



American Society of Crime Lab Directors

"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

There is a revised budget posted on the ASCLD website. This revision was made to include the symposium expenses and projected income from hiring the meeting planner. Members can review this budget by going to members, then scroll down to files, select the members file, ASCLD Business, 2014 and you will see the new budget. Please let Jean or I know if you have any question.

The ASCLD board is looking for volunteers to join the Membership Committee and assist with this year's membership drive. Interested members should send their contact information (name, agency, email address and phone number) to the office at office@asclld.org.

Have a good week,
Brady Mills
ASCLD President

Dear ASCLD Member,

I am a Ph.D. student in the School of Criminal Justice at the University at Albany. I have a M.S. degree in forensic biology and for my Ph.D. dissertation, I am conducting research on the impact of court decisions on crime laboratories in the United States. The goal of the study is to better understand both the practical implications of court decisions for crime labs as well as how labs implement court decisions.

If you are a regular or retired ASCLD member from the U.S., I am writing to invite you to participate in an online survey for my dissertation research. The survey is expected to take approximately 10 - 15 minutes to complete. Please click on the link below to go to the survey website (or copy and paste the survey link into your internet browser).

The person who responds to this survey should have an understanding of policy implementation in the laboratory. Ideally, this understanding should come from an administrative, supervisory, or managerial role in the lab.

The survey is completely voluntary and strictly anonymous. No identifying information will be requested. The survey software will not collect or store your computer's IP address, your email, or any geo-data about your location.

Survey Link: <http://sgiz.mobi/s3/Court-Decisions-and-Crime-Labs>

News Around the Globe

[Brown passes law creating time frame to process sex assault evidence](#)

Daily Californian

On Tuesday, Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law Assembly Bill 1517, which provides law enforcement agencies and crime labs with a time frame to ...

[Cleveland-area crime, forensic lab is expanded](#)

TRF

CLEVELAND (AP) - Cuyahoga (ky-uh-HOH'-guh) County has announced the opening of an expanded regional forensics science lab that will enhance ...

[Greensboro Police: Private Forensics Lab Helps Solve X Cases](#)

FMY News 2

In a news release, police said Cellmark Forensics Lab processed evidence from a series of commercial break-ins that happened in May of this year.

[Cold case unit gets federal grant](#)

HIO

The National Institute of Justice awarded \$167,000 to the Montgomery County Coroner's Office and Miami Valley Regional Crime Laboratory for the ...

[Backlog at Marion County crime lab means delays in '42 cases](#)

RTV Indianapolis

Evidence, scientists and technicians in the crime lab play a critical role in determining ... Homicide investigators were still awaiting the forensic evidence covered inside the home. ... DNA testing also has a lengthy backlog of cases

[Long-ignored evidence suddenly used to catch rapists](#)

3S News

James McPike said Cleveland's violent crime rate is ready on the decline. ... we will have them tested by the Washington State Patrol crime lab."

[Lette County Sexual Assault Response Team shares report in hope for action](#)

Arizico Enterprise-Record

Lette County has the ability to track evidence and link

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.

Employment Opportunities

[Deputy Forensic Toxicologist \(DOH/SLD](#)

[#55101\)](#), NM DOH Scientific Laboratory Division, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Expires: November 3, 2014

[Criminalist III \(Forensic Biology / DNA\)](#),

Broward Sheriff's Office, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Expires: October 17, 2014

[Section Head, Biology](#), Ontario Public Service,

Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Expires: October 21, 2014

[Senior Forensic Analyst- Toxicology](#), Houston

Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 29, 2014

[Manager of Toxicology](#), Houston Forensic

Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 29, 2014

[Toxicology Program Manager/Chief](#)

[Toxicologist](#), Colorado Department of Public Safety, Denver, CO, Expires: October 8, 2014

[Crime Laboratory Director](#), State of Wyoming –

imes through ... of Justice-Crime Lab, public health, analyst and Indian health organizations.

[Over 5000 rape kits tested as part of special initiative](#)

MFD.com

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced Friday at forensic ... of a special initiative to test rape kits that had never before been tested for DNA

[Riley Welch LaPorte & Associates Forensic Laboratories Welcomes New Staff and Disciplines ...](#)

R.com (press release)

Ann Arbor, MI, October 01, 2014 --(PR.com)-- Riley Welch LaPorte & Associates Forensic Laboratories announces the addition of two new staff ...

