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American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

Greetings:

The ASCLD board continues to be active in representing the membership at functions requiring a "forensic" voice. This week, Past-president Jill Spriggs attended the American Bar Association prescription for criminal justice forensics on Friday June 7th in New York City. ASCLD co-hosted this event with the ABA. Topics included: cutting edge research on bite marks, firearms, lab ethics and quality control and DNA mixture interpretations. This event was a great opportunity for outreach, to build relationships and provide a different perspective to the legal community. Have a great week.

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

All of the available presentations and posters from the 2013 ASCLD Symposium are now available for download and review on the website. Please visit <http://www.ascl.org/meetings-list/> and use the links on that page to see the various documents. I hope that having this information available on the website will prove useful to those members who were unable to attend the meeting.

George Herrin
ASCLD Communications Chair

News Around the Globe

Maryland vs King Supreme Court Decision
Read the decision at
http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/12pdf/12-207_d18e.pdf.

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[Slack cops missing DNA 'not to do with budget'](#)

The Australian

The Sunday Times revealed today that serious criminal cases including murder, rape and assault could be going unsolved because police have failed to do basic forensic work. This afternoon, Mr Dawson admitted that WA Police did not know what the ...

[Audit reveals forensic lapses](#)

ABC Online

According to newspaper reports an internal audit by police found more than two-thirds of offenders facing serious charges did not have their fingerprints or DNA samples taken. The audit covered 100,000 arrests in 2011. Opposition police spokesperson ...

[Gang rape defendant claims wind carried DNA from beer can to condom](#)

Fox News

Gordon Brown, Peter's attorney, told jurors Monday that wind from the helicopter could have compromised evidence at the scene and carried Peter's DNA from a beer can to a broken used condom found in the courtyard, according to the Contra Costa Times.

[DNA data to be shared worldwide in medical research project](#)

The Guardian

Medical researchers say the project is urgent because the falling cost of DNA sequencing will soon lead to a flood of genetic information that will be stored in separate information silos and go untapped unless it is held in standard formats and can be ...

[DNA use won't be automatic in Nebraska, LPD chief says](#)

Lincoln Journal Star

Simms, now LPD's forensic identification manager, listed two other cases -- a 1997 double homicide and a 2008 sex assault of a 12-year-old girl -- in which DNA led to arrests years after the crimes. "None of these cases would've been cleared without ...



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Employment Opportunities

[Criminalist – Toxicology](#), Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 7, 2013

[Criminalist – Serologist](#), Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 7, 2013

[Forensic Toxicologist or Trainee](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Norfolk, VA, Expires: July 8, 2013

[Forensic Scientist I – Biology/DNA](#), Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Criminalistics Laboratory, Olathe, Kansas, Expires: July 5,

[DNA 'Fog' Marks Criminals Invisibly for Later ID](#)

Discovery News

Now DNA can do the same job -- without the suspect being aware of it. This isn't using the criminal's own DNA to track him or her -- it's engineered, artificial gene sequences that act like bar codes. They can be applied to goods or people to uniquely ...

[DNA ruling's devil is in the details](#)

Mankato Free Press

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision this week to allow law enforcement greater leeway in collecting DNA samples from those arrested raises a bevy of logistical questions for states, area police officials say. "Certainly Minnesota is going to want to take ...

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 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

2013

[Criminalist \(Firearm and Toolmark Examiner\)](#), Oxnard Police Department, Oxnard, California, Expires: July 1, 2013

[Forensic Specialist I/II](#), County of San Mateo, San Mateo, California, Expires: June 20, 2013

[Program Manager, Calibration and Training](#),

Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: June 28, 2013

[Criminalist II, Firearms](#), Oakland Police

Department, Oakland, CA, Expires: June 17, 2013

[Criminalist II, Drug Chemistry](#), Oakland Police

Department, Oakland, CA, Expires: June 17, 2013

[Crime Lab Division Director](#), Albuquerque Police Department, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: June 14, 2013

[Crime Lab Scientist \(Entry-Level\)](#), Georgia

Bureau of Investigation, Decatur, Georgia, Expires: June 11, 2013

[Executive Director](#), St. Tammany Parish

Coroner's Office, Lacombe, LA, Expires: June 15, 2013

[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, 2013

[Forensic Scientist – Firearms and Toolmarks](#),

Virginia Department of Forensic Science,

Norfolk, VA, Expires: June 10, 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

[Quality Director](#), Harris County Institute of

Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires:

July 30, 2013

[Quality Assurance Specialist](#), DC Government –

Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington,

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 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.

DC, Expires: July 16, 2013

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

[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

See <http://www.swafs.us> for more details.

October 28-November 1, 2013 Society of Forensic Toxicologists, Orlando, FL. See <http://www.soft-tox.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.