With only a few weeks until the Academy’s 60th Anniversary Meeting, preparations are in full swing. I am certain this will be a very special meeting for those who attend. Be sure to pre-register by January 23, 2008, to avoid onsite fees. Pre-registration is the only way to register for breakfast seminars, luncheons, special sessions, workshorts and workshops. I also want to remind everyone that entrance into all functions, including scientific sessions, workshops, breakfasts, and the exhibits, will require your name badge. Security personnel will be strictly enforcing this policy.

In November, I visited the Academy Office in Colorado Springs. This visit gave me an opportunity to meet with Executive Director Anne Warren, as well as the Academy staff including Nancy Jackson, Director of Development & Accreditation, and Debbie Crockett, Finance Manager. I want to recognize the hard work and devotion of the Academy’s staff who contribute day-to-day to the success of the Academy. I also want to take this opportunity to personally thank Jim Hurley, former Director of Development, for his assistance through the years, especially planning for and executing the Academy trip to Israel.

By mid-January the voting membership should receive a copy of the proposed changes to the bylaws, specifically pertaining to the Academy’s Code of Ethics and the creation of a new section devoted to the forensic examination of digital and multi-media evidence. I would like to highlight one change in particular — the proposed name of the section. Recently, the Board of Directors debated the name of the section, and “Digital & Multimedia Sciences Section” was recommended for membership consideration. Please review these proposed bylaws changes thoroughly, and if you have any questions or issues with what has been proposed, please let me know (bruce-goldberger@ufl.edu).

At the conclusion of the AAFS Annual Meeting, President-Elect and Jurisprudence Section Fellow Carol Henderson will assume the Presidency of the Academy. Carol is the Director of The National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law at Stetson University College of Law. She is a recognized authority in scientific evidence, law and ethics and has presented hundreds of lectures to thousands of forensic scientists, attorneys, judges, and law enforcement personnel worldwide on the topics of scientific evidence, courtroom testimony, and professional responsibility. Carol has written four books and more than forty-five articles and book chapters on scientific evidence, law and ethics. She has appeared in both the popular and professional media, including Court TV, Fox National News, CBS “48 Hours,” National Public Radio, The John Walsh Show, Montel, the American Bar Association Journal and Lawyers Weekly USA. She is also Vice-Chair of the Future of Evidence Committee, American Bar Association Science and Technology Law Section and a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Forensic Committee.

It has been the highest honor and privilege to serve as the President of the Academy, and I am looking forward to continued association and service to our organization. Finally, I wish our incoming President, Carol Henderson, abundant success in her future endeavors with the Academy.
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Future Annual Meeting Dates

February 18-23, 2008
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Washington, DC

February 16-21, 2009
Denver Convention Center
Denver, CO

February 22-27, 2010
Washington State Convention & Trade Center
Seattle, WA

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Academy News
As of this writing, the House and Senate versions of Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Appropriations Bill have not passed out of conference committee, and we are still under a “CR” or continuing resolution. A continuing resolution is a type of legislation used by Congress to fund government agencies if a formal appropriations bill has not been signed into law by the end of the fiscal year. It provides funding for existing federal programs at current or reduced levels.

Even though there is little to update with regards to legislation, there is much going on at the Federal and State levels nonetheless. The National Institute of Justice hosted a forensic science summit in December to bring together many of the stakeholders to discuss issues of common concern. It is unclear whether the administration will be able to initiate new forensic programs in a Democratically controlled Congress, but that remains to be seen.

The National Academies continue to work on their forensic science review and have had a number of meetings in Washington and elsewhere to address resource issues, admissibility issues, and the like. We can expect their report later this year.

The Department of Defense has been exploring the role of forensic science in their missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. It this point it is unclear if State and local forensic labs have any role in this area, but there is clearly much to learn in continuing discussions.

A few states across the U.S. are considering legislation to review forensic science services in their regions. Maryland is considering oversight legislation and California has recently created a task force to look into a host of forensic science issues. Some states have established oversight bodies but have not funded them. Texas is an example if this.

As noted in the AAFS Advance Program, two of our major supporters, Senator Biden and Senator Sessions, will be speaking at the Keynote Session during the upcoming AAFS 60th Anniversary Meeting. This is an example of the interest our elected representatives have in forensic science.

As I have noted in past writings, it is essential to maintain a grassroots interest in our efforts. Former Massachusetts Congress Tip O’Neil was fond of saying: “All politics is local.” Members of Congress respond more favorably when they hear from the folks back home. That is why we continue to encourage Academy members to call and write their Senators and Congress representatives when we are advocating for legislation concerning forensic issues. You really can make a difference!

