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American Academy of Forensic Sciences Holds 70th Annual Scientific Meeting in Seattle, Washington

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO (Jan. 31, 2018) – The American Academy of Forensic Sciences’ (AAFS) 70th Annual Scientific Meeting will take place Feb. 19-24, 2018, at the Washington State Convention Center. Themed “Science Matters” by AAFS President Betty Layne DesPortes, JD, MS, more than 4,000 national and international forensic professionals are expected to present breaking advances in the forensic sciences and hold discussions on issues facing the profession.

Current initiatives include a continued focus on research, fostering the research culture in forensic science, and expanding and integrating forensic science research within the broader scientific community. Scientific sessions will be presented on topics specific to 11 disciplines of the forensic sciences, covering a multidisciplinary range of human, technical, medical, and scientific endeavors as they apply to civil disputes and criminal investigations.

Meeting highlights include two major presentations: the opening evening session, 8-10 p.m., Tues., Feb. 20, and the annual plenary session, 9-11 a.m., on Wed., Feb. 21, both at the Washington State Convention Center. The evening session, “Forensic Science in the Public Eye: Diversity, Research and Communication,” features a panel of journalists, television producers and a Washington state cannabis activist, who will bring their unique experiences regarding how to communicate the work of forensic scientists, their research, and their diversity to effect change in society. The plenary session, titled “Science Matters,” examines the importance of the human examiner in forensic work. The forensic investigator is the instrument of analysis, bringing cognitive processing that underpins various aspects of forensic work. The scope and relevance of cognitive forensics will be presented, and the relevant research will be summarized to demonstrate its implication to forensic practice.

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The plenary session panelists include Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC; Itiel Dror, PhD, University College London, Department of Security and Crime Science; Rush D. Holt, PhD, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, DC; and AAFS President Betty Layne DesPortes, JD, MS, Benjamin & DesPortes, PC, Richmond, Virginia.

For updates on AAFS during the scientific meeting, visit the AAFS newsfeed at www.aafs.org.

COMPLIMENTARY REGISTRATION FOR JOURNALISTS: Individuals able to document a current direct connection with the news media may receive free registration at the AAFS registration desk, as may journalism students by presenting letterhead-stationery certification that they are attending as part of a class activity. Everyone seeking access to any aspect of the annual meeting must be registered. Press attending special functions (e.g., workshops, seminars, luncheons) are required to preregister and pay the designated fees by the preregistration deadline of Feb. 1, 2018.

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Washington State Convention Center  
Seattle, WA

Press Policy & Restrictions

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Press personnel attending special functions (e.g., workshops, breakfast seminars, luncheons, etc.) are required to pre-register and pay the fees designated for special sessions by the pre-registration deadline of January 24, 2018. If press have not pre-registered by this date, access to the special session will not be permitted.

No audio or videotaping is permitted without prior written approval from AAFS. AAFS will take the following steps should press violate any part of the Press Policy:

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PURPOSE: The American Academy of Forensic Sciences is a multi-disciplinary professional organization that provides leadership to advance science and its application to the legal system. The Academy promotes integrity, competency and education, fosters research, improves practice and encourages collaboration in the forensic sciences.

FOUNDED: 1948

MEMBERSHIP: 6,700
Members are divided into eleven sections spanning the forensic enterprise. Included among the Academy's members are physicians, attorneys, dentists, toxicologists, physical anthropologists, document examiners, psychiatrists, physicists, engineers, criminalists, educators, digital evidence experts, and others. Representing all 50 United States, Canada, and 60 other countries worldwide, they actively practice forensic science and, in many cases, teach and conduct research in the field as well.

FORENSIC SECTIONS:
- Anthropology
- Criminalistics
- Digital & Multimedia Sciences
- Engineering Sciences
- General
- Jurisprudence
- Odontology
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Betty Layne DesPortes is a criminal defense attorney with the Richmond, Virginia law firm of Benjamin & DesPortes. She has actively sought reform of Virginia’s indigent defense system and is committed to improving indigent defense forensic science resources. State of Virginia appointments include Virginia Chief Justice’s Indigent Defense Training Initiative: Planning Committee, 2005-17, and Program Co-Chair: 2011-12, 2014-15; Commission on Virginia Courts in the 21st Century: To Benefit All, To Exclude None, Task Force on the Structure of the Judicial System: 2005-06.

Ms. DesPortes is an AAFS Fellow who has served on its board of directors since 2007, and has been involved in several committees. She served as chair of the Forensic Science Foundation, 2013-16, and was active on several Foundation committees. Ms. DesPortes is a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, American Board of Criminal Lawyers, and the Virginia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Additionally, she has been Adjunct Faculty at the University of Richmond School of Law (Scientific Evidence), and is the managing author of, Scientific Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases (7th edition in production) with Andre A. Moenssens and Steven D. Benjamin, and published several articles on a variety of topics including criminal law and forensic science evidence.

Ms. DesPortes was honored with the Kenneth S. Field Award of Appreciation for Outstanding Service to the AAFS Staff and the Harold A. Feder Award, AAFS Jurisprudence Section, in 2014. She has also made presentations and served as a panelist on a range of topics, including “The Forensic Landscape Two Years After the NAS Report: Litigating Issues in Light of the Report and Responses of the Forensic Community, Governmental Agencies and Congress,” American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section and the Louis Stein Center for Law & Ethics Second Annual Prescription for Criminal Justice Forensics, June 2011, New York, NY.

In 1996, Betty Layne DesPortes and her law partner, Steven D. Benjamin, obtained a landmark Virginia Supreme Court decision recognizing the constitutional right of an indigent criminal defendant to expert forensic assistance.

In 2001, Ms. DesPortes and Mr. Benjamin obtained the exoneration and release of Jeffrey David Cox, who was serving a life sentence for a murder he did not commit. In 2015, they obtained the release of Mark Lawrence Weiner, who had been wrongfully convicted of abduction in Albemarle County, Virginia.

Ms. DesPortes received her Master of Science in forensic science from Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond, Virginia) and her Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia Law School (Charlottesville, Virginia).
Susan Ballou has been involved in NIST research for the past 17 years. She is the Program Manager for the Forensic Sciences Research Program within the Special Programs Office at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Gaithersburg, Maryland. She is also the Federal Officer for the NIST Forensic Science Center of Excellence, based at Iowa State University, and the Center for Statistics and Applications in Forensic Evidence (CSAFE). The Center’s mission is "...to collaborate with interdisciplinary researchers from academia and industry for the widespread adoption of probabilistic methods within the forensic science community."

Prior to her position with NIST, Ballou served as the lead serologist for the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) Crime Laboratory in Rockville, Maryland, where she was responsible for the examination of collected evidence from homicides and burglaries as well as from aggravated and sexual assaults. Several of her cases have been on the highly acclaimed television series “Forensic Files.”

Ballou has also held a position with the Commonwealth of Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services at its Merrifield location, where she conducted analysis on evidence suspected of containing illicit drugs, body fluids, and hairs and fibers. Her expertise with the Virginia system grew from her prior position as a chemist in the Connecticut Office of the Chief Medical Examiner under the supervision of Chief Toxicologist Dr. Randall Baselt. She holds a Master of Science degree in Biotechnology from Johns Hopkins University and a Criminal Justice undergraduate degree from the University of New Haven in West Haven, Connecticut.

