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President's Message



Greetings,

To cap of this year's 2015 Forensic Science Week, Nancy Stokes and Darianne Cloudy received their \$1000 scholarship awards from ASCLD. Both are graduate students at Virginia Commonwealth University enrolled in the Forensic Science program.

Nancy is currently completing an internship at the Virginia Department of Forensic Science focused on touch DNA and cell sorting. She is also a lead TA and completing her coursework with plans to graduate in May 2016.

Darianne is a first year graduate student also serving as a TA for biology, attending classes and working. She is also interested in DNA, but with a passion for research. She became inspired while participating in a research project focused on wildlife DNA forensics and is excited about the numerous research opportunities in the field of forensic science.

I would like to thank Cecilia Doyle, Sid Popejoy, and Zoe Smith for the time and effort they put into ranking the seventeen applications and Tracy Birch for coordinating and participating in the scoring.

This is a great program that benefits the forensic science community by helping those with an interest and a passion succeed in meeting their goals.

Have a great week!

Sabrina S. Cillessen

Crime Laboratories have earned a position of public trust over time through providing reliable quality results. Keeping public trust includes being self-correcting once an issue is discovered. The Federal Bureau of Investigation allele frequency amendments is an

opportunity to demonstrate the capability of forensic science labs to proactively address a challenge to quality.

This is the rescheduled webinar from June 30 that was not able to be completed:

ASCLD: FBI Allele Frequency Amendments - Technical Discussion

The new registration page:

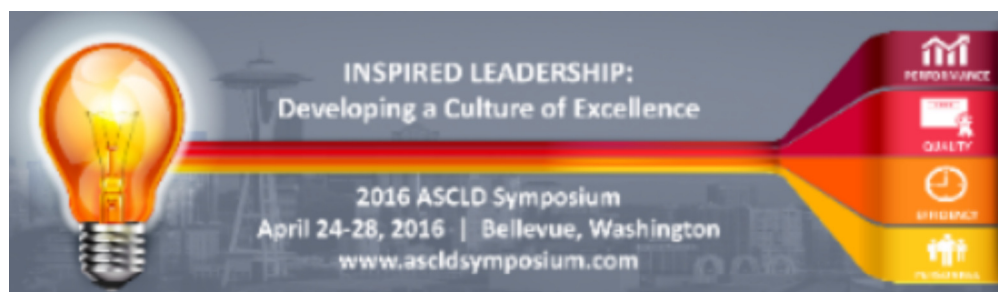
<https://forensiccoe.org/module/registration/Default.aspx?moduleid=C1BF3FD9-E576-473C-A24F-DD0C8453B30C>

Date & Time: August 25, 2015 1:00 pm est

This presentation will assist quality managers, DNA technical leaders and forensic scientists to provide timely assessment, correction, notification, reporting and documentation; enabling Crime Labs to continue to earn and keep public trust. This webinar will provide for a technical discussion of the issue by the authors of the FBI's Erratum. It will also include presentations by a quality manager and technical leader on how they have handled the issue in their laboratories.

Presenters:

- Tamyra Moretti, Ph.D. is a Research Biologist in the DNA Support Unit of the FBI Laboratory in Quantico, Virginia.
- John Buckleton, Ph.D. is the Principal Scientist for the Institute of Environmental Science & Research Ltd in Auckland, New Zealand.
- Bruce Budowle, Ph.D. is the Executive Director of the Institute of Applied Genetics, University of North Texas Health Science Center, and Professor in the Department of Molecular and Medical Genetics, in Fort Worth, Texas
- Alyson Saadi, MNS, DNA Technical Leader for the Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory
- Cyndi Hall, Quality Manager, Idaho State Police Forensic Services Laboratory



[Forensic Training](#)

2015 Impression, Pattern and Trace Evidence Symposium

August 25 - 27, 2015

San Antonio, TX

Click [here](#) for additional information.

