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After attending this presentation, attendees will be informed regarding interesting and challenging samples from which their peers were able to obtain interpretable DNA profiles.

This presentation will impact the forensic science community by demonstrating that their forensic biology peers have great senses of humor.

The second annual You Got DNA From WHAT? session will once again allow attendees to gather and pay homage to how amazing DNA is and to reflect on the fact that DNA has been extracted from SO many novel — and interesting — items. As testing sensitivities improve and technologies continue to change, one constant is the need for intuitive analysts to properly sample items of evidence. This session gives those intuitive DNA dudes and dudettes an opportunity to present brief PowerPoint® slide-based synopses on unique and challenging evidence samples. This event will allow DNA analysts to: (1) boast of their DNA success; (2) discuss challenges in obtaining results from a particular item of evidence; (3) ponder how they might improve on their method in the unlikely event they ever encounter this type of evidence again in their lifetime; (4) gloat vis-à-vis their analytical superiority; and, (5) figure out how to one-up last year's presenters!

This 2nd annual Friday evening You Got DNA From WHAT? session, the brainchild of Criminalistics Section Fellow Daniel Petersen, is intended to be informal, entertaining, and informational (in that order!). The list of You Got DNA From WHAT? speakers, as well as the subject matter of each presentation, will be kept under wraps until the last minute to keep attendees wondering.

If you've ever found yourself at loose ends on the Friday night prior to the meeting wrapping up on Saturday and you've ever made this exclamation, or wish you had, this session is for you!

DNA, Unique Samples, Sensitivity

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