Qualified as an expert in 180 court cases, she has ventured beyond the crime laboratory to assist with crime-scene investigations, and she has taught this information at The Judge Advocate General's Legal School and Center in Charlottesville, Virginia. Ballou has served on the ASTM E30 Forensic Science committee and held the position of chair, receiving the prestigious ASTM International Award of Merit with the honorary title of Fellow from Committee E30. She is currently President-Elect of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS), a 7,000-member-strong association. She holds fellow status in the AAFS and received the AAFS Criminalistics Section Mary E. Cowan Outstanding Service Award. In 1996, she joined Dr. Thomas Noguchi, medical physicians, and several other AAFS members on an educational trip to southern Japan to share investigative knowledge and provide training to local police. She has authored book chapters, scientific papers, and, since 1994, participated in technical documentary development during her membership in the National Institute of Justice’s Technical Working Groups. Additionally, she has been involved in several scientific working groups, such as SWGDRUG, SWGMAT, and SWGDE.*

*The Scientific Working Groups for the Analysis of Seized Drugs, Materials Analysis, and Digital Evidence, respectively.
Dr. Bruce Goldberger is a Professor and the Chief of the Division of Forensic Medicine in the Department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine in the College of Medicine at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. Dr. Goldberger holds a joint Professor position in the Department of Psychiatry Division of Addiction Medicine. Dr. Goldberger is the Medical Director of UF Health Pathology Laboratories Clinical Toxicology Laboratory, the Director of the William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine, and the Program Director of the Florida Emergency Mortuary Operations Response System.

Dr. Goldberger is the Technical and Administrative Director of the Forensic Toxicology Laboratory at the University of Florida which provides toxicological services to Medical Examiner Offices and State and local law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Florida. Dr. Goldberger has been qualified as an expert witness more than 330 times in forensic toxicology in Federal, State, Military and Canadian courts of law.

Dr. Goldberger received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Zoology from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey and Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees in Forensic Toxicology from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Goldberger is a Fellow of the American Board of Forensic Toxicology and the National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry.

Dr. Goldberger is the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Analytical Toxicology. Dr. Goldberger is a past-President of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and the Society of Forensic Toxicologists, the President of the American Board of Forensic Toxicology, and the Treasurer of the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board. Dr. Goldberger has published numerous articles, reviews and chapters related to forensic toxicology and is co-editor of the Handbook of Workplace Drug Testing, 1st and 2nd editions, On-Site Drug Testing and Garriott’s Medicolegal Aspects of Alcohol, 6th Edition.

In recognition of his student research achievements in forensic toxicology, Dr. Goldberger was presented with the first annual Sunshine Award from the Toxicology Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences in 1988. In addition, he was the 1994 recipient of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry’s Outstanding Scientific Achievements by a Young Investigator Award. In 2004, Dr. Goldberger was the recipient of The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists’ Mid-career Achievement Award for Excellence in Forensic Toxicology. Dr. Goldberger also received the Alexander O. Gettler Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field and profession of forensic toxicology from the Toxicology Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences in 2006, the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Florida Association of Medical Examiners in 2008, and the Achievement in the Sciences Award from Drew University in 2012. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of alcohol- and drug-related traffic safety, Dr. Goldberger was the recipient of the National Safety Council’s 2017 Robert F. Borkenstein Award.
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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES

A PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY DEDICATED TO THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE TO THE LAW.
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

It was this thought that inspired Dr. Rutherford B.H. Gradwohl to organize fellow scientists, doctors, and lawyers to form the First American Medicolegal Congress. On January 19, 1948, at the St. Louis Police Academy, R.B.H. Gradwohl, MD, greeted 150 forensic authorities from around the world. Their immediate purpose was the exchange of scientific information.

The ultimate goal of the founding members of the Academy became the establishment of a professional organization to engender the confidence and respect of the nation’s courts and to see the ends of justice attained. Through their hard work and dedication, they formed a most prestigious worldwide forensic science organization.

For over 60 years, the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) has served a distinguished and diverse membership. Its 6,000 members are divided into 11 sections spanning the forensic enterprise:

• Criminalistics
• Digital & Multimedia Sciences
• Engineering Sciences
• Jurisprudence
• Odontology
• Pathology/Biology
• Physical Anthropology
• Psychiatry & Behavioral Science
• Questioned Documents
• Toxicology
• Multidisciplinary (General Section)

Included among the AAFS members are physicians, attorneys, dentists, toxicologists, physical anthropologists, document examiners, psychiatrists, engineers, physicists, chemists, criminalists, digital evidence experts, educators, and other professionals. Representing all 50 United States, Canada, and 61 other countries worldwide, AAFS members actively practice forensic science and, in many cases, teach and conduct research in their respective disciplines.

Each section provides opportunities for professional development, personal contacts, awards, and recognition. Many sections publish periodic newsletters and mailings, which keep their members abreast of activities and developments in their disciplines.

"There is no fixed border for any forensic science, each has more than necessity to rely on the others. It would thus seem fitting that a central organization be of extreme value in collating and disseminating the fundamentals of all forensic sciences."
— R.B.H. Gradwohl, 1948

As a professional society dedicated to the application of science to the law, the AAFS is committed to the promotion of education and the elevation of accuracy, precision, and specificity in the forensic sciences. As the world’s most prestigious forensic science organization, the AAFS represents its membership to the public and serves as the focal point for public information concerning the forensic science profession. It accomplishes these goals through:

• The Journal of Forensic Sciences, an internationally recognized scientific journal
• The Academy News Feed
• The annual scientific meeting
• Seminars and conferences
• Initiation of actions and reactions to various issues of concern
• Placement services

Each February, the AAFS annual meeting gathers together more than 4,000 world-renowned professionals to present the most current information, research, and updates in their fields. More than 800 scientific papers, seminars, workshops, and other special sessions are presented. In addition, more than 120 exhibitors showcase the cutting-edge technology and services of this ever-changing profession.

The Academy also offers professional continuing education credits for physicians, dentists/odontologists, attorneys, chemists, and toxicologists attending workshops, seminars, and scientific sessions at the annual meeting. The AAFS has obtained accreditation from the following national and state agencies:

• Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)- Category I of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association

• Academy of General Dentistry for AGD Mastership, Fellowship, and membership maintenance credit

• Dental Board of California

• Continuing Legal Education American Association of Clinical Chemistry (ACCENT™ credit)
The Academy’s members and their contributions to the advancement of the forensic sciences have made the American Academy of Forensic Sciences what it is today. This following is a sampling of the most notable Academy’s achievements:

1956 Published the first issue of the *Journal of Forensic Sciences*

1972 Established the Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) to further research and education in the forensic sciences

1975 Created certification boards for anthropology, document examination, odontology, psychiatry, and toxicology

1975 Created the Crime Laboratory Proficiency Testing Program

1978 Served as advisors before the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations

1984 Published the definitive work on death investigation through the FSF

1991 Published the *Alcohols Bibliography* through the FSF

1994 Published the *Cigarette Butt Identification Manual* through the FSF

1995 Established the Young Forensic Scientists Forum (YFSF) for professionals new to their careers

1996 Published the *Forensic Insect Field Identification Cards* through the FSF

1997 Published the *Medicolegal Death Investigation: Treatises in the Forensic Sciences* through the FSF

1997 Conducted a joint two-day workshop on Firearms Identification with the Association of Firearms and Toolmark Examiners

