

Max M. Houck
Consolidated Forensic Laboratory



Education: BS, Anthropology, Michigan State University, 1984
MA, Anthropology, Michigan State University, 1988
Ph.D., Applied Chemistry, Curtin University, Australia, 2010

Employment Experience:

- **Director, Department of Forensic Sciences, District of Columbia Consolidated Forensic Laboratories, 2012-present, 401 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20024.**
- **Principal Analyst, Forensic Enterprise Division, 2011 (April)--2012 (April), Analytic Services, Inc. (ANSER), Arlington, VA**
- **Director, Forensic Science Initiative (Research); Director, Forensic Business Research and Development (Business and Economics), 2001–2011 (April), West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV**
- **Physical Scientist, Trace Evidence Unit, Laboratory Division, 1994–2001, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.**
- **Criminalist II, 1992-1994, Tarrant County Medical Examiner, Fort Worth, TX**
- **Applications Specialist, 1988-1992, Oxford Instruments, Inc., Madison, WI**
- **Electron Microscopy Technician, 1987-1988, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI**
- **Archaeologist and Research Assistant, 1982-1986, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI**

Prior ASCLD experience (previous Board member, committee member, meeting volunteer, etc.):

Sponsor of three ASCLD meetings, numerous Board meetings, and workshop sessions, 2001-2011

ASCLD Training and Education Committee (2011-present)

If elected, I am interested in working on the following ASCLD issues/committees:

- Meeting planning and content
- Improving business practices of laboratories to improve the profession and its services to stakeholders
- Advocacy for support of forensic laboratories and the profession

- Strengthening ASCLD's role in advocacy, media, and the vision for our discipline and profession

As a member of the Board, you may be asked to represent ASCLD at speaking engagements or develop written statements on behalf of the Board. How would you describe your ability to communicate ideas verbally and in writing?

I am very comfortable with communicating in oral and written formats. I speak routinely about forensic science issues to the general public and interested parties. I have given hundreds of presentations at professional conferences and to committees on forensic science, business practices of forensic laboratories, education in forensic science, and my research. I have also taught dozens of short courses in forensic science, trace evidence, leadership, expert testimony, grants, and visualization of data. I have dozens of published articles and numerous books.

How committed are you to serving on the ASCLD board? What skills will you bring to the table?

If I were not committed, I would not have applied. I bring a range of forensic laboratory experience (local, municipal, federal), solid management experience of projects and operations, deep academic research capabilities, and a strong vision of what the forensic enterprise should be and become.

What role should ASCLD play in developing a strong future for forensic science laboratories?

ASCLD's role should be as the premier source of information about how forensic laboratories and service providers operate internally, the external pressures they face, and how to balance those two to provide quality service in a useful timeframe. Media, stakeholders, and other professions should look to ASCLD for information, commentary, and key talking points about forensic science laboratories.