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Brooke Cameron is Associate Professor of English at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. She is the author of *Critical Alliances: Economics and Feminism in English Women's Writing, 1880–1914* (University of Toronto Press, 2020) and co-editor (with Lara Karpenko) of *The Vampire in Nineteenth-Century Literature: A Feast of Blood* (Routledge, 2022). She has also published several articles and essays on vampires and the Gothic in nineteenth-century literature and culture.

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Matthew Crofts was awarded his doctorate at the University of Hull, England, UK, for his research on the importance of tyranny to the Gothic mode, utilising a range of Gothic novels and historical eras. His previous publications include an article on MacDonald Fraser's *Flashman* for *Peer English* (10, 2015), an article in the special 'Alternative Dickens' issue of *Victoriographies* (8:1, 2018), a chapter on *Dracula's* multimedia legacy in the edited collection *Gothic Afterlives* (Lexington Books, 2019), and a joint-authored chapter on Gothic rats in the edited collection *Gothic Animals* (Palgrave, 2020).

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Sarah Karlson completed her MA at Queen's University and studied for her Ph.D. at the University of Victoria before transitioning out of academia. She resides in Vancouver, British Columbia, and still enjoys researching the Victorian period and its literary monsters.

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Jane M. Kubiesa's PhD thesis investigates the cultural creation of the Gothic body in Young Adult vampire fiction. Previous research has focused on the abhuman of the Victorian Gothic and Jane has most recently published book chapters on the cross-generational appeal of *Twilight*, and food discourse in children's vegetarian vampire fiction.

Sabrina La Mantia is a writer who graduated with her Master's in English from the University of Toronto. She currently lives a double life, working a strict corporate job while pursuing creative literary and musical endeavours. You can typically find her dressed in black, still listening to punk rock music.

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Rebecca Pearce has previously studied at Brunel University London where she obtained a first class BA in Film and Television. Currently an MA student at Birkbeck, University of London, her research interests include the supernatural, fan studies and a variety of popular culture. She has written for CST Online, and plans to take her studies further.

Carol Senf has studied the Gothic for 50 years and read comics even before that, but she is a newcomer to the systematic study of Gothic graphic novels. She has published on various nineteenth-century writers, including all three Brontë sisters, Sarah Grand, Charles Dickens, George Eliot, and Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu, but she keeps returning to Bram Stoker and has written two books on Stoker and one book on *Dracula*, edited a collection of critical reviews of Stoker’s works, produced annotated editions of *The Mystery of the Sea* and *Lady Athlyne*, and written essays on various Stoker novels. She is currently working on three papers on *Dracula*, having discovered that age has not produced either wisdom or the ability to say “No.”

Damian Shaw, Associate Professor, joined the University of Macau in 2008. He has also lectured in South Africa (1997-2002) and Quanzhou (2002-2008) in English Literature. Damian’s main research interests relate to colonial writing of the Romantic and Victorian eras, including poetry, travel writing, and anti-slavery literature. Damian has also published on the Gothic, including on Horace Walpole and Bram Stoker.