1998 Celebrated its 50th Anniversary

1998 Conducted a joint workshop on Trace Evidence with the National Forensic Science Technology Center

1999 Served as a sponsoring organization of the 15th Triennial Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences

2000 Joined the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations (CFSO), which promotes forensic science issues in Washington, DC

2002 Provided the *Journal of Forensic Sciences* online through www.aafs.org

2002 Conducted the first Forensic Science Educational Conference to introduce middle and high school teachers to the forensic sciences

2002 Served as a co-sponsor with the National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice, at the annual National Conference on Science and the Law

2003 The Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) awarded accreditation to five institutions

2004 The Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB) awarded its first accreditation

2005 Established the International Educational Outreach Program (IEOP) to foster international and professional exchange

2008 Served as a sponsoring organization of the 18th Triennial Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences

2008 The Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) recognized by the Association of Specialized & Professional Accreditors (ASPA)

2010 $130,000 in research grants awarded by the FSF during the past 20 years

2010 The Forensic Science Education Program Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) is accepted for review by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)

2011 AAFS Reference Series (2002 – 2011) was published

2012 AAFS sponsored the first AAFS CSI Summer Camp for teens at San Jose State University Campus

2013 NIST presented its Forensic Science Initiative to the AAFS Board of Directors

2014 Initiated the AAFS Human Rights Resource Center

2015 The Academy Standards Board was established

2016 FEPAC-Accredited programs at the graduate and undergraduate levels reached 40 at 37 institutions

2017 IAFS 21st Triennial Meeting held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada
BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Your inclusion in the AAFS will give you access to the most experienced forensic scientists in the world via personal contacts, workshops, seminars, and the AAFS annual scientific meeting. As an AAFS member, you may attend the annual meeting at the reduced registration fee. Even with the expansion of electronic communication, there is no substitution for face-to-face discussions with your colleagues at the annual meeting.

In addition to your membership in one of the established fields of forensic science, you will be able to participate in the professional programs of scientists outside your forensic specialty.

You will receive the Journal of Forensic Sciences, the official bi-monthly publication of the AAFS devoted to the publication of original investigations, observations, scholarly inquiries, and reviews in the various branches of the forensic sciences. You also will have online access to this publication.

QUALIFICATIONS

Membership is available only to those persons of professional competence, integrity, and good moral character:

• who are actively engaged in the field of forensic sciences and who have made some significant contribution to the literature of forensic science, or
• who have advanced the cause of the forensic science in some other significant manner, or
• who satisfy the requirements for membership of the section applied to or recommended for, and
• who have earned a baccalaureate or higher academic degree from an accredited college or university (except Student Affiliates).

There are three entry-level categories within the AAFS:

• Associate Member
• Trainee Affiliate
• Student Affiliate

Associate Member is the entry level at which most applicants enter the Academy, with the exception of Student Affiliate and Trainee Affiliate. Advancement to Member and then to Fellow is accomplished by meeting attendance, as well as additional criteria established by each section.

Trainee Affiliate level is a temporary status that exists for individuals who have completed the educational requirements and who are completing the experience requirements for Associate Member. Status may be maintained only until experience requirements for Associate Member are met.

Student Affiliate level is a temporary status that exists for individuals who are enrolled in forensic science undergraduate or graduate programs. Student Affiliate status may be maintained as long as the Student Affiliate is enrolled full-time in a program leading to a forensic science degree.

Applications for membership are acted upon at the AAFS annual meeting held in February. To be considered at the annual meeting, a completed application, including recommendation forms, must be received in the AAFS office no later than October 1. The toll free number, (800) 701-AAFS (2237), is available for individuals requesting an application or for questions regarding membership. Questions and/or requests may also be sent by mail to the AAFS headquarters at: 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904
Phone (719) 636-1100. Fax: (719) 636-1993.
E-mail: membership@aafs.org. Website: www.aafs.org.

MAINTAINING STANDARDS

As a member of the Academy you may be assured that the highest standards are maintained on your behalf. As set forth in the Academy Bylaws, all AAFS members and affiliates are expected to adhere to the AAFS Code of Ethics. Simply stated:

• Every member and affiliate of the AAFS shall refrain from exercising professional or personal conduct adverse to the best interests and purposes of the Academy.

• Every member and affiliate of the AAFS shall refrain from providing any material misrepresentation of education, training, experience, or area of expertise.

Misrepresentation of one or more criteria for membership in the AAFS shall constitute a violation of this section of the code.

• Every member and affiliate of the AAFS shall refrain from providing any material misrepresentation of data upon which an expert opinion or conclusion is based.

• Every member and affiliate of the AAFS shall refrain from issuing public statements which appear to represent the position of the Academy without specific authority first obtained from the Board of Directors.
“The objectives of this Academy shall be to promote professionalism, integrity, and competency in the membership actions and associated activities; to promote education for and research in the forensic sciences; to encourage the study, improve the practice, elevate the standards and advance the cause of the forensic sciences; to promote interdisciplinary communications; and to plan, organize and administer meetings, reports, and other projects for the stimulation and advancement of these and related purposes.”

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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES

SIX DECADES OF MILESTONES

1948 – 2018
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Preamble

At the 2007 Annual Meeting, President Bruce Goldberger introduced the Milestones concept to the Board of Directors and the Section Chairs and asked for their assistance. He appointed Carla Noziglia as Chair and she formed the Milestones Committee consisting of Ken Field, Doug Lucas, Joe Peterson and Ken Williams.

The Chair sent the first notice electronically to all AAFS Board of Directors representatives, Section Officers and the President on April 6, 2007. It read in part:

"Forensic science has taken many hits in the media in the last few years. This bad publicity has almost completely overshadowed the staggering accomplishments in our field. President Bruce Goldberger wants to do something about this. During the meeting, President Goldberger introduced you to the Milestone Committee concept."

The final document traces an exceptional journey of progress, a credit to the ingenuity, hard work, dedication and curiosity of many scientists.
Anthropology Section

1948  US Army operates the Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii (CILHI) for the purpose of identifying thousands of US casualties from WWII.

First symposium on applied anthropology held at the American Association of Physical Anthropology meetings in Washington, DC.

1952  Trotter and Gleser publish a study of stature in American Whites and Blacks.

1957  McKern and Stewart publish *Skeletal Changes in Young American Males*, also known as the “Quartermaster’s Report.”

1960’s  Development of a keystone academic program in forensic anthropology at the University of Kansas in the 1960’s, organized by William M. Bass III, Ellis R Kerley and Thomas McKern. This initiative not only produced key academic scholars in forensic anthropology but also created a foundation for the development of similar programs at other universities.

1962  Wilton Krogman publishes *The Human Skeleton in Forensic Medicine*, a landmark reference text.

1963  Giles and Elliot publish “Sex determination by discriminant function analysis of crania.”

1965  Ellis Kerley publishes “The microscopic determination of age in human bone”

1971  William Bass establishes what will become the Forensic Anthropology Center at the University of Tennessee.

1972  AAFS Physical Anthropology Section created.


1977  The American Board of Forensic Anthropology is organized to provide a program of certification for forensic anthropologists.

