Contributor Biographies

Jennifer Accardo, MD, MSCE earned her BA in Liberal Arts from St. John’s College in Annapolis, Maryland and graduated from the St. Louis University School of Medicine. She lives in Baltimore, Maryland, where she practices pediatric sleep medicine and neurodevelopmental pediatrics at the Kennedy Krieger Institute. She has previously published under her letterpress imprint, the Accidental Balestra.

Pasquale Accardo, MD, BSI (“Gorgiano of the Red Circle”) received his medical degree from Downstate Medical Center, State University of New York, completed his pediatric residency at Riley Children’s Hospital in Indianapolis, and his child development subspecialty training at the Kennedy Institute at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. He is currently the James H. Franklin Professor of Developmental Research in Pediatrics at Virginia Commonwealth University, the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. He has published extensively on neurodevelopmental disabilities in children as well as on Sherlock Holmes (6 volumes), Father Brown (4 volumes), Judge Dee (one volume) and Dr. Gideon Fell (one paper). His favorite authors are G.K. Chesterton and Dante Alighieri. (He does not recognize the relevance of one Arthur Conan Doyle.)

John Bergquist, BSI (“The King of Scandinavia”), Production Editor for this volume and many other books for Baker Street Irregulars Press, is also Co-Publisher of the Press along with Michael Kean, BSI (“General Charles Gordon”). John edited So Painful a Scandal and co-edited Papers at an Exhibition for the Press, and he received the BSI’s Two-Shilling Award in 2010. He has long been active in the Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota, having served as co-leader of its study group and as editor of its newsletter, Explorations, and of its Christmas Annual. He also serves as Vice President of the Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections at the University of Minnesota (his alma mater) and is on the editorial board of its newsletter.

Howard Brody, MD, PhD, BSI (“Anstruther”) received his MD and his PhD in philosophy from Michigan State University, and he has previously taught family medicine and medical ethics and
Catherine Cooke, MA, ALCM, FCLIP, BSI (“The Book of Life”) received an MA in Library and Information Studies from the University of London and is a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals. She is Joint Honorary Secretary of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London and a member of ASH (“An Idler of the Empire”). She lives in London and manages computer systems and the Sherlock Holmes Collection for Westminster Libraries. She won the BSI’s Morley-Montgomery Award for 2005.

Jenn Eaker, ASH (“That Lady in Blue Silk Over Yonder”) graduated from Mansfield University in Pennsylvania with a Bachelor’s degree in Communications and Broadcasting. She currently lives in New York City and works in a newsroom. She was awarded the 2014 Jan WHIMSEY Award for her Serpentine Muse article, “My Version of Events.” She has also written for The Baker Street Journal. When she is not delving into the Sherlockian world, she likes to run and, as of this writing, has completed three half marathons.

Clifford S. Goldfarb, LLM, MBt, BSI (“Fordham, the Horsham Lawyer”) received a BA in Arts and a JD in Law from University of Toronto and an LLM from the London School of Economics. He is a former Meyers of the Bootmakers of Toronto, and Chairman of the Friends of the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection at the Toronto Reference Library. His Doylean writing includes The Great Shadow: Arthur Conan Doyle, Brigadier Gerard and Napoleon and Investigating Sherlock Holmes: Solved & Unsolved Mysteries (joint with Hartley R. Nathan). He is a lawyer with the Toronto firm of Gardiner Roberts LLP, specializing in charitable and non-profit organizations and has published extensively in the area.

Stefano Guerra, MD, BSI (“Count Negretto Sylvius”), is also a member of the John H Watson Society (“Lucas”). He graduated in Medicine in University of Rome, “La Sapienza,” and specialized in Child Neuropsychiatry. Founder and past President of the Italian Society Uno Studio in Holmes, he is now the editor of its gazette, The Strand Magazine. In 2004, he coedited a book with Enrico Solito, Il Diciottesimo Scalino (The 18th Step) an Italian Sherlockian Encyclopedia. Retired from active medical practice, he now works as Principal in a high school in Rome.

