an Appalachian author, folklore researcher, college-level educator, vampire, and television personality, with a particular focus on the mystical traditions, strange histories, and supernatural cultures of Appalachia. A seventh-generation native of the Cumberland Gap region, he combines historical research, lived experience, and regional storytelling to explore how folklore continues to shape identity, belief, and community.

As founder of the East Tennessee Vampire Association, Larry offers a firsthand perspective on contemporary vampire identity, culture, and community while examining its connections to historic legends, symbolism, and public misconceptions. His work bridges documented tradition with personal experience, allowing him to approach unusual beliefs and practices with cultural understanding, openness, and thoughtful curiosity. Larry became known to audiences as a regular cast member of Netflix's *Swap Shop*, where his knowledge of antiques, collectibles, oddities, and regional history made him a distinctive on-screen presence. He also deals in vintage oddities and maintains a dedicated dealer space inside an East Tennessee antique store. He now serves as a key cast member and field investigator on *Conjuring Truth*, a ScareNetworkTV Original Series, contributing Appalachian folklore, historical context, artifact knowledge, and vampire-community insight while participating directly in investigations and immersive experiences.

A widely published poet, fiction writer, and higher-education instructor, Larry's work has appeared in more than 200 publications. He is the author of *Mountain Mysteries: The Mystic Traditions of Appalachia* and numerous poetry and short-story collections. A United States Army veteran, he holds an MFA in poetry and fiction, along with M.Ed. and Ed.S. degrees. His writing, teaching, television work, and field research reflect a lifelong commitment to preserving the voices, mysteries, and darker traditions of Appalachia.

CURRENT PROJECT

Conjuring Truth follows a fearless team of occult practitioners, mediums, paranormal researchers, and academic experts as they investigate dark hauntings, supernatural claims, hidden histories, folklore, and ritual traditions. Traveling to locations steeped in legend and feared for generations, the team examines the beliefs, practices, and real experiences behind the stories—approaching the occult not as outsiders, but through lived experience, historical research, authentic practice, and disciplined paranormal investigation. Blending immersive rituals, expert insight, personal transformation, and evidence-driven fieldwork, the series challenges exaggerated, fear-based portrayals of the occult and supernatural. *Conjuring Truth* seeks the truth buried beneath myth, separating fact from fiction while taking audiences beyond conventional paranormal television and into the deeper human experiences of belief, fear, identity, spirit, and the unknown.



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PANELS AND LIVE APPEARANCES

SMOKY MOUNTAIN TERROR IV - MAIN STAGE

KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE - AUGUST 28-30, 2026



MAIN STAGE PANELIST - SPECIAL GUEST



Larry D. Thacker and Matthew J. Sorge were added to the main-stage programming at Smoky Mountain Terror IV for a live paranormal discussion and audience Q&A. The panel drew more than 70 attendees and appeared on the main stage before Jack Osbourne. Larry brought his perspective as an Appalachian author, folklore researcher, field investigator, and founder of the East Tennessee Vampire Association to a wide-ranging conversation on paranormal experience, folklore, culture, and the unexplained.

70+

ATTENDEES

MAIN STAGE

PANELIST

SPECIAL GUEST

WEEKEND

LIVE PROGRAMMING & AUDIENCE ENGAGEMENT

The main-stage appearance adds to Larry's public-facing work as an author, television personality, field investigator, folklore researcher, and contributor to Conjuring Truth, demonstrating both subject-area depth and direct audience engagement in a live convention setting.





ACCOMPLISHED APPALACHIAN AUTHOR AVAILABLE PANEL TOPICS:

Mountain Mysteries: The Mystic Traditions of Appalachia—

An exploration of Appalachian supernatural beliefs, folk practices, strange encounters, omens, legends, and traditions. Drawing from his research, published work, and seventh-generation connection to the Cumberland Gap region, Larry examines how these stories continue to shape Appalachian identity, belief, and culture.

Vampires Beyond the Myth: Identity, Community, and

Culture — As a vampire and founder of the East Tennessee Vampire Association, Larry offers a firsthand look at contemporary vampire identity and community. The discussion separates lived experience from folklore and entertainment while exploring symbolism, ethics, community, misconceptions, and the many different paths found within modern vampire culture.

The Occult & The Supernatural: Inside Conjuring Truth

offers The Occult & The Supernatural: Inside Conjuring Truth — An exclusive look at the upcoming ScareNetworkTV Original Series presented by members of the Conjuring Truth cast. The panel explores occult traditions, ritual practices, dark hauntings, haunted artifacts, folklore, vampire culture, and paranormal investigation through lived experience, historical research, and authentic practice rather than Hollywood fear..

Picking the Strange: Antiques, Oddities, and Netflix's Swap

Shop: A lively discussion of antiques, collectibles, unusual objects, regional history, and the stories attached to the things people leave behind. Larry also shares his experience as a regular cast member of Netflix's Swap Shop and discusses how curiosity, history, storytelling, and instinct come together when searching for the strange and unexpected.

Additional panel topics and customized programming are available. Larry is also available for podcasts, television commentary, interviews, author talks, lectures, book signings, folklore presentations, vampire-culture discussions, antique and oddities programs, paranormal events, field investigations, and other media appearances.



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APPEARANCE FEES:

Appearance fees are based on event scope, travel, lodging, programming requirements, and length of appearance. Contact for availability and current rates. Fees may be negotiated based on event scope and travel requirements.

BOOTH PREFERENCE:

Standard vendor table or double booth, depending on the event format and available space. A standard table is suitable for author appearances and book signings; a double booth is preferred when combining book sales, East Tennessee Vampire Association outreach, collectibles, and extended attendee engagement. Larry also curates and sells vintage oddities through a dedicated space inside an East Tennessee antique store.

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