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American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

Dear Colleagues:

On Tuesday, I attended an educational policy forum discussing crime laboratory backlogs. There were about 60 people attending locally consisting mainly of crime lab directors, press and other interested parties and well over 250 connecting via internet. Although there were no earth shattering revelations, especially to crime laboratory directors, it did allow for some great discussion and education for policymakers and members of the media. Personally, I think we could have used more time to focus on solutions from members of our organization and others. I heard similar comments from other members. Follow the link below to see an archived version of the forum:

<https://www.forensiced.org/newreg/ie/?scoid=1122971140&isOD=yes&usewrapper=yes&moduleid=6b1d7109-890a-4abb-8485-a92903eaf5d2>

Finding solutions for backlogs is complicated. Every ASCLD member's jurisdiction is unique and no two crimes are the same, even within the same system. As policymakers seek solutions, they need information and as such they often turn to census data. Caution must be used in interpreting data, especially when it several years old. Hence, I distributed a paper from the advocacy committee to help give perspective on 2009 BJS Census data. [2009 Census Talking Points](#)

I've heard from several of you already in regards to the symposium planning committee. Thank You! We will be in touch soon and if you are still interested but haven't had a chance to respond, please contact me at jhenry@utah.gov.

Finally, don't forget your Coverdell letters. Have a great Memorial Day!

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ASCLD President

News Around the Globe

[6 Women Scientists Who Were Snubbed Due to Sexism](#)

National Geographic

In April, National Geographic News published a story about the letter in which scientist Francis Crick described DNA to his 12-year-old son. In 1962, Crick was awarded a Nobel Prize for discovering the structure of DNA, along with fellow scientists ...

[Police retain DNA from thousands of children](#)

The Guardian

A total of 6 million people have their samples on the national DNA database, which is one of the largest in the world. Of those, 156,000 are children aged 17 or below, according to government figures. Altogether, 1.25m samples on the database were ...

[Brianna's law for DNA testing in Nevada passes 29-9 in state Assembly \(watch ...](#)

Reno Gazette Journal

Denison was testifying on behalf of Brianna's mother, Bridgette, who said he "lost it" just before she was to testify in support of a bill, known as Brianna's Law, that would require DNA testing for all felony arrests. Sepich's daughter was murdered in ...

[DNA law used in other states could have prevented Kirkland rape](#)

KIRO Seattle

We visited the state patrol crime lab in Seattle where reporter Michelle Millman's DNA was taken with what's called a "cheek swab." It's the same way arrestees' DNA would be taken. The sample is then transferred to "treated" paper and put on file. If ...



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[Chief, Emerging Technology Section, Forensic Scientist 5](#), American Registry of Pathology, Dover, DE, Expires: July 22, 2013

[Criminalist II](#), City of Chandler Police Department, Chandler, Arizona, Expires: June 9, 2013

[Forensic Scientist \(Crime Scene\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: August 13,

[DNA Bill 'brings justice'](#)

Times LIVE

The bill proposes that it be mandatory that arrested suspects, and the convicted, submit to DNA sampling. The DNA signatures obtained from the samples would be stored in the national forensic DNA database. "Currently we have 180000 profiles on our ...

[Govt lab stops DNA testing, as paternity cases pile up](#)

The Observer

Uganda's forensic DNA analyser is used in human identity testing to connect suspects to a crime scene. It improves the ability of law enforcement officers to match criminals to crime scenes. DNA testing costs Shs 400,000 for one child and his parents ...

[California bill would prevent genetic-testing firms from using surreptitiously ...](#)

San Jose Mercury News

If you want to keep your DNA to yourself, be sure not to leave any stray hairs, Q-tips or underwear lying around. There are genetic testing companies out there willing to reveal your most intimate biological secrets to anybody -- without your knowledge ...

[Biochemistry: Unspooling DNA from nucleosomal disks](#)

Eureka! Science News

The tight wrapping of genomic DNA around nucleosomes in the cell nucleus makes it unavailable for gene expression. A team at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitaet (LMU) in Munich now describes a mechanism that allows chromosomal DNA to be locally ...

[Wis. budget committee approves DNA upon arrest](#)

San Francisco Chronicle

Convicts would be able to request the state crime lab expunge their DNA profiles from the state's database if the convictions have been reversed, set aside or vacated. Arrestees could request records be expunged if a year has passed and no charges have ...

[Police DNA sampling warning](#)

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[DNA Section Supervisor/Technical Leader](#), Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin, TX, Expires: June 3, 2013

[Forensic Scientist – Firearms and Toolmarks](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Norfolk, VA, Expires: June 10, 2013

[Crime Lab Scientist \(Entry-Level\)](#), Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Statewide, Georgia, Expires: May 31, 2013

[Executive Director](#), ASCLD, Unknown, Expires: June 30, 2013

[DNA Analyst III / Serologist / DNA Operations Technician](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: July 31, 2013

[DNA Analyst III](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: July 31, 2013

[Forensic Scientist I \(Chemical\)](#), Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, Hauppauge, NY, Expires: August 5, 2013

[Latent Print Examiner](#), Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Denver, CO, Expires: May 29, 2013

[Quality Director](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: July 30, 2013

[Crime Scene Investigator I](#), Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Criminalistics Laboratory, Olathe, Kansas, Expires: May 27, 2013

[Forensic Scientist 2 – Drug Chemistry](#), MN BCA Forensic Science Laboratory, St. Paul, MN, Expires: May 30, 2013

