



APS Bibliography

Methodology & Framework

Study: The American Periphenomenal Survey

Division: Registry | **Region:**  Cascadia (Reg10)

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Target Category: PROTOCOL

Rationale: Essential reading for the Experience-Centered Approach and the mechanisms of folklore transmission.

- **Hufford, David J.** *The Terror That Comes in the Night*. (The foundational text establishing the Experience-Centered Approach).
- **Goldstein, D., Grider, S., & Thomas, J.** *Haunting Experiences*. (Moves ghost hunting from pseudoscience to cultural practice).
- **Dégh, L. & Vázsonyi, A.** "Does the Word 'Dog' Bite? Ostensive Action". (Defines Ostension: real life imitating folklore).
- **Blank, Trevor J.** *Folklore and the Internet*. (Key text for understanding the internet as a folk group).
- **Primiano, Leonard Norman.** "Vernacular Religion". (Validates personal belief systems outside of organized religion).
- **Fort, Charles.** *The Book of the Damned*. (The historical grandfather of anomalistics).
- **Newport, Cal.** *Digital Minimalism*. (Useful for contrasting the "Always On" state with the "Liminal" state).

📖 APS DICTIONARY ENTRY: 001

Periphenomena

(n.) /pəɪ.rɪ.fɪ.nə.mɪ.nə/ (Plural)

Singular: Periphenomenon

1. Etymology

From the Greek peri- ("around," "enclosing," or "on the fringe") + phainomena (plural of phainomenon, meaning "that which appears" or "observable occurrence").

Literal Translation: "Appearances on the edge."

2. Definition

The collective category of observable events, anomalies, or interactions that manifest at the boundaries of human perception and consensus reality. Periphenomena are not necessarily "impossible" events, but rather "unprocessed" events—data that the human brain or current scientific instruments struggle to categorize.

3. APS Classification (The 5 Types)

🚪	TYPE I	SPATIAL / LIMINAL	Events defined by location (Roads, Doors, Fog). Reality feels "thin" or looping.
🐾	TYPE II	CRYPTO-BIOLOGICAL	Encounter with an unknown biological entity or cryptid.
🛩️	TYPE III	AERIAL / TECHNICAL	Lights in sky, metallic craft, drone-like behavior, mechanical failure.
🛏️	TYPE IV	NOETIC / PSYCHIC	Internal experience (Dreams, Premonitions, Synchronicities).
🪑	TYPE V	POLTERGEIST / MATERIAL	Physical movement of objects, knocks, apports, or material interaction.

Periphenomenal

(adj.) /pəɪ.rɪ.fɪ.nə.mɪ.nəl/

1. Definition

Relating to or characterized by phenomena that exist alongside or just outside the focus of standard scientific observation. Unlike "Paranormal" (which implies a violation of natural law), Periphenomenal suggests an occurrence that is physically real but transient or elusive.

2. Usage in Protocol

"The witness reported a periphenomenal encounter involving acoustic distortion and time dilation."

"We do not study the supernatural; we study the peripheral natural."