

August 25, 2014



General Announcements

President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

Below is an update on the Annual Symposium from President Elect Jody Wolf.

Brady Mills
ASCLD President



The ASCLD BOD is pleased to share with all of you that the theme for the 2015 ASCLD symposium is "**Excellence in Forensic Leadership**". We are working with our meeting planner, Kinsley Meetings, to bring you a full agenda of workshops and symposium sessions focused on the Excellence in Forensic Leadership as well as how this translates to policy and practice in the 21st Century crime laboratory. Additionally, ASCLD is proud to announce that we will also be hosting the International Forensic Strategic Alliance meeting in conjunction with the 2015 symposium.

Please mark your calendars; the **2015 symposium is April 26th-30th, 2015** at the **Washington Marriott Wardman Park**, 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, D.C. 20008.

If you are interested in serving on the Symposium Planning Committee, please contact President Elect Jody Wolf at jody.wolf@phoenix.gov.

We are very excited for next year's symposium and look forward to seeing you all there!!!!

Vendor Sponsors



The Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis (CAFDA) is pleased to announce the **[Genome ID Forum 2014 - Emerging Forensic Genomic Applications](#)**; a conference to take place on September 9 and 10 at the Hilton Greenville, North Carolina. Genome ID Forum brings together thought leaders from forensic science, research, academia, law and technology development for an open on-going dialogue regarding emerging science, technology applications and adoption by the forensic community. Roundtable Discussions led by each day's speakers and other invited guests will provide a meaningful exchange of ideas and include **Rockne P. Harmon, J.D**, Senior Deputy District Attorney (Retired) Alameda County, CA. To foster open discussions, space is limited. Registration is available through our website at www.genomeIDforum.com.



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DNA Mixture Interpretation Study

The ASCLD Forensic Research Committee supports the NIJ-funded DNA Mixture Interpretation Study coordinated by the Defense Forensics and Biometrics Agency and all interested laboratories are encouraged to participate. The purpose of this study is determine the variation that occurs in interpretation of DNA mixtures in 2-, 3-, and 4-person mixtures. Variations in allele calls will be evaluated intra- and inter-laboratory and allele calls will be evaluated both pre- and post-technical review. Participants will analyze five DNA mixture datasets that vary in the number of contributors and contributor ratios. Interpretations will be made using the laboratory's Standard Operating Procedures but with the thresholds provided based on the validation of the instrumentation used to generate the data set. Participants will receive the data in the form of .fsa files. The study will use quantifiable metrics to evaluate the participant's ability to identify the number of contributors, estimate the ratio of mixture components, evaluate the accuracy of the allele calls in each mixture, and examine the variations in the final statistics generated for the reported interpretations. The study is designed to take no more than 4 hours. Currently, eleven labs are participating.

To sign up, please email Roman Aranda at roman.aranda3.ctr@mail.mil. Please use "DNA Mixture Interpretation Study" in the subject line. Registration closes **August 29, 2014** with all data to be returned to Dr. Aranda by September 29, 2014.

Retirement Celebrations

Congratulations to Renee Artman of Ventura County, CA Click the link below for details of the celebration.

<http://www.asclcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Artman-Flyer-copy-3.jpg>

News Around the Globe

[People wrongly imprisoned? Drug cases likely flawed as Columbia's police lab shut down](#)

The State

The Columbia Police Department has shut down its drug lab after an investigation found an analyst in the lab was not properly trained and her ...

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[Drug driving limit needed, say road safety experts](#)

TVNZ

A road safety campaigner is calling on the Government to revisit drugged driving laws, following two fatal crashes where the drivers had evidence of ...

[The new street drug that is 15 times more potent than heroin: Experts warn drug users may not ...](#)

Daily Mail

Doctors working in emergency rooms across the U.S. are being warned to watch for overdoses tied to a new drug that can be up to 15 times more ...

[California lawmakers pass measure requiring testing of rape kits](#)

Reuters

The bill, which passed through the state Senate unanimously, would require hospitals to submit rape kits to forensic labs within five days of collecting ...

[Prosecutors drop case over drug lab discrepancy](#)

The News Journal

"Going forward we of course will not proceed with any pending cases until the drug evidence in each case is verified using the exact same methods ...

