



President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

SAVE-THE-DATE Announcement from NIST

NIST is excited to share with us the announcement of the International Symposium on Forensic Science Error Management – Detection, Measurement and Mitigation. The international symposium will be convened on July 20-24, 2015 at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC.

<http://www.nist.gov/forensics/news-save-date-symposium.cfm>

They are planning the program and local arrangements for the meeting with a number of international forensic science agency partners and Federal government agency partners. Information about a meeting website will be sent as soon as there are more details about registration and submitting abstracts for platform presentations, posters and panel discussions. Look for more information soon!

Have a good week,

Brady Mills
ASCLD President

After several years of persistent, dedicated work by the ASCLD membership, I'm very excited to present the final report for the Forensic Provider Survey. As you may recall, this project was begun in 2010 with the goal of determining the number of forensic science providers in the United States. Although we were able to obtain information from most states, there are still some areas of the country that require some follow up. Nonetheless, this report provides a very good estimate as to the number of current forensic science providers and can be used as a road map for any future work in regards to this topic.

I would like to specifically acknowledge Beth Kroupa and John Collins as primary contributors to this effort. I also would like to thank the staff at RTI for their excellent editing and scheduling persistence. Finally, I would like to recognize all of those who served as state coordinators and volunteered their time to assist with the completion of this project.

http://www.asclcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/ASCLD_FTCOE_Forensic-ServiceProviders_Report_Sept-2014_FINAL-1-1-1.pdf

Jay Henry,
ASCLD Past President

Advocacy Corner

As I mentioned last week, a critical advocacy issue right now is the re-authorization and appropriation of Coverdell funding. Unless Coverdell is re-authorized, it will disappear and cannot have funding appropriated to it each year. Additionally, unless the House recedes to the Senate appropriation of \$12 million, some agreement from \$0 to \$12 must be struck in conference and there's no guarantee of funding at all for FY 2015.

Attached are 3 documents that are very important. First, is a document with instructions on how to contact your Senators and Representatives and what to ask for. The second is a list of talking points to help you discuss the issues with the staffers that you call. Lastly, a general letter has been provided for you to address to your Congressional delegation and request appropriation and re-authorization.

Please take time today to look over these documents and contact your representatives to request re-authorization and appropriation of Coverdell.

<http://www.ascd.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/FY15-Coverdell-Advocacy-Directions.pdf>

<http://www.ascd.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/FY15-Coverdell-Talking-Points.docx>

<http://www.ascd.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/FY15-Coverdell-funding-request-letter.docx>

Have a great week.

-Jeremy Triplett

News Around the Globe

Cracking crime in 90 minutes

Arizona Republic

Instead of waiting weeks or months for the state crime lab, new, automated machines allow officers to test DNA evidence in 90 minutes — a hustle that ...

Whodunit? Mock crime lab set up at library

Baxter Bulletin

Stolen items, cell phone records, handwriting analysis, fingerprinting. The public can do their own detective work at the mock crime lab the Donald W.

Viewpoints: New law will fix handling of DNA testing cases

Sacramento Bee



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.

On Nov. 24, 2004, a young girl walked along a busy San Diego street. At an underpass, a man came up behind her, grabbed her and told her not to ...

[ROCK DOC: Forensic science meets nuclear chemistry](#)

SCNow

But it wasn't until I talked with Nathalie Wall of the chemistry department at Washington State University that I got my head around forensic science that ...

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

Charleston Gazette

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

[DNA: Is it only used for good?](#)

Nevada Herald

DNA can take longer than other items sent to the crime lab to process, but after some time we did get a response and sure enough, there was a match!

[Lured back to forensic science, new lab director ready for challenge in Houston](#)

Houston Chronicle

Just on the short list, Garner helped build a crime lab in Kosovo from scratch, trained more than 1,000 forensic experts in Columbia how to properly ...

[Money to Process Rape Kits Falls Victim to Congressional Budget Squabbles](#)

RH Reality Check

After evidence is collected from a victim, the rape kit is ideally sent to local law enforcement for processing and then to a crime lab for testing. The DNA ...

[Forensic chemistry could stop African plant thieves](#)

Nature.com

Three of South Africa's 38 species of cycad are already extinct in the wild, and an illegal trade threatens to push more of these rare, slow-growing ...

[Construction progresses on KBI lab at Washburn](#)

[Employment Opportunities](#)

[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

[Forensic Science Technician](#),

Charles County Sheriff, La Plata, Expires: October 3, 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

Topeka Capital Journal

This artist's rendering shows what the Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Center on the Washburn University campus is expected to ...

[CALL7 exclusive: DNA analysis labs across the country testing backlog of Colorado rape kits](#)

The Denver Channel

After just the first few hundreds tests, dozens of sexual assault cases have been matched to evidence already in the Combined DNA Index System, ..

[Forgotten body parts found at Del. crime lab](#)

USA TODAY

WILMINGTON, Del. — A bag of human remains — overlooked and forgotten since 2006 — was discovered in a refrigerator at the Delaware Office of ...

[Congress Takes A Step To Tackle The Rape Kit Backlog](#)

ThinkProgress

Gov. Rick Snyder tours the Michigan State Police crime lab in Delta Township, Mich. on Thursday, June 26, 2014 before signing into law timelines and ...

[Probe continues into gun theft at Forensic Centre](#)

Trinidad & Tobago Express

Acting Police Commissioner Stephen Williams said last month, "The Forensic Centre was responsible for the safe-keeping of the guns. The director of ...

[Panel overseeing new Div. of Forensic Science begins work](#)

WDDE 91.1 FM | Delaware's NPR News station

Randall Hughes, the acting director of the Division of Forensic Science, ... Hughes also defended those working at the state's crime lab — saying some ..

[CSI Brisbane: Queensland's forensic labs spruik for more chemists](#)

ABC Online

The state's main forensic testing lab hopes more students who dream 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

[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

becoming crime scene investigators study chemistry to help keep Queensland ...

[FBI Plans Rapid DNA Dragnets](#)

Nextgov

The FBI is preparing to accelerate the collection of DNA profiles for the ... So-called rapid DNA systems can draw up a profile in about 90 minutes.

[Hamilton County morgue and crime lab cramped quarters](#)

WKRC TV Cincinnati

Since 2011 there have been concerns about lack of space for DNA analysts. The morgue's ... County commissioners said a crime lab is a top priority

[DNA blunders mean murderers and rapists could have convictions overturned: Home Office admits ...](#)

Daily Mail

Rapists and murderers may be able to challenge their convictions after the Home Office admitted juries may have been misled by subjective DNA ..

[Douglas County Board OKs shared crime lab deal](#)

Omaha World-Herald

A proposal for Douglas County and the City of Omaha to share some crime lab services cleared its first hurdle Tuesday. With no discussion, the ...

[WSAZ INVESTIGATES: Funding Boosts for WVSP Forensic Lab Not Enough to Reduce Case ...](#)

WSAZ-TV

[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

[Sheriff's Forensic Services Bureau Manager II](#)

Ventura County Sheriff, Ventura, CA, Expires: September 30, 2014

[DNA Analyst III](#)

Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 30, 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

[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

[DNA Technical Leader](#)

Idaho State Police, Meridian, Idaho, Expires: December 12, 2014



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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

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California Clinical Forensic Medical Training Center has partnered with the California District Attorney's Association to offer the below listed webinars. Please click the [here](#) for additional information.

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Date: September 30, 2014 Time: 12:00 pm—1:30 pm

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.

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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.](#)

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](#)



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.

[Cal 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.

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.