President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

With the 42nd annual ASCLD symposium in Washington D.C. behind us, it is time to look forward to the next year and all that it brings. I'm very excited to serve as your President and to announce the 2015-2016 ASCLD Board of Directors.

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Over the course of the last week, we focused on our mission of ‘Excellence in Forensic Leadership’ and how this translates to policy and practice in the 21st Century crime laboratory. It was an incredible week in our nation’s capital and it would not have been possible without the team who made it happen. To all of the symposium planning committee, volunteers, staff, and members, “Thank you!” It was a great week filled with good content and great discussions.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation to the 2014-2015 ASCLD Board of Directors and in
particular to Past President Brady Mills. Thank you for your leadership and hard work during the past year. It was filled with collaboration, consensus building, and accomplishments.

Thanks!

--Jody

Click here to learn more about the Manhattan District Attorneys Funding to Test Backlogged Rape Kits

Completed applications are due by June 1, 2015. We will host an informational webinar on April 20, 2015 to provide further information about the program; applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in that information session.

- Register for the District Attorney's webinar here.
- View the full RFP here
- Complete a profile and submit your application through our grant application here.

Click here here to learn more about the IACP Forensic Committee's 2015 Vollmer Awards.

The American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) is the largest, multi-discipline accreditation body in the U.S., having accredited over 3,500 labs to various ISO standards over its 35-year history. A2LA is a non-profit, membership organization and its accreditations to ISO standards are recognized and accepted world-wide.

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Employment Opportunities

DIRECTOR: Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS), Government of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC, Expires: July 31, 2015

Forensic Science Instructor or Assistant Professor, Marian University, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, Expires: May 26, 2015

Crime Lab Quality Assurance Manager, Metro Nashville Police Department-Crime Laboratory, Nashville, TN, Expires: July 22, 2015


Forensic Scientist – Trace Evidence, Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: May 12, 2015

Forensic Scientist – Controlled Substances, Virginia Dept. of Forensic

http://us4.campaign-archive1.com/?u=ce390794f07b89fcd62a4425&id=c713255635&e=6858e78f27
CBI gets new forensic lab to crack Apple, Linux devices
The Indian Express
CBI today got a new specialised forensic lab to decipher and recover data from Apple devices seized from suspects during investigation of cases.
Two Local Investigators Graduate from Prestigious Forensic Science Academy
Williamsburg Yorktown Daily
Left: James City County Police Investigator Kathleen Swanson
(Courtesy JCC Police) Right: York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office Investigator Kristin...
FBI Lab’s Great Crime
The Ledger
Imagine you are 17 years old and you have been accused of rape and you didn’t do it. An expert from an FBI laboratory is on the stand and has...
How Private DNA Data Led Idaho Cops on a Wild Goose Chase and Linked an Innocent Man to a...
EFF
Without a warrant or court order, investigators asked the lab to run the crime scene DNA against Sorenson's private genealogical DNA database.
Experts: Effort to set blood standard for marijuana-impaired driving not backed by science
Kennebec Journal & Morning Sentinel
Toxicologist Barry Logan, vice president of Forensic Science Initiatives and chief of forensic toxicology at NMS Labs, speaks Thursday about...
Staffing limits stalling APD fingerprint backlog
KXAN.com
True crime television shows have led to increased job interest and applications at the Austin Police Crime Lab, but so far, Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: May 8, 2015
Director of Forensic Toxicology, NYC
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, New York, NY, Expires: July 21, 2015
Laboratory Accreditation Specialist 2.
New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Albany, NY, Expires: May 15, 2015
Training Specialist, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: June 15, 2015
Forensic Analyst- Biology, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015
Digital/Computer Forensic Examiner,
Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015
Digital/Computer Forensic Examiner,
Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015
Forensic Scientist 4 – Latent Fingerprint,
Idaho State Police, Meridian Idaho, Expires: May 4, 2015
Crime Lab Director, City of Canton, Canton, OH, Expires: May 29, 2015
Division Director, Forensic Science,
Kern County, Bakersfield, California, Expires: June 9, 2015
Analytical Statistician, Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: June 12, 2015
Deputy Forensic Toxicologist (DOH/SLD #55101), State of New Mexico – Department of Health – Scientific Laboratory Division, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Expires: July 8, 2015
Temporary Part-Time Lecturer in Justice Systems, Truman State University – Justice Systems Department, Kirksville, MO, Expires: June 30, 2015
FORENSIC UNIT SUPERVISOR,
Director of DC’s embattled DNA lab resigns after suspension of testing
Washington Post
[National accreditation board suspends all DNA testing at D.C. crime lab] ... The authors of the audit, which was ordered by the District, said the lab ...