1979  T. Dale Stewart publishes *Essentials of Forensic Anthropology*, a synthesis of current methods and techniques.

1980  The first decomposition research facility is established at the Forensic Anthropology Center of the University of Tennessee.

1981  Establishment of the Mountain, Desert & Coastal Forensic Anthropologists. The founding of this first regional forensic anthropology group was followed in a few years by the
Mountain, Swamp and Beach, the Northeast Forensic Anthropological Association and the Biological Anthropology, Archaeology, and Forensic Anthropology Association. Development of full-time state forensic anthropology positions in Kentucky and New Jersey.


1986 Forensic Data Bank created by the Forensic Anthropology Center of the University of Tennessee.

Clyde Snow begins to establish and train human rights teams through the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), starting with the Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team (EAAF).

Judy Suchey and colleagues publish several papers introducing a method for aging the pubic symphysis based on a large modern forensic sample.

William Maples founds the C.A. Pound Human ID Laboratory at the University of Florida, the first privately funded laboratory devoted to forensic anthropology.

1991 C.A. Pound Human Identification Laboratory established at University of Florida.

1993 Richard Jantz and Stephen Ousley create the first version of FORDISC, a forensic anthropology software program.

2000 The Ellis Kerley Foundation is established as the first funding source, at the national level, solely for research in forensic anthropology.

2003 JPAC/CIL becomes the first forensic anthropology laboratory to obtain accreditation by American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors-Laboratory Accreditation Board.

2006 The International Association for Identification recognizes Forensic Anthropology as a forensic discipline.

Decomposition research facility established at Western Carolina University.

2007 Two- and three-dimensional facial reconstruction techniques assist in identifying skeletal remains.

2014 Physical Anthropology Section name changed to Anthropology Section.

The AAFS Forensic Science in Focus Book Series organized and edited by Doug Ubelaker.
The AFFS Humanitarian and Human Rights Resource Center formed and chaired by Doug Ubelaker, PhD.
Criminalistics Section

1950  School of Criminology, University of California at Berkley established by police chief August Vollmer.


James Dewey Watson works with Francis Harry Compton Crick to elucidate double helix molecular structure of DNA.

1971  Protocols and methods for typing of protein and enzyme markers published by Brian Culliford.

1977  Fourier transforms infrared spectrophotometer (FTIR) adapted for use in forensic laboratories.

Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) introduced by FBI.

1980  David Botstein and co-workers exploit small variations in DNA of different people by “Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism” (RFLP).

1984/5  DNA profiling test developed by Sir Alec Jeffreys; findings published in Nature coining “DNA fingerprinting.”

1985  Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technique published by Mullis

1986  DNA evidence used by Sir Jeffreys to identify Colin Pitchfork as murderer of two young girls in England.


1988  DNA casework begun by the FBI.

1991  Bulletproof launched by Forensic Technology Inc. (FTI) and developed in collaboration with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) for digital imaging and data basing of cartridge cases and projectiles.

1992  DRUGFIRE – an automated imaging system to compare marks left on fired cartridge cases was launched.

1993  Short tandem repeat (STR) DNA analysis kits.
1996  Mitochondrial DNA typing admitted in U.S. court *Tennessee v. Ware*.

1998  National DNA Indexing System (NDIS) initiated by FBI.


2007  DNA field analysis sensors for elimination of persons at the scene. Progressing from RFLP to PCR to STR to SNPTS.

Heptanes on labels and tapes to recover them for adhesive side processing.

Bluing develops latent prints on cartridge casings.

Molybdenum disulfide used for processing latent prints.
The Advisory Panel on White House Tapes publishes its final report regarding the technical investigation of the Nixon/Watergate audiotape containing the 18-1/2 minute gap.

Florida Computer Crime Act deals with computer crimes.


The International Symposium on the Forensic Applications of Digital Image Processing held at the FBI Academy, Quantico, VA.

The Morris Worm affects Internet.

Computers and floppy disks submitted to Federal forensic laboratories.

International Association of Computer Investigation Specialists formed.

FBI formed Computer Analysis and Response Teams.

FBI hosts First International Computer Forensic Conference at Quantico, VA.

FBI hosts Second International Conference at Baltimore, MD.

International Organization on Computer Evidence (IOCE) is formed.

Presentation on digital evidence given at INTERPOL Forensic Science Symposium.

Scientific Working Group on Imaging Technology formed.

EnCase computer forensics software published.

Digital evidence defined as "information of probative value that is stored or transmitted in a binary form" including digitized text, numerals, sound, images and video by Scientific Working Group on Digital Evidence (SWGDE).

INTERPOL Forensic Science Symposium makes digital evidence permanent discipline.

Defense Computer Forensics Laboratory established by the US Department of Defense.

The Coroner’s Toolkit (TCT) open source computer forensics software developed and released by Wietse Venema and Dan Farmer.

Workshop on digital evidence given at IAFS meeting in Los Angeles, CA.

2000 G-8 High Tech Crimes, aka Lyon Group made the following recommendations:
• Each member State is encouraged to consider the following principles when establishing procedures for the collection, preservation and use of digital evidence, according to its national law and standards bodies, and to be aware of potential differences when collecting evidence at the request of other States. These principles should be submitted by IOCE to other national, regional and international standards making bodies and organizations responsible for the promotion of procedures relating to digital evidence for review.
• IOCE should develop in consultation with the above-mentioned bodies, a generic good practice guide for the collection, preservation and use of digital evidence, encompassing the range of existing sources of digital evidence. The high-tech crime subgroup should review regularly the work of IOCE.

2001 Autopsy open source computer forensics software released by Brian Carrier.

2001 FBI, University of Tulsa, and the National Center for Forensic Science at the University of Central Florida host first Computer Forensic Educators’ Working Group.

2001 Air Force Research Laboratory hosted an international conference on digital forensics research, the Digital Forensic Research Workshop (DFRWS) held in Ithaca, NY.

2001 SWGDE members give workshops at American Academy of Forensic Sciences annual meeting.

2002 NIST Establishes Computer Forensics Tool Testing group.

2002 Workshop on digital forensics related to High Technology Terrorism presented at AAFS.

2002 Special interest group within General Section of AAFS for Digital Forensics Formed.


2003 American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) Delegate Assembly approved Digital and Multimedia Evidence Section.

2003 American Society of Crime Lab Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board approved digital evidence as official crime laboratory discipline.

2004 Peer reviewed journal dedicated to digital forensics, Digital Investigation published.

2005 DFRWS organized as a private not for profit to continue the DFRWS Conference.

2005 Audio Engineering Society (AES) hosts the first International Conference on Audio Forensics in Denver, CO, with subsequent conferences taking place in 2008 (Denver, CO), 2010 (Hillerød, Denmark), 2012 (Denver, CO), and 2014 (London, England).


2007 Digital Forensics Quality Solutions (DFQS) provider of competency and external proficiency tests for digital forensics examiners through the University of Central Florida’s Continuing Education Department.

2008 Digital and Multimedia Sciences Section formed in AAFS.

2012 Certified Cyber Forensics Professional Certification from (ISC)2.

2013 Formation of the Forensic Sciences Standards Board.

2013 Formation of the Organization of Scientific Area Committees.

Engineering Sciences Section

1950’s  Vehicle-to-vehicle impacts studied with the use of human volunteers.