MAFS is announcing a Forensic Anthropology Workshop hosted by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office Criminalistics Laboratory in Olathe, Kansas on September 1st - September 3rd.

Click [here](#) for additional details.

The Forensic and Investigative Science Outreach, at West Virginia University, is offering many onsite forensic science courses and workshops through September 30, 2015, as part of an award from the National Institute of Justice. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Ron Smith & Associates – National Latent Print Examiner Training Academy. October 2015 Camp Shelby, MS

Click [here](#) for more information.

The NFEA provides training for apprentice/entry level firearm and toolmark examiners from Federal, state and local law 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>

Questions can be directed to either:

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[Employment Opportunities](#)

[Forensic Scientist – Trace Evidence](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: September 3, 2015

[Quality Assurance Manager, Crime Scene Unit](#), New York City Police Department, New York, NY, Expires: November 13, 2015

[Manager, Case Management, Training and Professional Development Section](#), New York City Police Department, New York, NY, Expires: November 13, 2015

[LATENT PRINT EXAMINER/CRIME SCENE ANALYST](#), Colorado Bureau of Investigation, GRAND JUNCTION, CO, Expires: August 28, 2015

[Crime Scene Analyst](#), Colorado Bureau of Investigation, GRAND JUNCTION, CO, Expires: August 28, 2015

[Faculty Position in Forensic Chemical Science](#), Washburn University, Topeka, KS, Expires: October 15, 2015

[Forensic Latent Print Analyst](#), United States Postal Service, Dulles, VA, Expires: August 31, 2015

[Forensic Analyst- Biology](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: September 30, 2015

[Methods and Validation Analyst](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: October 31, 2015

[Forensic Audio/Video Supervisor](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: October 31,

or

Jodi Marsanopoli
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Firearms and Toolmark Examiner
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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](#)

[ComparisonsASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 – Archival](#)

[VersionASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 – Archival VersionASCLD](#)

[Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival VersionASCLD Webinar Series:](#)



Advanced Topics for Human Identification & Data Interpretation

December 1-4, 2015 | Philadelphia, PA

This 4 day course will offer world-class training for experienced forensic biology practitioners, technicians, and technical leaders involved in testing and testimony for forensic serological and human identification related testing. 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; strategies for the implementation of Rapid DNA technology and sexual assault backlog reduction; alternate novel approaches to biological fluid identification; evaluation of statistical models and probabilistic modeling for mixed sample sources; improved methods for recovery of low template DNA; and legal implications of new strategies and developments in the field. Distinguished faculty include: John Butler, PhD, Niels Morling, MD, DMSc, Michael Coble, PhD, Mechthild Prinz, PhD, Jack Ballantyne, PhD, JoAnne Bright, PhD, and other forensic biology professionals.

Register today: www.ForensicBio2015.Eventbrite.com

2015

[Quality Specialist](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: October 9, 2015

[Firearms Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: October 31, 2015

[Quality Assurance Manager](#), Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory, Topeka, Kansas, Expires: September 1, 2015

[Firearm / Tool Mark examiner](#), City of Albuquerque Police Crime Lab, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: November 5, 2015

[Forensic Scientist – Controlled Substances](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: August 21, 2015

[Forensic Scientist](#), Indiana State Department of Toxicology, Indianapolis, IN, Expires: August 24, 2015

[Director \(OCME Toxicological Laboratory\)](#), NYC CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, New York, Expires: October 31, 2015

[Toxicologist Site Manager](#), NMS Labs, Jacksonville, FL, Expires: October 30, 2015

[Forensic Scientist III- Biology](#), Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory, Anchorage, Alaska, Expires: August 17, 2015

[Firearms Examiner](#), Kansas City Police Crime Laboratory, Kansas City, Missouri, Expires: October 1, 2015

[Forensic Latent Print Examiner](#), Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Criminalistics Laboratory, Olathe, Kansas, Expires: August 21, 2015