[Michigan State Police Biometrics and Identification Division: Forensic Art & Missing and ...](#)

MSX17

Detective Trooper Sarah Krebs is a forensic artist working to solve missing ... State police are now being proactive, taking DNA from all unidentified ...

[Group says there are thousands of untested "rape kits" in Wisconsin](#)

DJT

That's why my plan to combat violence against women includes provisions to commit the Crime Lab to prioritize the processing of blood and urine ...

[Utah crime lab accepting untested rape kits from across the state](#)

UTX13now.com

SLT LAKE CITY — The Utah State Crime Lab began accepting untested rape kits from agencies all across the state; throughout Utah there are an ...

[Harrisonburg Police Purchase New Mobile Crime Lab](#)

HSV

(HSV) -- Harrisonburg police say they are better prepared for something like the Hannah Graham case thanks to their new mobile crime lab

[Senator vows to expand DNA testing in innocence cases](#)

Justin American-Statesman

Arguing that the state's highest criminal court watered down a law designed to free innocent people from prison, a state senator vowed Wednesday to ...

Attorney General – Department of Criminal Investigation, Cheyenne, WY, Expires: November 28, 2014

[Criminalist II \(Controlled Substances\)](#)

Broward Sheriff's Office, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Expires: October 10, 2014

[Latent Print Examiner](#)

Broward Sheriff's Office, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Expires: October 10, 2014

[Firearms & Toolmarks Lab Supervisor](#)

Dept. of Human Resources, Cleveland, Ohio, Expires: October 8, 2014

[Fingerprints Lab Supervisor](#)

Dept. of Human Resources, Cleveland, Ohio, Expires: October 8, 2014

[Forensic Scientist 2 – Fingerprints](#)

Dept. of Human Resources, Cleveland, Ohio, Expires: October 8, 2014

[Forensic Scientist 2 – Firearm & Toolmark](#)

Dept. of Human Resources, Cleveland, Ohio, Expires: October 8, 2014

[Latent Print Laboratory Director](#)

New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Albany, NY, Expires: October 14, 2014

[Forensic Scientist III – Latent Print Unit](#)

Scottsdale Police Department, Scottsdale, Az, Expires: October 19, 2014

[Criminalist](#)

Ohio State Highway Patrol Crime Lab, Columbus, OH, Expires: October 31, 2014

[Vis Analytic Forensic Toxicology Specialist](#)

UIC, Chicago, IL, Expires: November 15, 2014

[Grand Junction Forensic Laboratory-Assistant Director](#)

Colorado Department of Public Safety, Grand Junction, Expires: October 8, 2014

[Forensic DNA Network, Member Manager](#)

Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis, Greenville, NC, Expires: December 16, 2014

[Other aide: Proposal to share crime lab services doesn't shut door to possible merger](#)

Omaha World-Herald

proposal to share crime lab services between Omaha and Douglas County doesn't close the door to a merger, the mayor's chief of staff told the ...

[Cuyahoga County touts expanded forensic capabilities regional crime lab](#)

The Plain Dealer - cleveland.com

CLEVELAND, Ohio -- Cuyahoga County officials today showed off their expanded regional crime lab, a project more than 14 years in the making.

[SU Forensics Research Yields New Word, New Way to Investigate Murders](#)

BHM

Dr. Ivan says previous forensic research focused mainly on external factors. ... she means the types of microbes present, as determined by their DNA.

[Houston Forensic Science Center awarded \\$1.26 million grant](#)

The Houston News

The National Institute of Justice is an important partner ensuring that the crime lab remains on the cutting edge of forensic science, a crucial ...

[VSP crime lab: Rape kit backlog a solvable problem](#)

Charleston Gazette

John Fezell, supervisor of the West Virginia State Police crime lab's toxicology section, tests alcohol content in blood samples at the lab.