1960’s  High-resolution satellite and aerial photography used in classified applications.

Scanning electron microscope and magnetic resonance imaging used in engineering applications.

Advanced photographic and instrumentation techniques used to monitor the results of human volunteer impact tests.

1970’s  Numerical models developed to describe vehicle dynamics.

CALSPAN Corporation introduced the CRASH (Computer Reconstruction of Automobile Speeds on the Highway) program.

1980’s  Automotive “black boxes” introduced by various vehicle manufacturers.

Instrumented test dummies used to study vehicle impacts.

High-resolution satellite and aerial photography used in global positioning.

Positron emission tomography (PET) used in engineering applications.

1990’s  Computers used to input and analyze data for accident reconstructions.

Automotive “black boxes” associated with the introduction of air bags in response to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety standards.

Computer modeling improved through the advent of fast and inexpensive desktop computers and software.

High-resolution satellite and aerial photography used in commercial applications.

Impact test databases established by the Air Force, the University of New Orleans and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

2000’s  Vetronix Corporation unveiled the Crash Data Retrieval (CDR) System for the retrieval of “black box” data.

Genetic (DNA) fingerprinting of molds and toxins applied in engineering applications.
Photographic and measurement techniques improved for accident reconstruction investigation and reconstruction standards developed for accident reconstruction.

Black boxes on airplanes monitor systems and detect problems.

Additional parameters added to black boxes, changes made to fuel chemistry and modifications made to seats and emergency exists to reduce injuries and fatalities.

Analysis of injured/fatal airline passengers prompt modifications to seats, emergency exists, etc reducing number of injuries and fatalities based upon engineering changes.
1975 Congress adopts Federal Rules of Evidence, including FRE 702: “If scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue, a witness qualified as an expert by knowledge, skill, training, or education, may testify thereto in the form of an opinion or otherwise.”

At state level, Frye v. United States (1923) remains undisturbed as test of admissibility for scientific evidence.

1985 United States Supreme Court recognizes indigent criminal defendants’ Due Process rights to the assistance of experts at state expense in Ake v. Oklahoma.

1987 Automation of storage and retrieval of latent and ten-print fingerprints begins.

1988 First person in the United States convicted as a result of DNA evidence in Andrews v. Florida.

1989 DNA evidence leads to reversal of Gary Dotson’s conviction.

Virginia becomes first state to create database of previously convicted sex offenders.

1990 Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), database of DNA profiles of convicted felons, begun.

1993 Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc makes reliability of scientific evidence, rather than its “general acceptance in the scientific community,” the lynchpin of the judicial admission of expert evidence.

1995 Courts question whether polygraph results should be per se inadmissible and consider whether such results should be admissible if relevant and meet the Daubert criterion of reliability.

United States v. Starzecpyel finds questioned document testimony is “technical,” and not “scientific knowledge” under Daubert.

1997 General Electric v. Joiner upholds trial court’s gate keeping function under Daubert, to determine admissibility of expert witness testimony.

AAFS Jurisprudence Section members influence an appellate court to order admission of evidence of the negative test of the appellant’s hair to refute the positive urinalysis.
1998 CODIS becomes nationally integrated and operational under auspices of FBI through the DNA Identification Act (1994).

1999 Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) becomes fully operational through the FBI.

*Kumho Tire Co. Ltd. v. Carmichael*, third prong of the *Daubert trilogy*, holds that *Daubert's* reliability requirement applies to all expert opinions.

FBI and ATF unify DRUGFIRE and IBIS systems to create NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistics Information Network) for the automated identification of cartridges cases and bullets.

2000 Congress amends FRE 702 to reflect *Daubert* decision’s emphasis on the trial court’s duty to assess the reliability of the principles and methodology of forensic evidence prior to admission. The revision provides: “If a witness is qualified as an expert by knowledge, skill, experience, training or education, may testify in the form of an opinion if (1) testimony is based upon sufficient facts or data, (2) testimony is the product of reliable principles and methods, and (3) witness has applied the principles and methods reliably to the facts of the case.”

DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act authorizes collection of DNA samples from all federally convicted felons.


American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics begins a series of workshops to explore effect of DNA testing on civil liberties.

2004 *Crawford v. Washington*, 541 U.S. 36 (2004) – In a Sixth Amendment right of confrontation case, the Supreme Court held that an out-of-court statement that is "testimonial" in nature is not admissible unless the declarant is unavailable to testify in court AND the defendant has had a prior opportunity to cross-examine the declarant.

2005 Andre A. Moenssens is conferred the honor of Distinguished Fellow.

After the defense bar raises questions about comparative lead bullet analysis, the FBI discontinues its use. (Sept. 2005)

2006 The fingerprint misidentification of Brandon Mayfield alerted the legal community to the fallacy of the “no error rate” claim in latent fingerprint examination.
2007  *City of Seattle v. Roger Kennedy*, King County, WA, Case No.496912, Nov. 2007. Jurisprudence Section member Ted W. Vosk was the attorney of record in this case, which established that Anne Marie Gordon, the Washington State Crime Laboratory’s toxicology manager, filed false and perjured certifications regarding breath alcohol simulator solutions; the decision resulted in the suppression of the lab’s toxicology test results.

2008  Carol E. Henderson is elected AAFS President.

2009  The National Academy of Sciences (Feb. 2009) issues a report, “Strengthening Forensic Sciences: A Path Forward,” outlining concerns about various forensic science disciplines, calling for additional study, and advocating the need for judges and lawyers to learn more about science. The NAS Report was severely critical of an apparent law enforcement culture in forensic crime labs and advocated independent crime labs.


The Executive Office of the White House created a subcommittee on forensic science, with Kenneth E. Melson, co-chair.

2010  *State v. Fausto*, No.C076949 (King Co. Dist. Ct. WA – 9/20/10) and *State v. Weimer*, No.7036A-09D (Snohomish Co. Dist. Ct. WA – 3/23/10). Ted Vosk was the attorney of record in these two cases of first impression, in which the trial courts ruled that breath and blood alcohol test results are inadmissible unless accompanied by uncertainty determinations. Although overturned on appeal, (*State v. King County Dist. Court West Div.*, 175 Wash.App. 630 (Wash. App. Div.1, (2013), both cases are continuously cited in support of the inadmissibility of breath and blood alcohol test results unless accompanied by uncertainty determinations. Other state and federal jurisdictions have adopted uncertainty requirements concerning scientific evidence.

2011  *Bullcoming v. New Mexico*, 131 S.Ct. 2075 (2011) The Supreme Court, in reversing the lower court’s decision to admit the testimony of a supervisor regarding the blood alcohol results of a non-testifying analyst’s report, held that a defendant’s Sixth Amendment right of confrontation is not satisfied by the opportunity to cross-examine someone from the laboratory who was knowledgeable about the testing procedure but was not the actual analyst who performed the test and analysis at issue. The Supreme Court pointed out, for example, that the defendant would have been entitled to question the analyst about why he had been placed on a two-week unpaid suspension.