Jeffrey Kaplan MBBS, BSc (Hons) was born in Geneva, Switzerland. This did not prevent him from becoming acquainted with the Canon in his teens, in whose thrall he learned that his attention span was more suited to appreciating the short stories. Upon understanding that medical diagnosis was a sub-plot of detection, he pursued a medical career and graduated from St Bartholomew’s Medical College in 1981 following a BSc in biology from King’s College, London in 1978. He currently practices internal medicine in Ellicott City, Maryland and is very happy to note that the local scion society Watson’s Tin Box is named after his fellow (at least surgical) alumnus.

Peter Kaplan, MB, FRCP graduated from St. Bartholomew’s Medical College in London before specializing in Neurology, epilepsy and electroencephalography at Duke University Medical Center. Since 1987, he has directed the epilepsy and electrophysiology program at Johns Hopkins Bayview
Medical Center, but he maintains an active interest in his medical alma mater and its connection with Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson.

**Robert S. Katz, MD, BSI** (“Dr Ainstree”) graduated from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and specializes in Pathology. He is the Founder of The Epilogues of Sherlock Holmes, current Headmastiff of The Sons of the Copper Beeches, a Director of the John H Watson Society, and a member of The Adventuresses of Sherlock Holmes (“Dr Jackson”). He has co-edited three previous books for Baker Street Irregulars Press: *The Wrong Passage* and *Irregular Stain* (both with Andrew Solberg), and *Out of the Abyss* (with Steven Rothman and Andrew Solberg). Now retired from active practice, he lives in Morristown, New Jersey.

**C. Paul Martin, MD, BSI** (“Dr. Leslie Armstrong”) is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Stanford University Medical School. He practiced Internal Medicine and Family Medicine in Marshall, Minnesota and now works in the medical media in print and radio. He serves as a board member of the Minnesota Board of Coroners and Medical Examiners Association and is involved in the study of the history of Infectious Diseases and Public Health. His comments about the causes of death appeared in the BSI publication *The Wrong Passage*. Dr. Martin is a member and Past-President of The Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota.

**Marilynne McKay, MD, ASH** (“The Great Dermatologist”), BSI (“Violet de Merville”) graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine and trained at the University of Miami. She is a Professor Emerita of Dermatology at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. A co-editor and contributor to the ASH quarterly, *The Serpentine Muse*, she was the founding webmaster for both ASH and the Beacon Society. She has been active in The Confederates of Wisteria Lodge, the Gathering of Southern Sherlockians and 221B Con. She enjoys giving Sherlockian talks in character and is a theatrical judge for the Suzi Bass Awards (Atlanta’s Tony).

**Hartley R. Nathan, LLM, MBt, BSI** (“The Penang Lawyer”) received a BA at the University of Toronto (Arts), an LLB at Osgoode Hall Law School and an LLM at University College, London. He was Mr. Meyers of the Bootmakers of Toronto on two occasions, and is a member of the Sons of the Copper Beeches. He is the author of *Who Was Jack The Ripper* and is the co-author (with Clifford S. Goldfarb) of *Investigating Sherlock Holmes: Solved & Unsolved Mysteries*. He is a partner in the Toronto law firm of Minden Gross LLP where he practices corporate law. He was made a Queen’s Counsel in 1982. He is the author of several legal texts and has published numerous Sherlockian articles.

**Bruce R. Parker, MD, BSI** (“A Garrotter [sic] by Trade”) graduated from Harvard Medical School and is a retired pediatric radiologist and Emeritus Professor at Stanford University. He taught an undergraduate course in British Detective Fiction featuring Sherlock Holmes while at Stanford and at Stanford’s campus in Oxford University. He was the director of the John Bennett Shaw Seminars at Stanford and of the Silver Blaze Derby in the San Francisco Bay Area. He presently splits his time between Houston and San Francisco, belonging to scion societies in both cities.

**Donald Pollock, MD, PhD** did graduate work in Anthropology at the University of Chicago and studied medicine at Harvard Medical School. Primarily a researcher, he specializes in Transcultural
Nerve and Knowledge

Psychiatry, and is a professor of Medical Anthropology and Geographic Medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo, where he directs the program in Medical Anthropology. He is a member of The Five Orange Pips.

