

YOUNG FORENSIC SCIENTISTS FORUM



S2 One Academy Pursuing Justice Through Truth in Evidence ... the Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth

Tuesday

Open to all Meeting Registrants

February 9, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

5.0 CE Hours

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Learning Overview: After attending this presentation, attendees will better understand forensic science, how anyone's work can result in testimony, and how the different pressures that different courts impose can impact and shape our work, and vice versa, regardless of the discipline. In addition, attendees will learn about the advantages and importance of proper resume writing and interviewing skills.

Impact on the Forensic Science Community: The Young Forensic Scientists Forum (YFSF) has historically provided a venue for those forensic scientists with less than five years of professional experience to connect with, and further integrate into, their prospective fields as well as to learn about all the other disciplines. The YFSF should provide the space and opportunity for attendees/speakers to grow, develop, network, and learn from one another. This will allow young scientists the confidence to progress in their fields and one day hopefully provide the same opportunity to future young scientists.

Program Description: This year's special session provides valuable information to young forensic scientists regarding the various disciplines within the AAFS and will serve as a forum to exchange, discuss, and cultivate new ideas. This full-day program has been put together to cover a wide range of topics and inform attendees as to how these topics relate to downstream disciplines, techniques, and individuals. The YFSF aims to show all young forensic scientists that what makes us special isn't just who we are alone, but how and what we contribute to forensics and the court system.

Every year, the American Academy of Forensic Sciences draws in thousands of globally recognized experts and professionals to present research, hold workshops, and showcase the various disciplines represented within the Academy. This special session will feature speakers from many of the AAFS sections who will discuss their work and how this work resulted in their presenting evidence in a court of law—both domestically and internationally.

Through these presentations, attendees will learn how experienced practitioners and professionals have worked to forward their disciplines and forensics as a whole and how their work culminated in presentation of evidence to a court during testimony. Through this special session, forensic experts will provide mentorship to young forensic scientists by conveying their experiences, their successes, their failures, and the lessons they learned.



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Speakers:

Brian S. Clark, MFS

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Vincent J. Desiderio, MS

United States Postal Inspection Service
Washington, DC

Emily D. Gottfried, PhD

Medical University of South Carolina
Charleston, SC

Mary L. Hall, MS

Houston, TX

Cheryl D. Hunter

American Academy of Forensic Sciences
Colorado Springs, CO

Laura M. Labay, PhD

NMS Labs
Horsham, PA

Nikolas P. Lemos, PhD

Lemos Toxicology Services
San Francisco, CA

Carl R. McClary, MS

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Atlanta, GA

Marin A. Pilloud, PhD

University of Nevada, Reno
Reno, NV

Jeri D. Roper-Miller, PhD

RTI International
Research Triangle Park, NC

Robert M. Sanger, JD

Sanger Swysen & Dunkle
Santa Barbara, CA

Tobin A. Tanaka, BS

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Ottawa, ON CANADA

Dirk Vastrick, BA

Dirk Vastrick Presents
Spokane Valley, WA

Duarte Nuno Vieira, MD, PhD

University of Coimbra
Coimbra, PORTUGAL

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Program:

9:00 a.m.	-	9:10 a.m.	Introduction to the YFSF Special Session <i>Zain Bhaloo, MSc</i>
9:10 a.m.	-	9:25 a.m.	Membership in the AAFS <i>Cheryl D. Hunter</i>
9:25 a.m.	-	9:35 a.m.	Presentation of YFSF Founders Award <i>Zain Bhaloo, MSc; Carl R. McClary, MS</i>
9:35 a.m.	-	9:50 a.m.	President's Address <i>Jeri D. Roper-Miller, PhD</i>
9:50 a.m.	-	10:10 a.m.	Forensic Science in International Investigations <i>Tobin A. Tanaka, BS</i>
10:10 a.m.	-	10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	-	10:50 a.m.	Strengthening Humanitarian Forensic Action in the 21st Century <i>Duarte Nuno Vieira, MD, PhD</i>
10:50 a.m.	-	11:10 a.m.	Forensic Toxicology—Uncovering the Truth in a Tube of Blood <i>Laura M. Labay, PhD</i>
11:10 a.m.	-	11:30 a.m.	Break
11:30 a.m.	-	11:50 a.m.	"The Ethical Forensic Scientist"—Nature or Nurture? <i>Nikolas P. Lemos, PhD</i>
11:50 a.m.	-	12:10 p.m.	Forensic Testimony—Do's and Don'ts <i>Robert M. Sanger, JD</i>
12:10 p.m.	-	12:30 p.m.	Trace-Related Tips for Tendering Truthful Testimony <i>Vincent J. Desiderio, MS</i>
12:30 p.m.	-	1:30 p.m.	Break
1:30 p.m.	-	1:50 p.m.	Skeletal Evidence in Forensic Anthropology <i>Marin A. Pilloud, PhD</i>
1:50 p.m.	-	2:10 p.m.	An Introduction to Forensic Behavioral Science <i>Emily D. Gottfried, PhD</i>
2:10 p.m.	-	2:30 p.m.	Obtaining Justice for Victims of a Multi-State, Multi-Jurisdictional Serial Sex Offender <i>Mary L. Hall, MS</i>
2:30 p.m.	-	2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45 p.m.	-	3:25 p.m.	How to Get Faster Reactions to Your Resume and Better Results From Your Interview <i>Dirk Vastrick, BA</i>
3:25 p.m.	-	4:10 p.m.	Resume Review Panel <i>Zain Bhaloo, MSc; Catherine O. Brown, MSFS; Hannah Noël Simmons, BS; Dirk Vastrick, BA</i>
4:10 p.m.	-	4:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks <i>Catherine O. Brown, MSFS; Hannah Noël Simmons, BS</i>