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt) introduces the “Criminal Justice and Forensic Science Reform Act” (SB-132) to improve the quality of forensic science evidence routinely used in the criminal justice system. (Jan. 2011)
2012  James E. Starrs receives the R.B.H. Gradwohl Award.

Haskell Pitluck is conferred the honor of Distinguished Fellow.

The Supreme Court rules that the admission of expert testimony that a known DNA sample cannot be eliminated as a possible contributor to a questioned sample, where the analyst who actually performed the DNA testing at issue did not testify, does not violate the Confrontation Clause of the Sixth Amendment.

*People v. Matthew David Jensen*, No.19HA-CR-09-3463, Dakota County, MN. (July, 2012). Jurisprudence members Lauri M. Traub and Christine Funk were the attorneys of record in this case, which led to the closure of the St. Paul Police Crime Laboratory’s drug testing and finger print units as a result of evidence demonstrating an absence of standard operating procedures, faulty testing techniques, illegible reports, and a failure to apply basic scientific techniques.

2013  The National Forensic Science Commission is created through NIST and DOJ to enhance quality and reliability of forensic science. Kenneth E. Melson, Senior Forensic Science Advisor in the Office of Legal Policy at DOJ was instrumental in the formation of this joint Commission. Paul Giannelli, Ted R. Hunt, Peter Neufeld and Pamela King, are appointed to the Commission.

Betty Layne DesPortes is elected Vice President of the Academy.

Hon. Roderick T. Kennedy becomes Chief Judge of the New Mexico Court of Appeals.

2014  Betty Layne DesPortes and Andrew Sulner each receive the Kenneth S. Field Award for Outstanding Service to the Academy.

Kenneth E. Melson appointed head of Ethics Committee for the Academy, replacing long time chair Haskell Pitluck.

Hon. Joseph J. Maltese is appointed to New York State’s appellate court by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. (Jan. 2014)

The Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) is initiated by NIST and DOJ to strengthen forensic science in the USA. Christine Funk, Lynn Garcia, Ted R. Hunt, Haskell Pitluck, Christopher J. Plourd, and William C. Thompson are appointed as members. (Nov. 2014)
Odontology Section

1954  First reported bitemark case in United States is Texas case of Doyle v. State.

1962  Establishment of forensic odontology courses at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), Washington, DC.

1970  Odontology Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences formed.

1970  American Society of Forensic Odontology (ASFO) founded; largest forensic dental organization in the world.

1975  Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) used in bitemark analysis by Solheim.

1976  American Board of Forensic Odontology (ABFO) founded to establish, enhance, and revise standards of qualification for those who practice forensic odontology, and to certify qualified specialists.

1979  243 of 273 victims identified in the American Airlines DC 10 crash, majority by a team of 20 forensic dentists working without the benefit of computers.

1982  Preliminary Research on the Preservation of Traumatic Injury Patterns and 1984 Preservation of and Transillumination in Bite Mark Evidence (both by Dorion); postmortem bitemarks can be excised three dimensionally, retained, studied, stored and preserved while transillumination provided additional information.

1984  American Board of Forensic Odontology workshop addressed bitemark terminology, methodology, literature review and critique, injury analysis, report writing and guidelines for bitemark evidence including methods of preserving bitemarks, comparing bitemarks to suspect dentitions, terms used to describe and interpret bitemarks, and ordinate ranking of terms used to describe that injury is a bitemark.


1988  Introduction of WinID software and subsequent hybrids WinID2, WinID3, and WinID on the Web; dental identifications in mass disasters with multiple victims become much less cumbersome.
1996  First digital radiography use in mass disaster dental identification in TWA Crash.

1997  Bitemark computer imaging, enhancement, measurement, analysis and overlays by Robert Dorion.

1997  Double swab technique to recover saliva from human skin by Sweet, Lorente, Lorente, Valenzuela, and Villanueva.


2000  *Digital Analysis of Bite Mark Evidence* by Bowers and Johansen.

2005  Textbook on the subject of *Bitemark Evidence*, Dorion, editor.

All digital operation in hurricane Katrina including battery-operated portable dental x-ray device (Aribex Nomad), dental digital radiography (Dexis), and WinID charting and identification software.

2006  ABFO revised bitemark guidelines.


NamUs developed by the DOJ with a simplified dental algorithm.

2009  UVIS, Unified Victim Identification System, by the NYC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner with a Dental Identification module (UDIM) Section.


2010  *Forensic Dentistry 2nd Edition*, Editors David Senn and Paul Stimson


2013  *Forensic Science Current Issues. Future Directions*, Douglas Ubelaker Editor, Iain pretty Chapter Editor Odontology

2013  *Manual of Forensic Odontology 5th Edition*, Published by the ASFO, David Senn and Richard Weems editor
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<td>The ABFO Develops the Bitemark Decision Tree.</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>WidId3 ownership transferred to the ABFO, Jim McGivney founder.</td>
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1959  Forensic Pathology officially recognized by American Board of Pathology as subspecialty; first Board examination offered.

1966  National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) founded “for purpose of fostering professional growth, education, and dissemination of professional and technical information vital to improvement of the medical investigation of violent, suspicious and unusual deaths.”

1980  NAME’s American *Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology* published.


1984  First symposium on forensic entomology held during the annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America in San Antonio, TX.

1988  NAME prepares inspection-based accreditation standards for the purpose of improving quality of medicolegal death investigations.

1996  American Board of Forensic Entomology formed to provide certification and stability to the field.

2005  Forensic Autopsy Performance Standards approved by NAME.
Psychiatry/Behavioral Sciences Section

1948
Forensic behavioral sciences assist in founding the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and the International Academy of Forensic Sciences.

1950’s et seq.
Develop diagnostic psychiatric instruments: DSM-IV-TR, ICD-10.
Introduce psychological testing.
Develop highly sophisticated profiling techniques for specific crimes.
Develop interrogation techniques.

1960’s
Develop scientific methods for competency assessments to aid courts with relevant issues.
Semi-structured psychiatric interviews for assessing competence to stand trial.

1970’s
Short-term and long-term risk assessment of violent and other dangerous behaviors.

1980’s
Professional boards in forensic psychology and psychiatry established.
Develop training programs in Forensic Psychiatry, Forensic Psychology and other forensic behavioral fields post-doctoral programs in forensic psychiatry and forensic psychology developed educational efforts of other behavioral forensic scientists in formal programs professional organizations developed, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law.

1990’s
Static brain scan technologies (CT, MRI) result in great contributions to forensic neuropsychiatry and forensic neuropsychology.
Develop modern actuarial instruments for static factor risk assessment in sex offenders
Phallometry used routinely in evaluation of sex offenders

2000’s
Invention of neuroanatomical brain scan technology, which results in impressive knowledge base regarding normal brain and nature of brain abnormal states.
Improvements in brain science to the forensic field.

• Emergence of social neuroscience and its intense interest in studying various topics of psychiatric-legal importance.
• Impressive progress in ability to teach forensic scientists and society about nature of brain related states and their potential association to legally relevant problems.
• Provide intellectual and social infrastructure in which necessary discourse concerning the relevance of social neuroscience to forensic sciences is possible and currently developing notable contributions to understanding and resolution of serious world problems.
• War and peace studies.
• Conflict resolution.
• Domestic and international terrorism.