Wishing each of you and your families a great 2008 and I look forward to seeing you in Washington, DC, at the annual meeting in February.
This issue’s FEPAC News includes a “Letter to the Editor” received in reference to the September 2007 FEPAC article. The letter is followed by FEPAC Chair Max Houck’s response.

Letter to the Editor

November 26, 2007

Dear Academy News Readers,

First you’re an unknown, then you write one book and you move up to obscurity. — Martin Myers

We read with interest Mr. Houck’s FEPAC News piece in the September issue of Academy News. We appreciate and strongly agree with virtually all the points he makes, save one: Mr. Houck writes “There is definitely theory in forensic science and the principles underlying it. We have not had the time or the leisure to tease them out and make them apparent; concepts such as individualization (a set with one and only one member as a source) and exchange (when two objects come into contact, information is exchanged) point the way.” It is with the second sentence of the quote that we take issue. At least two groups have developed organizational schemes codifying forensic principles. Cook et al. published their “hierarchy of propositions” position papers in Science & Justice (1998a,b), and Inman and Rudin proffered a “forensic paradigm” in Principles and Practice of Criminalistics, the Profession of Forensic Science (2000) which was also published in Forensic Science International as “The Origin of Evidence” (2002). The models, although developed completely independently using different terminology, are nevertheless strikingly similar in approach. Both provide exactly what Mr. Houck suggests is missing, a formalization of the concepts forensic practitioners apply every day in their work.

Most remarkable is the fact that Mr. Houck reviewed the Principles and Practice of Criminalistics, the Profession of Forensic Science for Journal of Forensic Sciences (Houck, 2001) soon after publication. While he may not like the book or agree with either our particular vision of the forensic paradigm, or the Cook et al. model, he is remiss to simply ignore their existence.

Respectfully,

Norah Rudin, Ph.D. Forensic DNA Consultant
Keith Inman, M. Crim, Senior Scientist, Forensic Analytical Sciences, Inc.

References:

Response From Max Houck

I would like to thank Dr. Rudin and Mr. Inman for taking the time to comment on my writing in the September issue of the Academy News. Their work and that of Cook and his co-workers was not forgotten and that was not implied in my writing, in my opinion; as the saying in our field goes, “absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.”
I never said no theory or no principles were ever published in forensic science; I pointed out that, in the nature of our discipline, we—broadly—have not had the time to explore our philosophy as fully as, say, chemistry or biology have. I could have listed numerous books or papers that point to or suggest concepts or ideas that may make up the theoretical infrastructure of our discipline. I chose not to because the Academy News is not a peer-reviewed journal and my writing in it is essentially a perspective and opinion. My intent was to spur the discipline to think about our philosophical underpinnings in an educational context and research them more than we have.

Whether I agree or not with any author is beside the point of my statements to our discipline in the Academy News; in fact, in my book review, I applauded the authors for their effort. I was certainly not remiss, as they assert, in mentioning them to the point of excluding the many other authors I could have included, starting with Popp, Locard, Volmer, Kirk, and Turner. While the work of the authors and that of Cook, et al., may be useful, I sincerely doubt that one book and one journal article comprise the whole of forensic science philosophy.

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American Academy of Forensic Sciences

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**AAFS Staff Changes**

The Academy office is delighted to announce that Nancy Jackson has assumed the role of Director of Development & Accreditation. Nancy has a long history with the AAFS dating back to 1991 when she was hired as the Membership Services Coordinator. In 2000 Nancy became the Meetings & Expositions Manager and has done an excellent job serving in that capacity. We are sure she will continue to make great strides and further the development of the Academy in her new position.

Filling Nancy’s large shoes (well, they are actually pretty small) in the Meetings Department is Sondra Doolittle. Sondra joined the AAFS staff in 2000 as the Assistant Meetings Manager. Having assisted in the organization of eight annual meetings thus far, Sondra was the obvious choice for the position of Meetings & Expositions Manager. The success of past annual meetings is due in large part to Sondra’s great service and dedication.

Congratulations, Nancy and Sondra!

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**White House Solicits Fellowship Applications**

*The President’s Commission on White House Fellowships* is now accepting applications for the 2008-09 class. Founded in 1964, the White House Fellows program is America’s most prestigious program for leadership and public service.