[Chester County Detectives Battle Against Electronic Crime](#)

CBS Local

It's the new Computer Forensics Lab, which is often the end of the road for criminals with something to hide. (Detectives:) "You sure you don't want us ...

[State court expands convicts' access to DNA testing](#)

KOMO News

In 2011, he requested DNA tests on the woman's rape kit, flannel sheets and other items. A superior court judge rejected the request, finding that ...

[University Hospital will expand forensic evidence collection for domestic violence victims](#)

Louisville Business First

University of Louisville Hospital plans to expand its ability to gather forensic evidence for victims of sexual assault to include domestic violence victims.

[Wilmington crime lab funding falling on taxpayers' shoulders](#)

StarNewsOnline.com

Melanie Colon-Medina, a forensic chemist in the Wilmington Police Department's crime lab dilutes a blood

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Registration is now open for the 2014 Forensic Management Academy, a unique one-week management program geared specifically to

sample from a DUI case in the lab at the ...

[Victims advocate renews push for DNA law in Minn.](#)

KARE

MINNEAPOLIS -- Jayann Sepich spent part of her day at the Minneapolis Public Library telling the story of daughter Katie, who was a 22-year-old ...

[NIST to Invest in Forensic Analytics Lab](#)

ExecutiveGov

NIST logo The National Institute of Standards and Technology will issue federal grants to establish a laboratory for collaborative research into forensic ...

[New crime lab gets preliminary approval, website reports](#)

The Times-Picayune - NOLA.com

The Board of Zoning Adjustments approved plans for a new five-story crime lab to be located on a vacant lot behind Criminal District Court, the ...

[Sexual assault evidence will be stored in state crime lab in Madison](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

Sexual assault victims in Wisconsin will be given a consent form notifying them they can have tests done and have DNA evidence stored at a state ...

[Salt Lake Police Chief disagrees with city proposal to solve rape kits backlog](#)

Good4Utah

There are about 2,500 rape kits in Utah that still haven't made it to the State Crime Lab for testing and more than 600 of them are from Salt Lake City.

[ACA adds forensic science and journalism classes](#)

Montgomery Advertiser

The forensic science class focuses on the analysis of evidence collection, the decomposition process, crime scenes, skeletal remains, toxicology, ...

[Forensic Scientists Can Use The Kinect To Solve Crimes](#)

Uproxx

Microsoft had to spend a lot of time and money explaining to people that the Kinect, despite being a camera that was always on and always pointed at ...

[Small police departments fear closing Allegheny County crime lab](#)

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

But if the Allegheny County Crime Lab closes, as county Executive Rich ... a series of rapes in their community, and they had DNA evidence to test

current and aspiring forensic laboratory managers, law enforcement professionals and other forensic service providers. Instructors include forensic practitioners and college professors experienced in the field of forensics. The program will be offered September 14 – 19, 2014 in Morgantown, WV on the WVU campus. Please visit our website at <http://www.be.wvu.edu/execed/fma> for more information and to register.



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Employment Opportunities

[Director of Forensic Investigations](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: November 21, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – DNA Analyst \(Part-time, Grant Funded\)](#), DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: October 17, 2014

[Baltimore Police crime lab director leaves post](#)

Baltimore Sun (blog)

The crime laboratory director for the Baltimore Police Department has left the agency, taking the same position with the Montgomery County Police ...

[It's My Job: DNA technical leader](#)

Jackson Clarion Ledger

Deedra Hughes is the DNA technical leader and CODIS administrator for the state ... I have been working at the Crime Lab since 2000. ... I chose to go into forensic science because it is the perfect combination of science and law.

[Come visit with Louisiana's Bone Lady](#)

Natchez Democrat

The mysteries of forensic science fascinate many, and the works of ... Parish District Attorney's Office will present Louisiana's top forensic anthropologist, Mary ... Manhein also explains the workings inside her lab and DNA databases, ...

[CSI Colorado – CBI Lab aces test](#)

North Denver News

The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) mandates the comprehensive audit of forensic ...

Training

A2LA courses are designed with forensic professionals in mind, including a new courses to be hosted in Minnesota this September on ISO/IEC 17025 and 17020. See the below link for a full listing with dates and topics.

http://www.a2la.org/training/course_schedule.cfm

The **ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board/FQS** offers 2 workshops for accreditation preparation to the forensic community.

