



## Special Sessions - 2017

### S2 What Shapes Our Future?: Foundations and New Directions

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After attending this presentation, attendees will better understand the different forensic science disciplines as well as the current issues in the field of forensic science. Additionally, attendees will have the opportunity to listen to prominent scientists share their experiences, cases, and thoughts on the future directions of the field.

This presentation will impact the forensic science community by providing a forum for young scientists to learn more about the field, share their ideas, and network with other professionals.

The purpose of the Young Forensic Scientists Forum Special Session is to educate college students and young professionals about the exciting field of forensic science. In addition to the presentations given by Academy members, the session provides attendees with information regarding AAFS membership and mentorship opportunities. The



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Bring Your Own Slides and Bring Your Own Posters Sessions will give young scientists the opportunity to present their research, and the Breakfast Session will connect attendees with established professionals for résumé reviews and feedback.

The 2017 YFSF Special Session entitled, *What Shapes Our Future? Foundations and New Directions*, is a day-long session scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, that features speakers from many Academy sections. Topics will include current issues in various fields of forensic sciences, as well as forthcoming changes in these fields. Attendees will learn about Academy membership and will have the opportunity to build professional relationships through networking and mentorship. This special session will also showcase two Forensic Sciences Foundation, Inc. Emerging Forensic Scientist Award winners, who will be presenting their award-winning papers.

The Bring Your Own Posters (BYOP) and Bring Your Own Slides (BYOS) Sessions are two opportunities provided by the YFSF for students and young scientists to present their research. The BYOP Session will take place the evening of Tuesday, February 14, and the BYOS will be held on the evening of Wednesday, February 15. YFSF does not require presenters of YFSF BYOS and BYOP Sessions to be members of AAFS and does not require they attend the special session, but they are encouraged to do so. The program will conclude on Thursday, February 16, with the annual YFSF Breakfast Session which includes a résumé review panel. Attendees of the breakfast session must be registered for the YFSF Special Session.

The Breakfast Session on Thursday morning will feature two speakers, followed by a Question and Answer Session. The theme for the Breakfast Session is *Professionalism and Etiquette “Eggs-pectations”* and will cover topics in courtroom conduct and testimony. Attendees will then have the opportunity to meet with established AAFS members and receive feedback on their résumés.

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