White House Fellows offer exceptional young men and women first-hand experience working at the highest levels of the federal government. White House Fellows typically spend a year working as full-time, paid special assistants to senior White House Staff, the Vice President, Cabinet Secretaries, and other top-ranking government officials. Fellows also participate in an education program consisting of roundtable discussions with renowned leaders from the private and public sectors as well as trips to study U.S. policy in action, both domestically and internationally.

Applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2008. Fellowships are awarded on a strictly non-partisan basis. Employees of the federal government are not eligible unless they are career military personnel. There are no age restrictions; however, the program was created to give remarkable young Americans this experience early in their careers. Most competitive applicants have completed their graduate studies and are working in their chosen professions at the time of consideration.

For more information, call (202) 395-4522, or go to [www.whitehouse.gov/fellows](http://www.whitehouse.gov/fellows) to download an application. The American Academy of Forensic Sciences has no influence over the application evaluation process and is announcing this invitation for information purposes only.
A Word From Your 2008 Program Co-Chair

In just a few weeks, we will all be back together to celebrate our profession at the 60th Anniversary Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, which is being held February 18–23, 2008, in Washington, DC, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. The conference site is conveniently located near the Metro-rail Underground subway system - your key to the many historical sites and world-famous museums our Capital has to offer.

A glance through the Advance Program gives you an overview of the many wonderful and exciting seminars and programs that will be presented by our members as well as by other forensic scientists around the world. Come learn about all the advances that were made in 2007, and perhaps get some new ideas for research in 2008. As always, the success of the annual meeting is dependent upon the hard work you all perform and your willingness to share information with your fellow scientists. You will not want to miss this one!

Badge Alert!

It is the policy at AAFS annual meetings for attendees to have name badges in order to enter special sessions, workshops, breakfasts, and scientific sessions. In the past, attendees and guests have been allowed to enter the Exhibit Hall without a badge. Please note, this year all functions will require a name badge in order to enter. Attendees, guests, the press, anyone will not be allowed entrance to any function without a badge. This policy will be strictly enforced, so please come prepared.

Cyber Café

While at the meeting, do you need to access the Web or check your email in between scientific sessions? Looking for another meeting attendee? Trying to meet for lunch? Can’t find your spouse? Want to take the AAFS Meeting Survey? Visit the AAFS Cyber Café which will be located in the Atrium on the Exhibition Level of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. For your convenience, there will be 10 cyber café kiosks available Monday through Friday of the meeting week to keep you connected free of charge.

To log on and access personal messages or connect online, you will need your unique identifying number which will be located on the reverse side of your meeting badge.

Special Accommodations

If you have a disability that may impact your participation at the 60th AAFS Anniversary Meeting, please check the appropriate box on the AAFS Pre-Registration Form (page 23), and include a statement regarding your special needs. Someone from the AAFS headquarters will contact you prior to the meeting to discuss accommodations. Availability of appropriate accommodations cannot be ensured without prior notification of need.
Official Airline and Car Rental Agency Selected

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences has selected United Airlines as the official airline for its 60th Anniversary Scientific Meeting in Washington, DC, February 18-23, 2008.

The meeting ID number is 577PY and should be used when booking travel on United, United Express, TED by United, or United code share flights (UA*) operated by US Airways, US Airways Express and Air Canada. The same code is to be used by international travelers on United, United Express, or Lufthansa.

Reservations may be made through United or a travel professional. In the U.S. or Canada, contact United’s MeetingsPlus reservation service at (800) 521-4041. For international travel, contact your local reservation office. As a bonus, you can earn Mileage Plus® miles and receive specials discounts on car rentals with the Hertz Corporation (www.hertz.com).

Attend the 2008 AAFS Annual Business Meeting and Enter to Win a Complimentary Meeting Registration!

The Annual Business Meeting of the Fellows and Members of AAFS will be held Wednesday, February 20, at 4:15 p.m., at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. It is essential for all Fellows and Members to attend this very important meeting in order to reach a quorum for the voting process. Agenda items include the election of 2008-09 Officers and recognition of all Members being promoted to Fellow status. You also will be briefed on AAFS activities during the past year and plans for the future.

As an incentive to attend, all Fellows and Members present will automatically be entered to receive a complimentary meeting registration to attend the 2009 AAFS Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

Guidelines for Poster Presentations

Each poster session presenter will be provided with a 4’ (height) x 8’ (width) poster board and an ample supply of push-pins. The board will be labeled with the presentation title and pre-assigned AAFS presentation number. Presenters are responsible for posting their material at least one hour prior to the opening of the session and removing the material within one-half hour after the session closes. Volunteers will be available to assist the presenters. The AAFS is not responsible for material posted early or left after the session is over. Materials left will be disposed of after presentation hours.