[Chemist](#), Brazoria County S.O., Angleton, Texas, Expires: October 31, 2014

[Forensic Chemist / Toxicologist](#), Brazoria County S.O., Angleton, Texas, Expires: October 31, 2014

[Program Director, Forensic Chemical Science](#), Washburn University, Topeka, KS, Expires: October 27, 2014

[Forensic Science Technician \(FSL\)](#), Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS), Washington, D.C., Expires: October 16, 2014

[Drug Chemist](#), City of Fort Worth Police Dept, Fort Worth, TX, Expires: November 14, 2014

[Forensic DNA Analyst](#), Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis, Greenville, NC, Expires: November 28, 2014

[Forensic Chemical Science Program Director](#), Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, Expires: October 20, 2014

[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

[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

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

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



Advanced Topics for Human Identification & Data Interpretation

December 2-5, 2015 | Philadelphia, PA

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[DNA Technical Leader](#), Idaho State Police,
Meridian, Idaho, Expires: December 12, 2014

This 4 day course will offer training for forensic biologists and technicians involved in testing and testimony for forensic human identification. Each day will focus on issues of current interest in the field and conclude with an open dialogue panel discussion. Topics Include: Current issues with variability in the interpretation of complex mixtures, designing internal validation studies and interpretation guidelines, alternate approaches to mixture interpretation for challenging samples, evaluation of statistical models for mixed sample sources, and the use of novel techniques.

Distinguished faculty include: John Butler, PhD, Niels Morling, MD, DMSc, Michael Coble, PhD, Charles Brenner, PhD, Charlotte Word, PhD, and other forensic biology professionals.

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Forensic Training

For many years RTI International, which hosts NIJ's Forensic Science Technology Center of Excellence, has offered a number of live and on-demand training courses free of charge. On October 1, 2014 RTI will begin charging nominal course registration fees for content. Once registered, you will have a 90-day period to access as much on-demand content for that course as you desire and revisit the training as often as you like.

To view a list of affected course, visit the [All Courses](#) webpage and search for "RTI International" in both "Scheduled Event" and "On-Demand" course list.

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

time and eliminating backlogs.

Visit www.bodetech.com or email bode.service@bodetech.com for more information.

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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!

[Forensics@NIST 2014 to take place Dec. 3-4 in Gaithersburg, Md.](#)

SCLD Webinars:

Links to these webinars can also be found on the SCLD [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:

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Accreditation Training

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*.

American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA)

A2LA's Training Program provides a variety of courses designed to help organizations achieve and maintain accreditation to international standards

ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board/FQS

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[Case Acceptance, Policies and Guidelines](#)

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[Management](#)

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[California State Fullerton Certificates in Crime & Forensics.](#)

Computer Forensics I is a hybrid program with a combination of traditional face-to-face and online courses. The program includes hands-on experience using EnCase, the industry standard in computer forensic investigation technology, and Forensic Toolkit (FTK), a suite of technologies used to perform forensic examinations of computer systems.

Forensic Conferences

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 6-8, 2014: [3rd International Conference on Forensic Research and Technology](#) in San Antonio, TX.

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

October 14-17, 2014: Association of Forensic

Quality Assurance Managers in Vancouver, B.C. See <http://afqam.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

May 18-22, 2015 Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists in Cambridge, MD. See <http://www.maafs.org/#!/annual-meeting> for more information.

May 24-29, 2015: [The Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners \(AFTE\)](#) in Dallas, TX.

July 20-24, 2015: [NIST to Host International Symposium on Forensic Science Error Management](#) in Gaithersburg, MD.

The Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis (CAFDA) would like to thank all the attendees that came to their Genome ID Forum 2014 - Emerging Forensic Genomic Applications held on September 9 and 10, 2014 in Greenville, North Carolina. Thought leaders from forensic science, research, academia, law enforcement, legal and technology development came together for an open dialogue regarding emerging science and technology applications and adoption through the forensic community. Over 65 forensic scientists, lawyers and researchers across the United States and England attended to discuss the implementation of new technologies and scientific applications in forensic human identification, new challenges in adoption, compliance and acceptance in a court of law. The presentations focused on research on emerging science and technology and the effect these emerging science and technology applications may have on forensic science practitioners. The program included thoughtful roundtable discussions that provided a meaningful exchange of ideas related to the direction of the forensic community concerning emerging technologies. The Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis™ plans for the 2015 [Genome ID](#) Forum have already begun.

August 2-8, 2015: [100th International Association for Identification \(IAI\)](#) in Sacramento, CA.

August 8-13, 2015: The [2015 Annual General Meeting](#) of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (ASQDE) will be held in Toronto, Canada.

September 18-23, 2016: [23rd International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences \(ANZFSS\)](#) in Auckland, New Zealand.