[Latent Print Section Supervisor](#), Austin Police Department, Austin, Texas, Expires: June 1, 2013

[Quality Assurance Specialist](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 16, 2013

[Forensic Scientist – Firearms & Toolmark Examiner \(Part-Time\)](#), DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: May 31, 2013

[Forensic Scientist – Latent Print Examiner \(Part-Time\)](#), DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: May 31, 2013

[Supervising Forensic Scientist – Latent Prints](#), NM DPS Forensic Laboratory Bureau, Las Cruces, New Mexico, Expires: May 31, 2013

[Forensic Specialist IV – Trace Evidence Senior Criminalist](#), Kansas City Police Crime Laboratory, Kansas City, Missouri, Expires: July 9, 2013

Herald Scotland

Police chiefs have ordered a review after claims civilians without proper training took fingerprints and DNA from suspects. Experts warned serious crimes could go unpunished, and top defence QC Donald Findlay warned convictions could be reviewed if an ...

[Reforms Expand Forensic Science Commission Authority](#)

Texas Tribune

Legislators are planning to give the Texas Forensic Science Commission authority to review many more labs and types of forensic analysis and to double the agency's budget, hoping it will become a national model for the criminal justice system. ... The ...

[Community safety vs. intrusion of privacy: Police seek power to collect DNA ...](#)

Canada.com

A growing number of law enforcement representatives are calling for new powers to collect DNA from criminal suspects at the time of their arrest, not just upon their conviction and sentence. They say the law already allows authorities to get ...

Training

No-cost, NIJ Medicolegal Death Investigation online training program. The information available online at: <http://www.nfstc.org/apply-now-for-online-medicolegal-death-investigation-course/>

The West Virginia University Forensic Science Initiative invites you to utilize their FREE webinar series on a variety of topics in forensic science! Experts in the field will present on a wide range of forensic science topics from the reliability of eye witness identification to fire scene investigation. Sign up now for the Texas Forensic Science Commission: Justice Through Science presentation. Follow the [link](#) for a list of upcoming webinars.

Try your CSI skills at the Basic Crime Scene Investigation for Legal Professionals course at

[Forensic Scientist II \(2 positions\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 5, 2013

[Forensic Scientist Supervisor \(Digital Evidence\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: June 20, 2013

[Forensic Scientist Supervisor \(Fingerprint Analysis Unit\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 1, 2013

[DNA Technical Lead](#), Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), Las Vegas, NV, Expires: June 29, 2013

[Ohio Attorney General's Office – Bureau of Criminal Investigation Fellowship](#), The Ohio Attorney General's Office, London, Ohio, Expires: June 15, 2013

[Criminalist Specialist – FIREARMS](#), Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: June 7, 2013

[Criminalist Specialist – SEROLOGIST](#), Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: June 7, 2013

[Director of Forensic Studies – Tenure Track \(Open Rank\) Professor](#), University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD 21201, Expires: June 3, 2013

[Toxicology Supervisor](#), Metro Nashville Police Department Crime Laboratory, Nashville, TN, Expires: June 1, 2013

[Quality Assurance Coordinator](#), Los Angeles County Coroner, Los Angeles, CA, Expires: May 26, 2013

[Forensic Scientist, Controlled Substances](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: May 27, 2013

West Virginia University's forensic crime scene complex. This four day course will offer hands-on training specifically for the legal professional. Learn how to properly identify, collect, and preserve evidence at a crime scene. To better assist each student, class seating will be limited. For more information, click [here](#).

[ATF National Firearms Examiner Academy \(NFEA\)](#)

Registration for 2013-2014 session open until July 31, 2013 for apprentice/entry level firearm and toolmark examiners from Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.

University of California Davis Extension (UCDE): *Forensic Laboratory Leadership and Management Certificate*. Please go to www.extension.ucdavis.edu/forensiclab for information, class schedules, and an application form.

Conferences

June 7, 2013 The 4th Annual Prescription for Criminal Justice Forensics Conference at Fordham Law School in New York City. See [ABA forensics_2013.pdf](#) to review a complete brochure and to register for the conference

June 23-28, 2013 AFTE 44th Annual Training Seminar, Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, NM. See [AFTE 2013 Seminar](#) for more information.

August 4-10, 2013 International Association for Identification (IAI) 98th International Educational Conference in Providence, RI. For more information see www.theiai.org or contact conference@theiai.org

September 2-6, 2013 – 25th World Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics in Melbourne, Australia. For more information see: <http://isfg2013.org/>

September 23-26, 2013 2nd Annual Advanced DNA Technical Workshop – Bode Mid-Atlantic, Charlottesville, VA. See [Bode Mid-Atlantic Conference](#) for more details.

September 29 – October 4, 2013 Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists Fall Meeting Dayton, Ohio. See www.mafs.net or [MAFS 2013](#) for more details.

October 7-11, 2013 Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers (AFQAM) Annual Training Conference, at The Genesee Grande Hotel in Syracuse, NY. Additional details are posted at www.afqam.org.

October 20-24, 2013 Southern Association of Forensic Scientists, Huntsville, AL. [Click here for more information](#).

October 27-30, 2013 35th Annual Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists, Santa Fe, NM. See <http://www.swafs.us> for more details.

October 28-November 1, 2013 Society of Forensic Toxicologists, Orlando, FL. See <http://www.softox.org/meeting> for more information.

August 31 – September 4, 2014: 22nd International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences in Adelaide, South Australia. See <http://anzfss.org.au/international-symposium/> for more information.