The presenting author and/or co-author is expected to remain with the display during the entire session to be available to discuss their study with the attendees. AAFS or its representatives will verify poster presentations. Authors who display a poster but do not present materials will not get credit for the poster presentations. Authors are also encouraged to bring reprints for distribution during the session and may wish to bring sign-up sheets for attendees who desire additional information.

CONTENT
The poster presentation should cover all key aspects of the work and contain the following items:

- Abstract
- Introduction
- Materials
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion
- Conclusions
- References

PRESENTATION FORMAT

- Extensive narratives are not necessary. Short, “bulleted” statements are preferred.
- Results presented in the form of figures, diagrams, graphs, etc., are preferred, but may be presented in clear, concise tabular format.
- Statistical data should be titled and summarized in a clear, concise format.
- Material should be displayed in a logical sequence from top left to bottom right. Number all poster panels or use arrows so that the sequence of presentation is clear.
- All type should be a minimum of 14 pt and readable from a distance of 3-4 feet. Use standard type styles (e.g., Arial, Helvetica, Times New Roman).
- All poster panels should be printed with a laser or other high quality printer.
- The display does not need to be “arty,” but the overall effectiveness of a poster presentation can be enhanced by using techniques such as mounting poster panels on colored paper or crescent board. Colors may be used to highlight important points.
Guidelines For Speakers Using Slide Support

- To present using a slide projector, the projector should have been requested in the abstract submission process and the expense approved by the section in which you are presenting. Notification regarding “other” AV equipment requests will be emailed to the presenting author in December.

- Limit the information on each slide to a single point or idea. Slides should be used to supplement what you have to say, not as notes for you to learn on when giving your talk.

- Keep slides simples with plenty of open space. Space between lines should be at least the height of capital letters.

- Limit messages to seven lines or less. Do not use more than seven words per line.

- You should be able to convey slide information in 10 seconds. Avoid advancing the slide before 10 seconds; however, most slides should not remain on the screen longer than 2 minutes.

- Do not crowd the slide. Two or more simple slides are better than one that is complex and crowded.

- In using illustrative materials, try to use simple graphs with a limited number of captions. A picture is worth a thousand words.

- Never apologize for the quality of a slide. If you don’t like the way it looks, don’t use it.

- A good rule of thumb is if you can read the information on your slide held at arm’s length against a bright background, then it will be readable to your audience. Slides should be clear, with great enough contrast to be seen without turning off the room lights.

- Simplify-Simplify-Simplify: Your entire presentation should not be on the slides. The slides should support your talk and add emphasis to your important points.

- Avoid backing up the slide lectures. If you need a slide twice, make a duplicate slide.

- Audience perception of slides: WORST = text on a slide; BETTER = graphs/tables on a slide; BEST = image on a slide.
AAFS Forensic Science Employment Fair

A forum designed to put employers and job seekers in contact.

To be held during the AAFS 60th Anniversary Meeting
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Washington, DC

Tuesday, February 19, 2008
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Adjacent to the AAFS Welcome Reception in the Cotillion Foyer.

In 2006 the AAFS sponsored a very successful employment exchange/forum with over 20 prospective employers and postgraduate programs, with approximately 300 visitors participating. Job seekers included the graduating classes of several major forensic science degree programs.

The AAFS Forensic Science Employment Fair is an opportunity to:
• meet employers, and for them to meet you.
• make personal contacts and distribute resumes.
• assess the job market in your disciplines.

This is a free event open to all meeting attendees.
No registration required - just drop in!

Employers or educators: there is no fee to participate.
For information, or to register and ensure available table space for your program/agency, contact:

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Guidelines for LCD Projector Presentations

Computers will not be provided by the AAFS. However, your section may coordinate this effort and have a computer available for your use at the meeting. Otherwise, it will be your responsibility to provide a laptop computer for your presentation. All inquiries should be addressed to your Section Program Chair.