Fallout from drug lab scandal grows; police told to preserve evidence
WCJBTV Boston
Fallout from drug lab scandal grows; police told to preserve evidence ... lab chemist who falsified evidence, impacting more than 40,000 criminal cases ...

Probe of FBI’s forensics must be exhaustive
Vallejo Times Herald
In many of the cases in question the hair analysis did little more than corroborate what was otherwise a very strong case. Those cases should be still ...

Senators urge DOJ and FBI to correct injustices, review and strengthen forensic science evidence ...
Stamford Plus Magazine
“The Department must work to ensure that individuals who have been convicted using erroneous microscopic hair analysis evidence have a full and ...

DC’s inadequate crime lab
Washington Post
“INSUFFICIENT AND inadequate.” That biting assessment of the District’s crime lab by independent auditors puts to rest any suggestion that federal ...

Forensic scientists living the dream
The West Australian
Then it was off to Tennessee in the US to work alongside forensic ... in forensic science including entomology, archaeology, anthropology, DNA and ...

Washington County Sheriff’s Office, Hillsboro, OR, Expires: May 31, 2015
Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice, Gannon University, Erie, PA, Expires: June 22, 2015

Crime Lab Director, Washoe County Sheriff’s Office Forensic Science Division, Reno, NV, Expires: May 4, 2015

Director of Methods and Validation, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015
Forensic Analyst- Toxicology, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 15, 2015
Forensic Analyst- Audio/Video, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015
Forensic Scientist 3- Firearm and Toolmark Identification Unit, Metro Nashville Police Department- Crime Laboratory, Madison, TN, Expires: June 18, 2015

Firearms and Toolmarks Lab Supervisor, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiners Office, Cleveland, OH, Expires: May 23, 2015
Crime Scene Investigator, Flagler County Sheriff’s Office, Bunnell, Florida, Expires: May 22, 2015

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Bode’s newest offerings include:
Frustration grows over Independence police crime lab

Blue Springs Examiner
The state senator from Independence is not optimistic about securing money for the state to take over the Independence Police Department’s crime lab...

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CBS Local
GLENDALE (CBSLA.com) — A regional crime lab has helped officials fight crime faster, however, there has also been a battle to keep the lab running.

State-of-the-Art Crime Lab Coming to Edmond, Okla.

Government Technology (TNS) — Edmond, Okla., crime lab technicians can't wait to move into their modern lab being built near 33rd Street and Broadway.

Local dentists help police solve crimes

WISH-TV
"It's a collaborative effort and takes a lot of teamwork to solve a crime," said Mike Medler with the Marion County Crime Lab. "I remember one awhile ...

Drug lab scandal: Defense points to scolded chemist

USA TODAY
WILMINGTON, Del. — In a last-ditch effort to toss out closed drug cases, the Office of the Public Defender is calling into question another state chemist...

Researchers Develop A Method To Distinguish DNA Of Identical Twins

Tech Times
Dr. Graham Williams and colleagues at the university's Forensic Genetics Research Group developed a method called "high resolution melt curve ...

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The application period for admission to the 2015-2016 session of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) National Firearms Examiner Academy (NFEA) is open to all qualified candidates. It is important to note that in addition to personal qualifications, trainees must be assigned to an established firearms section within the State and local agency laboratory. Agencies must also have an experienced firearm and toolmark examiner on staff to mentor and continue training upon completion of the NFEA.

The NFEA provides training for apprentice/entry level firearm and toolmark examiners from Federal, state and local law
The other day Americans woke up to the alarming news that a forensic unit in the FBI had been providing misleading testimony about hair samples for ... 