Application of transcultural approaches from forensic psychiatry, forensic psychology and from other behavioral scientific fields increases ability of world community to deal with most pressing dilemmas of our times, including some problems of great concern for future of humanity.

Develop dynamic sex offender risk assessment instruments.

Practice guidelines published by AAPL for evaluation of competency to stand trial.

Ethical guidelines adopted by AAPL for the practice of forensic psychiatry.

Practice guidelines published by AAPL regarding psychiatric disability.

Guidelines published by the APA for psychological test user qualifications.

2010’s Improvement/refinement in functional neuroimaging.

Advancement in social neuroscience and its application to forensic mental health questions, particularly related to culpability.

Further refine psychiatric diagnoses: DSM-5.

Specialty Guidelines for Forensic Psychologists published by the APA (psychology).

Practice guidelines published by AAPL for the evaluation of insanity defense.

Guidelines for Psychological Evaluations in Child Protection Matters published by the APA (psychology).

Guidelines for Child Custody Evaluations In Family Law Proceedings published by the APA (psychology).

Beginning movement towards etiological based diagnosis with NIMH’s Research Domain Criteria.
Questioned Documents Section

1948/50 Document examiners George Swett, Albert Osborne, Ordway Hilton, Clark Sellars, David Purtell active in establishing the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

1950’s Questioned document examination texts updated with post-war technology boom:
1956 Ordway Hilton Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents.
1959 James V.P. Conway Evidential Documents.

1950/60’s Developments and new concepts in typewriting technologies present challenges in methods of examination and identification:
1950’s Electric typewriters including proportional spacing machines replace manuals.
1961 IBM introduces interchangeable, single-element machines.
1960’s Foreign typewriters become very large portion of US market.

1950/80’s Developments in writing instrument technologies that supplant the nib pen present challenges in handwriting and ink examination and lead to new methods of analysis:
1950 Ballpoint pen (increasing acceptance).
1955 Liquid lead pencil.
1963 Fiber tip pen.
1968 Roller ball pen.
1970’s Erasable ball pen ink.
1984 Gel pen.

1950’s Image converters supplement (and eventually supplant) film for infrared examinations.
1960 Xerox 914 photocopier revolutionizes standard office practices and methods of analysis.
1960’s Infrared luminescence and dichroic filters adopted for ink examinations.
1968 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms’ Standard Ink Library established.
1970’s Interpol Typewriting Classification System, Haas Pica Atlas, and systems designed by Dr. David Crown and Douglas Cromwell become laboratory standards.
1972 ASTM Committee E30 on Forensic Science approves standard E 444 on scope of forensic document examiners’ work.
1978 Electrostatic Detection Apparatus (ESDA), developed by Foster & Freeman, provides dramatic technique for visualization of latent indented writing impressions.

1979 Video Spectral Comparator (VSC-1), developed by Foster & Freeman, provides variety of light sources and camera viewing in visible and near infra-red spectra.

1983 *Classification and Identification of Modern Office Copiers* by James H. Kelly.

1984 Hewlett Packard introduces LaserJet; Apple introduces Mac; desktop publishing arrives.


1993 PC-based Typewriter Classification Systems developed by Dr. Phillip D. Bouffard.

1994 First of Dr. Moshe Kam’s empirical studies on handwriting identification published in *Journal of Forensic Science*.


2002 Dr. Sargur N. Srihari’s study on individuality of handwriting published in *Journal of Forensic Sciences*.

2000’s QD texts for new millennium:
- Roy A. Huber and A.M. Headrick *Handwriting Identification*
- Jan Seaman Kelly *Forensic Examination of Rubber Stamps*
- Jan Seaman Kelly and Brian S. Lindblom (edited) *Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents*

2005 ASTM 2388-05 The Standard Guide for Minimum Training Requirements for Forensic Document Examiners is published. This standard is now ASTM E2388-11 as well as a SWGDOC standard by the same name.
### Toxicology Section

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<td><em>Partition Ratio of Alcohol between Air and Water, Urine and Blood,</em> Harger, et al. (J. Biol. Chem.) basis for modern day headspace analysis.</td>
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<td>1953</td>
<td>Implied consent law passes in New York State; subsequently passed in all 50 states.</td>
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<td>1954</td>
<td>Applied Physics Corporation introduces first commercial UV-VIS recording spectrometer.</td>
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<td>Robert F. Borkenstein develops Breathalyzer, first commercial breath-test device</td>
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<td>1955</td>
<td>A. Walsh and co-workers publish “rediscovery” of atomic absorption spectroscopy.</td>
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<td>1957</td>
<td>J.C. Holmes and F.A. Morell combine gas chromatograph with mass spectrometer fathering modern GC-MS.</td>
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<td>L. Skeggs develops continuous flow analysis, the first autoanalyzer subsequently commercialized by Technicon Corporation.</td>
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<td>Motulsky publishes <em>“Drug Reactions, Enzymes and Biochemical Genetics.”</em></td>
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<td>1958</td>
<td>Cadman and Johns develop procedure for determination of ethanol and other volatiles by gas chromatography.</td>
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<td>Professor Robert Borkenstein holds courses at Indiana University on Alcohol and Highway Safety.</td>
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<td>D.H. Desty and M.J.E. Golay publish capillary GC column theory.</td>
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<td>Symposium on Alcohol and Road Safety at Indiana University: 0.05 g/dL blood alcohol impairs some drivers; Grand Rapids Study in 1964 reports same.</td>
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<td>1960</td>
<td>R.S. Yalow publishes on RIA; principles were independently carried further by P. Perlmann and E. Engvall in Sweden and A. Schuurs and B. Van Weemen in the Netherlands, which led to EIA/ELISA.</td>
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1961  T. B. Reed produces stable, inductively coupled atmospheric pressure plasma in a flowing system.

1962  W. Kalow “Pharmacogenetics, Heredity and the Response to Drugs” captures work of Motulsky leading to pharmacogenomics.

Certification program for toxicological chemists for Diplomate status by American Board of Clinical Chemistry (ABCC).

1963  The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists (TIAFT) forms.

1964  Greenfield, et al. and Wendt and Fasse (1968) apply Reed’s discovery (1961) to develop ICP-AES.

1965  First Widmark Award to Rolla N. Harger during the International Conference on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety (ICADTS).

C. Horavath develop HPLC at Yale University based on work of Martin and Synge in 1941 and Giddings in 1963.

1968  Fenn and colleagues at Yale discover electrospray technology.

1969  Clarke’s “Isolation and Identification of Drugs” published.

1970  First Interim Meeting on Toxicology.

1971  NHTSA uses AMA Committee on Alcohol and Other Drugs’ report: any individual is driving impaired at blood alcohol greater than 0.08 g/dL.

1972  EMIT introduced as analytical tool.

Forensic Science International publishes.

1974  First SOFT meeting in North Carolina.

Adams, Good and Telepchak - steroids “stick” to HPLC column packing material; initiation of solid phase extraction (SPE).

1975  Professional certification Board for toxicologists established by ABFT.

A. Gray publishes paper on coupling of capillary direct current (DC) arc plasma to quadruple MS mid-1970’s chemically-bonded phases developed for solid phase extraction SPE.
1976  Hewlett-Packard introduces benchtop GC-MS.