[Firearms and Tool Marks Examiner](#), St. Louis County Police Crime Laboratory, St. Louis, MO, Expires: August 31, 2015

[Criminalist II – DNA Section](#), Boston Police Department Crime Laboratory, Boston, Massachusetts, Expires: September 1, 2015

[Forensic Lab Technician \(Biology/DNA\)](#), NLT Management Services, LLC, Beltsville, MD, Expires: September 16, 2015

[Quality Assurance Specialist](#), NLT Management Services, LLC, Beltsville, MD, Expires: September 16, 2015

[Quality Assurance Specialist](#), NLT Management Services, LLC, Atlanta, GA, Expires: September 17, 2015

[Quality Assurance Specilaist](#), NLT Management Services, LLC, Walnut Creek, CA, Expires: September 17, 2015

[Forensic Analyst- Trace](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: August 31, 2015

[Forensic Laboratory Supervisor](#), Oregon State Police, Springfield, Or, Expires: August 18, 2015

[Forensic Laboratory Director](#), Oregon State Police, Central Point, Oregon, Expires: August 18, 2015

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News Around the Globe

[Drug Testing: New toxicology unit in Asheville to handle cases for western NC](#)

Morganton News Herald

Investigators in Burke County will soon have a new resource at their disposal while digging deep into hard cases — a new toxicology unit at the ...

[Legislature Considering Mandating Unfunded Crime Lab](#)

Saint Croix Source

Novelle Francis and Neville James, says the Justice Department "shall establish, staff and equip a forensic crime laboratory in the Virgin Islands," and ...



LabCorp Specialty Testing Group

[Bode Cellmark](#) Forensics provides advanced forensic solutions offering crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.

Bode's newest offerings include:

[Sexual Assault Kit Backlog Reduction Program](#) streamlines processes to eliminate backlogs of untested sexual assault kits.

[Bode Buccal 2™](#) is uniquely designed to improve DNA databanking collecting and automate processing. The Bode Buccal 2 is a **DIRECT COLLECTION SYSTEM** that requires minimal training. There is **NO Transfer Step Required**.

[Independent Validation Services](#) are customized to meet your laboratory's needs. Validation services provide completely unbiased analysis on your equipment, chemistries, or process.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: [Bode's 2015 DNA Technical Conferences](#), providing DNA training on the latest techniques and technologies to the forensic scientific community.

Forensic Conferences

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.

[Hundreds of sexual assault kits go untested in Salem](#)

Statesman Journal

The Salem Police Department's current policy is to send all sexual assault kits collected from local hospitals to the Oregon State Police Crime Lab ...

[Crime novelists go to school to get details right](#)

Appleton Post Crescent

A crime-fighting training center here in the Fox Cities is stepping in to help. ... Members of Wisconsin Crime Lab will discuss the work they do and the ...

[Bucks To Farm Out Its Forensic Lab](#)

WNPV

A company in Upper Moreland Township, Nat.

Medical Services lands Bucks County as a client for the county's forensic testing, which includes, DNA, ...

[Prosecutors lose attempt to block defense's access to email with state crime lab](#)

Lexington Herald Leader

Fayette County prosecutors tried unsuccessfully Friday to block defense attorneys' access to their correspondence with the state crime lab over the ...

[Hair analysis 'should be abolished,' says wrongly incarcerated man](#)

Al Jazeera America

This past January, he was set free when new DNA evidence contradicted FBI hair analysis that pinpointed Sledge as the assailant. For decades, the ...

[DPS crime lab honors National Forensic Week](#)

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

Krista M. Torralva/Caller-Times DNA analyst Diane Oliver sets out to solve the case of the lollipop bandit at the Department of Public Safety crime lab ...

[Pasadena mulls closing lauded crime lab](#)

Chron.com

The Pasadena City Council is set to give final approval Tuesday to a proposal to contract with Harris County's crime lab and transition away from the ...