- ISO/IEC 17025 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Test Agencies

Attendees of this three-day workshop will obtain a general overview of ISO/IEC 17025 as it relates to

[Quality Manager](#), Raleigh/Wake City-County Bureau of Identification (Wake County), Raleigh, Expires: September 4, 2014

[Forensic Scientist \(Firearms & Toolmark\)](#), DC Gov't – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: September 12, 2014

[Forensic Scientist](#), Nebraska State Patrol Crime Lab, Lincoln, NE, Expires: September 16, 2014

[Sheriff's Supervising Forensic Scientist – Fingerprint Comparison](#), Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura, CA, Expires: September 19, 2014

[Forensic Technician](#), City of Newport News, Newport News, VA, Expires: September 4, 2014

[Forensic Science Program Chief](#), WI Dept. of Justice, Madison, WI, Expires: September 14, 2014

[DNA Technician](#), Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin, TX, Expires: August 29, 2014

[Forensic Scientist 2 – Drug Chemistry](#), Cuyahoga County – Medical Examiners Office, Cleveland, Ohio, Expires: September 2, 2014

[Crime Lab Director, Sheriff](#), Los Angeles County Sheriff, Los Angeles, California, Expires: September 26, 2014

[Forensic Scientist III](#), Scottsdale Police Department, Scottsdale, AZ, Expires: September 14, 2014

[Crime Scene Specialist](#), Scottsdale Police Department, Scottsdale, AZ, Expires: August 31, 2014

[Forensic Management Analyst](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: November 14, 2014

[Forensic Scientist I \(Chemical\)](#), Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, Hauppauge, NY, Expires: November 14, 2014

[Criminalist](#), Sacramento County DA's Office Laboratory of Forensic Services, Sacramento,

forensic test agencies.

[September 22-24, 2014](#), Alexandria, VA
[October 27-28, 2014](#), Worcester, MA

- ISO/IEC 17020 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Police Agencies

Attendees of this two-day workshop will obtain a general overview of ISO/IEC 17020 for forensic police agencies.

[September 25-26, 2014](#), Alexandria, VA

For more information about these workshops, contact FQS at 703-836-0025, ext 208. To register, please click on any of the dates above.

[ASCLD-LAB Training](#)

Training classes to help forensic laboratory personnel understand the requirements of *ISO/IEC 17025 General Requirements for the Competency of Testing and Calibration Laboratories*.

George Mason University's Office of Continuing Professional Education in Virginia is hosting a 2-day seminar:

Sexually Violent Crime: The Body as Evidence
Taught by Dr. Henry Lee and Dr. Leah Bush
November 3-4, 2014

Sexually violent crime continues to challenge investigators and concern the general public. It has been estimated that every two minutes, someone in the United States is sexually assaulted. In many cases, sexual assault results in homicide. Dr. Henry Lee and Dr. Leah Bush, two of the country's top forensic scientists, will share their individual and collective expertise to help the participants understand the importance of the body as evidence as it relates to sexually violent crimes.

Please visit our course page at http://www.ocpe.gmu.edu/programs/legal/cold_case.php for more information on this exciting opportunity to learn from two of the top forensic scientists in the country!

CA, Expires: August 29, 2014

[Criminal Investigator I – Chemist](#), Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Pueblo, CO, Expires: August 28, 2014

[Forensic Science Technician](#), Charles County Sheriff, La Plata, Expires: September 8, 2014

[Forensic Scientist- Chemist](#), Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, Beaufort, South Carolina, Expires: September 1, 2014

[Forensic DNA Analyst](#), Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, Beaufort, South Carolina, Expires: September 1, 2014

[Latent Print Examiner-Forensic Scientist III/Quality Assurance Specialist](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: November 3, 2014

[Latent Print Examiner](#), Fort Worth Police Dept, Fort Worth, Texas, Expires: August 27, 2014

[Sheriff's Forensic Services Bureau Manager II](#), Ventura County Sheriff, Ventura, CA, Expires: September 30, 2014

[Forensic Toxicology Analyst](#), St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office, Lacombe, LA, Expires: September 12, 2014

[DNA Analyst III](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 30, 2014

[Quality Assurance Coordinator](#), The City of Lakewood, Lakewood, Colorado, Expires: August 29, 2014

[Chief Medical Examiner](#), Travis County, Austin, TX, Expires: September 23, 2014

[Forensic Scientist II-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: October 23, 2014

[Forensic Analyst – Biology-DNA](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: September 30, 2014

Forensic and Investigative Science Outreach is pleased to provide quality, continuing education courses for forensic professionals. We would like to announce several on-site courses which will be offered for FREE at West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia. Please feel free to visit our [website](#) for additional registration information and to share this information with other interested individuals.