1977  Finnigan introduces LC-MS instruments.

MSD Sciex introduces first LC-MS/MS tandem mass spectrometer TAGA 3000.

*Journal of Analytical Toxicology* published.

1978  disposable SPE cartridges introduced.

R. Baselt’s “*Disposition of Toxic Drugs and Chemicals in Man*” published.

1979  Fused silica columns introduced, mainstay of GC columns.

First AAFS Toxicology Section Award to Rolla Harger, PhD.

Los Angeles Police Department develops drug recognition experts (DRE).

1980  R.S. Houk, et al. work led to commercial ICP/MS instruments.

1981  MDS Sciex develops triple quadruple mass spectrometer, TAGA 6000.

Baselt translates and publishes “*Principles and Applications of Medicolegal Alcohol Determination*” originally published in 1932 in German by E.M.P. Widmark.

1983  First AAFS Toxicology Section Gettler Award recognizing Analytical Achievement in Forensic Toxicology to L. Goldbaum, PhD.

MDS Sciex introduces the ELAN 250 ICP/MS.

First AAFS Toxicology Section Harger Award recognizing Outstanding Contributions in Forensic Toxicology to Kurt Dubowski, PhD.

1988  National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) issues guidelines on workplace drug testing, which becomes SAMHSA NLCP.

First accredited laboratory by College of American Pathologists (CAP) FUDT Program.

First AAFS Toxicology Section Sunshine Award for Outstanding Research by Young Investigator to Bruce Goldberger, PhD.


1993  Forensic Toxicology Certification Board established.

1994  Hewlett Packard introduced bench top ICP/MS.

First AAFS Toxicology Section Abernethy Award to Outstanding Forensic Toxicology Practitioner to James Valentour, PhD.

1996  Lab Accreditation Program established.

1997  First laboratory accredited by ABFT.

Late 1990’s  Wong, et al. pharmacogenomics as “molecular autopsy.”

2000  Per Se Alcohol Laws: lower BAC to 0.08 or lose part of federal highway construction funds.

2004  Ultra Performance Liquid Chromatography (UPLC) introduced.

2005  All states have DUI laws that deem “per se intoxicated” any driver with a BAC of 0.08 g/dL or greater.

LC/MS/MS and TOF mass spectrometry are well-established analytical techniques.

2011  SWGTOX (Scientific Working Group for Toxicology) is established.

2014  First “Best Poster Award” is awarded by the Toxicology section.

The American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT) and the Forensic Toxicologists Certification Board (FTCB) are merged into one Board under ABFT.
1904 Forensic geology evidence first used in criminal case,

1923 Frye Case—that established the "general acceptance" rule governing forensic evidence until supplanted by Daubert,

1930’s Invention of the polygraph instrument.

Implementation of the Northwestern University Crime Laboratory, the first in the nation, and eventually purchased by the Chicago Police Department.

1930-31 Forensic accountant key to conviction of Al Capone.

1950’s Identi-KIT used to build composite of suspects; now computerized version.

1951 Adhesive tape used to collect trace evidence.

1955 Bloodstain evidence interpretation recognized in US court.

1974 Gunshot residue detected using scanning electron microscopy with electron dispersive X-rays.

1975 Publication of the first book on forensic geology.

1970’s Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE): registered nurse who has advanced education and clinical preparation in forensic examination of sexual assault victims, including identification of forensic cases and collection and preservation of evidence.

1978 Basic training course for medicolegal death investigators at Saint Louis University School of Medicine conducted three times each year.

Cyanoacrylate (SuperGlue) fuming visualizes latent prints.

Early 1980’s Recognition for professional standardization within disciplines (publications of NIJ guides).

1982 National Association of Medical Examiners recognizes Medicolegal Death Investigators as Affiliate Members.

1983 International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts promotes knowledge, techniques and understanding of bloodstain pattern evidence.
Early 1990’s

Incorporation of proficiency testing within various forensic disciplines.

Scientific and Technical Working Groups created for purpose of developing best practice methods and standards for digital evidence, firearms and tool mark, footwear and tire tracks, crime scene, and bloodstain pattern analysis.

International Association for Identification establishes certification requirements and testing in latent prints, crime scene, bloodstain pattern analysis, footwear/tire track, forensic art, and forensic photography/imaging.

1996

Forensic Nursing made subspecialty of American Nurses Association by Congress of Nursing Practice.

1997

Office of Victims of Crime develops practical SANE Development and Operational Guide to assist in developing and administering the current 280 US SANE programs.

1998

American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI) certification program for Medicolegal Death Investigators.

International Association of Forensic Radiographers was formed.

1999

National Association of Medical Examiners incorporated into Accreditation Policy that chief or principal investigator of medical examiner/coroner office be ABMDI certified.

2002

Curriculum development for forensic science programs created for use in secondary education programs.

2005

Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB) accredits ABMDI as professional certification body for medicolegal death investigators.

2005

Tennessee legislature passes requirement “medical investigator shall be licensed EMT, paramedic, registered nurse, physician’s assistant or person registered (certified) by or Diplomate of American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators.”

2006

Texas law requires all nurses have education in evidence collection.

National Association of Medical Examiners implements Unidentified Decedent Reporting System (UDRS), web-based, comprehensive, and extensively searchable database containing information about unidentified deceased individuals.

Additional General Section Milestones:

General section is the birthplace of new forensic disciplines for the AAFS.
Development of peer reviewed journal publications.

International Association of Forensic Nursing (IAFN) Scope and Standards of Practice require nurses follow chain of custody, identify diagnosis that are consistent with findings of other health care, law enforcement and judicial professional that facilitate a controlled pathway through the judicial process.

Chemical “sniffers” detect nitrate residue and accelerants.

Instantaneous chemical analysis using DART technology.

Alternate light sources have power and portability.

Portable hand-held X-rays assist in identification in the field, particularly for mass casualty incidents.

Forensic artists used to provide media with drawings of unidentified decedent.

Age progression of photographs by artists and computer programs.

Entomologists determine post-mortem interval (PMI) using flies from the scene.

Forensic computer animation assists in crime scene reconstruction.

Continuing education required for membership in many associations/organizations forensic certification programs raise perception of professionalism.

Increased training and educational opportunities for various forensic disciplines.
1970’s Forensic science disciplines recognize need for standards for individual practitioners; develop certification programs.

1978 Forensic Sciences Foundation Inc. and Collaborative Testing Services Inc. (CTS) research project shows feasibility of forensic laboratory proficiency testing program. American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) requests CTS to develop program on subscription basis, resulting in significant improvement in lab performance.

1970’s ASCLD develops criteria that directors can use to evaluate their laboratories.

1981 American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB), now a completely independent entity, develops objective standards for crime lab operations.

2001 The NIJ establishes a technical working group for education and training in forensic sciences.

2002 The AAFS establishes the ad hoc committee: Forensic Education Programs Accreditation Committee.

2004 The Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) became an official standing committee of the AAFS and awarded its first accreditation in February 2004.

2007 300 forensic science laboratories worldwide are accredited.

2008 FEPAC is recognized by the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA).

2012 FEPAC is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

2015 These quests for quality have been driven from within the profession rather than imposed from without. Although investigators may frequently ask: “Can you do this?” rarely do they ask: “How well can you do it?”