**Lloyd Rose, BSI** ("George Sand") was for ten years the head drama critic of *The Washington Post*. She has also written for *The New Yorker* and *The Atlantic*, among other publications. She has an MA in English Literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Franklin B. Saksena, MD, BSI** ("Jonathan Small") graduated from Queen’s University, Canada. He practices Cardiology and Internal Medicine in Chicago. He is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Northwestern University and is the author of several Cardiology books dealing with physical diagnosis and hemodynamics. He has written two Sherlock Holmes crossword puzzle books (2000 and 2011, Battered Silicon Dispatch Box, Canada) and is currently Stamford of the Criterion Bar association.

**Andrew L. Solberg, MHS, ASH, BSI** ("Professor Coram") received a BA in Philosophy from Brandeis University and an MHS in Health Planning and Administration from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. He lives in Maryland and operates a strategic planning consulting practice for healthcare providers. He has been a healthcare regulator and an adjunct faculty at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. He has co-edited three previous books for Baker Street Irregulars Press: *The Wrong Passage* and *Irregular Stain* (both with Robert Katz) and *Out of the Abyss* (with Robert Katz and Steven Rothman). He also is Chairman of the Board of The BSI Trust.

**Enrico Solito, MD, BSI** ("Gennaro Lucca") graduated in Medicine from the University of Florence and has specialized in Pediatrics and Child Neuropsychiatry. He is a member and past president of the Italian Society Uno Studio in Holmes, and for 10 years edited their gazette, *The Strand Magazine*. He co-edited two previous books for Baker Street Irregulars Press: *Mandate for Murder*, and *Italy and Sherlock Holmes*. He works in Tuscany as a Pediatrician and Neuropsychiatrist.

**Marina Stajić, PhD, ASH** ("Lady Frances Carfax), **BSI** ("Curare") earned her undergraduate degree in Chemistry from University of Novi Sad, Yugoslavia and subsequently her doctoral degree in Forensic Toxicology from the University of Maryland. Dr. Stajić joined the staff of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, City of New York as Director of Forensic Toxicology in 1986. She plans, supervises and coordinates all the aspects of toxicologic analyses performed on specimens collected from approximately 5,500 autopsies each year. Dr. Stajić was appointed Adjunct Associate Professor of Forensic Medicine (Toxicology) at New York University Medical Center in 1987 and Clinical Professor at PACE University, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, Forensic Sciences Program in 2010. She has authored and co-authored numerous scientific articles on the subject of forensic toxicology and serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Forensic Sciences*. She is a Fellow and Past President of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, a member of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists, The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists and Past President of Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists. Dr. Stajić was honored as the recipient of the 1997 AAFS Toxicology Section Alexander O. Gettler Award and the 2013 AAFS Distinguished Fellow Award. She is a Fellow and Past President of the American Board of Forensic Toxicology. Dr. Stajić is a member of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London, an honorary member of The Sherlock Holmes Society of France ("Mme Fournaye"), a member of several BSI scion societies (The Red
Nerve and Knowledge

Circle of Washington, The Priory Scholars, The Montague Street Lodgers), and a founding member of The Forensic Faces of Sherlock Holmes. Dr. Stajić is a passionate fan of the New York Yankees. She lives in Manhattan with her fabulous felines Altamont and Sigerson.

Daniel Stashower, BSI (“Thurston”) received a BA from Northwestern University and a Master’s degree from Columbia. He is the author of Teller of Tales: The Life of Arthur Conan Doyle and co-editor of Arthur Conan Doyle: A Life in Letters, The Narrative of John Smith and Dangerous Work: Diary of an Arctic Adventure. His most recent book is the New York Times bestseller The Hour of Peril: The Secret Plot to Murder Lincoln Before the Civil War. He is also the author of The Beautiful Cigar Girl: Mary Rogers, Edgar Allan Poe and the Invention of Murder, as well as five mystery novels, the most recent of which is The Houdini Specter. Dan is a three-time winner of the Mystery Writers of America’s Edgar award and a recipient of the Raymond Chandler Fulbright Fellowship in Detective Fiction.