**Accreditation Training**

**ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB)** ANAB is a member of the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board family of brands. ANAB provides accreditation for ISO/IEC 17025 forensic test laboratories and ISO/IEC 17020 forensic inspection agencies and a wide variety of training, workshops, and academic programs.

**ISO/IEC 17020 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Police Agencies**
- **June 22-23, 2015**, Durham, NC
- **October 29-30, 2015**, Alexandria, VA
- Cost: ASQ member $600, non-ASQ member $650

**ISO/IEC 17025 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Test Agencies**
- **October 26-28, 2015**, Alexandria, VA
- Cost: ASQ member $750, non-ASQ member $800

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

enforcement agencies. The Academy curriculum is composed of the fundamentals of firearms & toolmark examinations and serves as a basis for the trainee, under supervision, to develop into a qualified firearm and toolmark examiner. The application deadline for the 2015 - 2016 session of the NFEA is August 21, 2015. It is anticipated that the class will start in October 2015 however the training schedule is dependent on the receipt of funding and may be adjusted accordingly.

Additional information and the application form can be found at: [http://www.atf.gov/content/firearms/firearms-enforcement/national-firearms-examiner-academy-course-id-frms-pg-0002](http://www.atf.gov/content/firearms/firearms-enforcement/national-firearms-examiner-academy-course-id-frms-pg-0002)

Questions can be directed to either:
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  - NFEA Program Manager
  - **202-648-6061**
  - Sheila.Hopkins@atf.gov
- Jodi Marsanopoli
  - NFEA Laboratory Coordinator
  - Firearms and Toolmark Examiner
  - **202-648-6116**
  - jodi.marsanopoli@atf.gov

The American Society of Crime Lab Directors, along with RTI, have made the below webinars available.

- [False-Positive and False-Negative Error Rates in Cartridge Case Comparisons](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=ce3907946f07b89fcd62a4425&id=c713255635&ea=6858e78f27)
- [ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 – Archival Version](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=ce3907946f07b89fcd62a4425&id=c713255635&ea=6858e78f27)
- [ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 – Archival Version](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=ce3907946f07b89fcd62a4425&id=c713255635&ea=6858e78f27)
- [ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival Version](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=ce3907946f07b89fcd62a4425&id=c713255635&ea=6858e78f27)
Training classes to help forensic laboratory personnel understand the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 General Requirements for the Competency of Testing and Calibration Laboratories.

ASCLD/LAB-International Assessor Training Course for Testing Laboratories

ASCLD/LAB-International Assessor Training Course for Breath Alcohol Calibration

ASCLD/LAB-International Internal Auditor Training Course

ASCLD/LAB-International Preparation Course for Testing Laboratories

ASCLD/LAB-International Preparation Course for Calibration Laboratories

ASCLD Webinar Series: Case Acceptance Policies and Guidelines – Archival Version

ASCLD Webinar Series: Developing a Statewide Approach to Backlog Management – Archival Version

ASCLD Webinar Series: Efficiency Improvements – Archival Version

ASCLD Webinar Series: How to Increase your Staff without Increasing Budget – Archival Version

ASCLD Webinar Series: Managing Customer Expectations and Education – Archival Version

ASCLD Webinar Series: Taking the First Steps Toward Backlog Reduction – Archival Version


Forensic Conferences

May 18-22, 2015: Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientist in Chesapeake Bay Cambridge, MD

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

May 26-29, 2015: 14th Annual DNA Technical Workshop - Bode East in Orlando, FL

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.
August 31- September 5, 2015: The 26th Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics (ISFG) will be held in Krakow, Poland.
September 20 - 25th, 2015: Midwestern Association Forensic Scientist fall meeting will be held in Mackinac Island, Michigan.
October 6-9, 2015: 14th Annual AFQAM Training Conference will be held in Pensacola Beach, FL
October 12-16, 2015: Southern Association Forensic Scientist (SAFS) Annual 2015 Meeting in Atlanta, GA.
October 18-25, 2015: Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) in Atlanta, GA.
October 19 - 23, 2015: Southwestern Association of Forensic Science (SWAFS) in Oklahoma City, OK.
October 2015: Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists in Spokane, WA
April 3-8, 2016: International Association for Chemical Testing (IACT) in Orlando, FL.
September 18-23,