

Iowa-Illinois Section IEEE Meeting - November

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Join us for the upcoming Iowa-Illinois Section IEEE Meeting!! Members & guests welcome!!

DATE: Saturday, November 8, 2008

TOPIC: “Investigating Paranormal Mysteries” w/ Joe Nickell (www.joenickell.com)



Joe Nickell has been called a “modern day Sherlock Holmes” and the “real-life Scully (from the *X-Files*). He is a paranormal and forensic investigator of mysteries, myths and hoaxes. He approaches every investigation with an open and rational mind. He is the world’s only full-time professional paranormal investigator and a frequent writer for *Skeptical Inquirer*, as well as an established author and senior fellow at the Center for Skeptical Inquiry. He travels the world utilizing his unique background as a former magician, private investigator and academic. In his talk, Joe will focus on paranormal investigations from his own “X-files”, including reports of ghost hauntings, sea monsters and little green men. This presentation is given at The Putnam Museum, in Davenport, Iowa, in conjunction with their “The Science of Ghost Hunting” exhibit. Joe will explain that most ghost hunting, in his experience, employs pseudoscience, and he will explore why we are susceptible to being fooled by our own senses when we come across something “unexplained”. IEEE is sponsoring this event together with The Putnam Museum in order to both entertain a diverse audience, and to instill the importance of critical thinking when it comes to the “paranormal” or our everyday lives.

LOCATION: Putnam Museum (www.putnam.org)

AGENDA:

- 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. Check-in, Social Time
- 1:00 – 1:45 p.m. Lunch Buffet
- 2:00 – 3:15 p.m. Presentation & Questions
- 3:15 – 5:00 p.m. Exhibit (Your ticket admits you to the “Ghost Hunting”, “Predators” and other museum exhibits!)

DINNER: Buffet provided w/water or soft drinks.

COST: \$20 members & guest \$10 children/students
(Putnam website will have a non-meal option for exhibit/lecture.)

RSVP: Email "iowa-illinoischair@ieee.org" to **RSVP by Wednesday, Nov 5th.**

DIRECTIONS: [[Mapquest Directions](#)]

From Locust Street, take Division Street ½ mile south towards river and look for Putnam and IMAX theater on right side of road. (The Putnam is approximately 3 ½ miles south of I-80 and from River Drive in Davenport, you may want to take Brady Street to 4th Street and turn left, go to Division Street and turn right for about 7 blocks.)

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Computer Society & Student Branch meeting Nov 20th @ SAU on “Ad Hoc Wireless Networks”. This meeting is open to all IEEE members and guests!

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