Continuing Education Courses – Summer 2014

ASCLD Webinars:

Links to these webinars can also be found on the ASCLD [Training Opportunities](#) webpage.

Webinar #1: [Taking the First Steps Toward Backlog Reduction](#)

Webinar #2: [The Backlog Paradox: Doing Less is Doing More](#)

Webinar #3: [Managing Customer Expectations and Education](#)

Webinar #4: [Case Acceptance, Policies and Guidelines](#)

Webinar #5: [Efficiency Improvements](#)

Webinar #6: [Increasing Your Staff without Increasing Your Budget](#)

Webinar #7: [Developing a Statewide Approach to Backlog Management](#)

Cal State Fullerton Certificates in Crime & Forensics. Contact Veronica Martinez at 1-657-278-3123 or see <http://extension.fullerton.edu/professionaldevelopment/Crime-Forensic>.

RTI International's Center for Forensic Sciences Continuing Education is pleased to offer a second premium online course for legal professionals, titled "Managing Quality and Reliability in the Crime Laboratory: A Lawyer's Perspective". This low cost training was developed with the support of ASCLD/LAB, the North Carolina District Attorney's Association and the National

[Latent Print Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: September 30, 2014

[Quality Specialist](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: September 30, 2014

[Forensic Scientist I or II](#), LVMPD, Las Vegas, NV, Expires: September 3, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – Forensic Biology](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: August 31, 2014

[Forensic Scientist](#), Fort Worth Police Department, Fort Worth, Texas, Expires: August 30, 2014

Conferences

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

September 9-10, 2014: Emerging Forensic Genomic Applications – genomID forum In Greenville, NC. See www.advancedforensicdna.com/corporate/snpforum/ for more information.

September 23-26, 2014: [Southern Association Forensic Scientist \(SAFS\) Annual 2014 Meeting](#) in Savannah, GA.

October 4-10, 2014: Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists in St. Paul, MN. See <http://www.mafs.net/news-feeds-1/mafs-2014> for more information.

October 13-18, 2014: World Forensic Festival in Seoul, South Korea. See <http://www.wff2014korea.org/info/index.php> for more information.

Association of Prosecutor Coordinators. This course is designed for legal professionals who interface with scientific experts and/or present scientific evidence in courts of law. The course provides information about how accredited crime laboratories control quality, ensure the reliability of results, and work to maintain a high level of customer satisfaction and confidence in the reliability of laboratory services. It is recommended, but not required, that users have taken the course; An Introduction to the Crime Laboratory - Understanding its Role and Purpose before attempting this course.

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Evaluate the work of a scientific expert
- Name the two types of scientific analyses
- Name the international body that governs crime laboratory accreditation
- Recognize authoritative documents and court rulings critical to forensic science
- List five warning signs signaling problems in a crime laboratory

If you know of a legal professional who may be interested in taking this course, please direct them

to: <https://www.forensiced.org/training/viewcourse.cfm?moduleid=fdf2f9c6-4d9e-4e7c-a6fd-c5301474a49d>. In some states, this course has been approved for 1 hour of CLE and MCLE credits (<https://www.forensiced.org/training/clestates.cfm?cid=1128152721>).

October 14-17, 2014: Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers in Vancouver, B.C. See <http://afgam.org/wp12/annual-training-conference/> for more information.

October 19-24, 2014: Society of Forensic Toxicologists in Grand Rapids, MI. See <http://www.soft-tox.org> for more information.

October 19-23, 2014: [36th Annual Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists \(SWAFS\)](#) in South Padre Island, TX.

October 20-24, 2014: Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists in Rohnert Park, CA. See <http://www.nwafs.org/meetings.htm> for more information.

November 3-6, 2014: [Annual DNA & Investigators Workshop– Bode Mid-Atlantic](#) in Crystal City, VA

November 3-6, 2014: [Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientist \(NEAFS\) Annual Meeting](#) in Hershey, PA.

February 16-21, 2015: [AAFS 67th Annual Scientific Meeting](#) in Orlando, FL