Richard J. Sveum, MD, BSI (“Dr. Hill Barton”) graduated from St. Olaf College and the University of Minnesota Medical School. He did a residency in Pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin and was a Medical Staff Fellow in Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the NIH in Bethesda, MD. He has been in the practice of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology at the Park Nicollet Clinic in St. Louis Park, Minnesota for three decades. He is President of the Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections at the University of Minnesota and member of the Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota.

E.J. Wagner, BS graduated from New York University and is a crime historian, writer and performer of suspense stories. She was founder and moderator of the annual Forensic Forum at Stony Brook University’s Museum of Long Island Natural Sciences. Her work has been published in the NY Times, Lancet, Ellery Queen’s Mystery Magazine, and The Smithsonian, among many others. Her book, The Science of Sherlock Holmes, won the Edgar Award for best bio/critical work in 2007. She is a member of ASH (“The Record of Old Cases”), The Priory Scholars, The Cave Dwellers, The Sherlock Holmes Society of London, the Author’s Guild and NEAFS (the Northeastern Association of Forensic Sciences.) She served as consultant on forensic history for “Sherlock Holmes: The International Exhibition.” She lives on the North Shore of Long Island.

Christopher A. Zordan, PhD received a doctorate in analytical chemistry from the University of Delaware. He has more than a decade of experience as a research and development scientist in the pharmaceutical industry. He currently serves as Percy Phelps (Secretary) of The Beacon Society, quizmaster for The Sons of the Copper Beeches, Bursar for the Priory Scholars of New York City, a member of the planning committee for the Gaslight Gala and a member of The Adventuresses of Sherlock Holmes (“The Chemical Laboratory at Bart’s”).
# Nerve and Knowledge

## Table of Contents

Baker Street through the Stethoscope: An Introduction  
Robert S. Katz, MD and Andrew L. Solberg, MHS  
1

Here is a Gentleman of a Medical Type:  
Arthur Conan Doyle at Edinburgh  
Daniel Stashower  
5

Why Bart’s? A Case in Geographical Social History  
Jeffrey Kaplan, MBBS and Peter Kaplan, FRCP  
13

Making Bricks without Clay: The Medical Training of Dr. Watson  
Catherine Cooke  
23

A Red Lamp on Baker Street: Watson’s Medical Practice  
Pasquale Accardo, MD and Jennifer Accardo, MD  
39

Dr. John H. Watson: Chronicler of Detection, Observer of Infection  
C. Paul Martin, MD  
51

Dressers to Professors: A Spectrum of Canonical Doctors  
Marilynne McKay, MD  
61

A Physician Calls at Baker Street: Holmes and Watson as Patients  
Richard Sveum, MD  
85

Forensic Toxicology in and around the Canon:  
or Sherlock Holmes - His Further Limits  
Marina Stajić, PhD  
93

On Seven Percent Solutions and Medicinal Brandy:  
Pharmacology in the Canon  
Christopher Zordan, PhD  
105

Brain Fever: Myth or Reality  
Enrico Solito, MD and Stefano Guerra, MD  
117

The Canon on the Couch  
Donald K. Pollock, MD, PhD  
129

I Should Value Your Opinion About the Mitral:  
Cardiology and Sherlock Holmes  
Franklin B. Saksena, MD  
139

Bruce, Burke, Hardwicke, Law, Liu and Freeman:  
Six Actors In Search of a Doctor  
Lloyd Rose  
151

Close Calls: Nonlethal Trauma in the Canon  
Bruce Parker, MD  
159

When a Doctor Goes Wrong: Medical Malpractice in the Canon  
Clifford Goldfarb, LLM, and Hartley Nathan, QC, LLM  
171
Nerve and Knowledge

The Excessively Expressive Corpse and the Canon
   E.J. Wagner 183

Do No Harm: Medical Ethics in the Canon
   Howard Brody, MD, PhD 191

Final Diagnoses: Further Opportunities for Reading and Research
   Jenn Eaker 205

The Doctor Is “In”: Contributors 215

About BSI Publications
The Baker Street Irregulars, the literary society dedicated to the study of Sherlock Holmes, Dr. Watson, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and the Victorian world, publishes The Baker Street Journal, the BSI Manuscript Series, the International Series, and select non-series works. All of these can be ordered at our website:

http://www.bakerstreetjournal.com