[Yes, there is a crime lab in Tyler](#)

KLTV

The crime lab is not normally open to the public, but since it's National Forensic Science Week they open the doors of the mysterious Building C to ...

[Preparing Samples for Forensic Analysis](#)

Quality Assurance & Food Safety

Forensic analysis can help protect food companies when accidents occur which ... There are a variety of routes by which samples make it to the lab for ...

[The Forensic Foundations Group Celebrates National Forensic Science Week in Olathe, Kansas](#)

Benzinga

John M. Collins Jr. makes "A Case for Forensic Science" at the Johnson County Sheriff's ... He is also the Chief Managing Editor of Crime Lab Report.

[Investigators Can Get Your DNA From the Guts of Maggots That Have Fed On You](#)

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

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

[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.

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*.

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

Some crime scenes don't have bodies. What they have is a place where a body was, and a suspiciously large amount of maggots. Up until recently ...

[DNA Analysis Uncovers the Mysteries of Sweet, Delicious Lager](#)

Popular Mechanics

You've been drinking lager all these years and never stopping for a second to ask it where it came from.

DNA analysis of the yeast used in traditional ...

[Our view: Kudos to state for attacking crime lab backlogs](#)

Asheville Citizen-Times

The two labs' 16 technicians had to handle 28,532 blood toxicology cases last year, according to lab director John Byrd. That works out to nearly 1,800 ...

[Top 5 "CSI" myths debunked: Springs police show real-life investigators are real people](#)

Colorado Springs Gazette

What's found at crime scenes is often "small sections of a person's fingerprint or palm print that are fairly poor quality," Latent Print Examiner Brian ...

[Forensic Engineers Show How Plane Crashes Are Investigated](#)

Big News Network.com

Reynolds took us inside his lab, to show us the steps of a typical RTI investigation so we could better understand what global experts are doing with ...

[Court ruling allows DNA to be used in future cases](#)

Baltimore Sun

DNA collected during police investigations can be used indefinitely to find potential matches at crime scenes under a court ruling being hailed by law ...

[Jared Rosenthal Offers DNA Tests on The Go](#)

Forward

It may look like Jared Rosenthal is cruising around New York City in an oversized ice cream truck, but the 45-year-old entrepreneur is selling a ...

[New Bill Proposes Collection of Samples From Private Parts for DNA Profiling](#)

NDTV

It suggests that a National DNA Profiling Board and a National DNA Bank be set ... Intimate forensic procedure means "procedures conducted on living ...

[MU forensic lab faces hurdle](#)

Huntington Herald Dispatch

Each entity of the center - the DNA labs, the digital lab and the graduate program - has a ... Marshall's forensic science graduate program ranked No.

[A behind the scenes look at Grand Junction's forensic science laboratory](#)

KKCO-TV

It's national forensic science week and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation is taking this week to spotlight some of their work for the pursuit of justice.

[Armstrong provides digital forensicservices for state](#)

WJCL News

Chief Willcox says Armstrong's digital crime lab saves

[ASCLD/LAB-International Preparation Course for 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.

the state thousands of dollars, because they are able to work more quickly than other labs.

[How this chemist unwittingly helped spawn the synthetic drug industry](#)

Washington Post

UNINCORPORATED JACKSON COUNTY, N.C. —

The chemist who unwittingly helped spawn the District's synthetic drug epidemic is a hard man to ...

[Emporia State prof spends time in crime lab](#)

Topeka Capital Journal

The discussion about the class evolved into the larger forensic science program. ... Students will take core classes — DNA, toxicology, analytical chemistry, ...

Allen Hamm, assistant director of the crime lab in Olathe, said internships ...

[DA requests special audit of SA's forensic labs](#)

BDlive

THE Democratic Alliance has called on the auditor general to launch a probe into the "severe" backlogs at the country's forensic laboratories, which it ...

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