PREPARING YOUR PRESENTATION:

- Microsoft PowerPoint® 97 or later is highly recommended. Other versions of PowerPoint and programs may be difficult to support at the conference.
- Dark background and light text provide acceptable contrast and display well in the darkened meeting rooms. Avoid distracting or otherwise hard to read color combinations such as red and blue, and yellow and green.
- Arial, Times New Roman, or Helvetica are the recommended font styles. Avoid using fonts that project poorly. Unusual or custom fonts may not be available on the host computer.
- Use as large a font as possible and fill the screen. Anything less than 24 pt is too small. Suggested font sizes are Titles: 48-54 pt, Main text titles: 32 pt; Smallest text lines: 24 pt.
- Keep your presentation simple. Do not crowd the frame. Limit the number of text lines per frame to a maximum of seven lines, with no more than 30 characters per line.
- Use simple graphs and illustrations with a minimum of captions. Avoid using thin lines, dots, dashes, or other specialty lines.
- Verify your computer resolution by going to your computer’s control panel, selecting “Display” then “Settings.” The recommended resolution is 1024 x 768.
- Avoid the use of commercial messages (e.g., logo) and video and audio clips unless requested previously in the abstract submission.
- Save your presentation on a 3.5” diskette or CD-ROM. Always test your presentation on another computer to verify file compatibility, layout, and style.

IF YOU PLAN TO USE AN LCD PROJECTOR AT THE MEETING:

- Test your presentation with the LCD projection unit provided in the speaker ready room.
- You must report to your assigned room at least 30 minutes before the session is scheduled to begin (not your scheduled presentation time). Introduce yourself to the session moderators. Bring your presentation on a 3.5” diskette or CD-ROM that is clearly labeled with your name. Please contact your Section Program Chair for these details.
- You will be given instructions on how and when to connect to the LCD projection unit.
- You are encouraged to bring a set of 35mm slides in case of technical difficulties. If technical problems occur, you may be asked to present without visual aids.

For Updated AAFS Annual Meeting Information, go to: www.aafs.org

By now, everyone should have received the hard copy of the Advance Program for the upcoming AAFS 60th Anniversary Meeting. Did you know the same information is posted to the AAFS website (www.aafs.org)? Just follow the meeting link and you will find direct links to all of the various program information! You can view, download, and print the .pdf session descriptions directly from the web. Although precautions are taken to prevent schedule changes, speakers and program schedules may change due to unforeseen circumstances. In response to these changes, the Academy office will update the website information on a weekly basis, so you’ll want to check www.aafs.org for the most accurate and up-to-date meeting materials.

Attendees can also register for the meeting online! Through the secure server, this is a safe and convenient way to register. Don’t forget the pre-registration deadline is January 23, 2008!
Continuing Education

Continuing professional education credits are offered for physicians, dentists, attorneys, and chemists. Continuing education credit applications have been submitted for physicians, dentists, attorneys, and chemists. Nurses may use the AAFS CME Credit Reporting Forms for filing CERP hours with their state accreditation agency. Please check with your state agency for details.

In addition, AAFS offers a generic CE certificate which may be used for purposes not outlined above.

To register for continuing education credit, please complete the appropriate section on the Meeting Registration Form. An individual must be a registrant to obtain continuing education credits. Fees charged for continuing education credits are based on projected costs of supplies and other materials needed to comply with requirements of the various continuing education accreditation councils. The AAFS has adopted a user-pay approach so that those individuals who benefit from the specific continuing education program are responsible for the costs incurred.

In order to be in compliance with the various accrediting organizations, introductions, breaks, and lunches have been deducted from the total hours. Please note that continuing education credit is not available for all sessions. All continuing education credit recipients will receive documentation regarding the number of continuing education hours awarded. Attendance reports are supplied to the appropriate state or national agency, as required.

Chemistry: Application has been made to the American Association for Clinical Chemistry, Inc., for ACCENT® credit. Credit will be awarded on an hour-for-hour basis. Awarded credit will be filed with AACC following the meeting.

Dental: The American Academy of Forensic Sciences is an ADA CERP recognized provider. The Academy of General Dentistry considers CE providers recognized through the national ADA CERP process approved sponsors, and credits they offer are accepted toward the FAGD and MAGD awards.

Legal: Continuing Legal Education credits are being sought from only Colorado. Credit will be awarded on an hour-for-hour basis. Please contact the AAFS Continuing Education Coordinator before January 1 if you are licensed in a state that requires the CE provider to be an accredited CLE sponsor.

Medical: The American Academy of Forensic Sciences is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The American Academy of Forensic Sciences designates this educational activity for a maximum of 58 hours in category 1 credit toward the AMA Physician’s Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the activity. The AAFS also offers continuing medical education credit to those who are not MD/DOs.

CE Helpful Hints

A few reminders about Continuing Education (CE) procedures which may be helpful to meeting attendees:

- If you would like to receive CE credits for medical, dental, legal, chemistry, or general attendance, you must check Box 4 on your 60th AAFS Annual Meeting Registration Form. Only registrants may request continuing education credits.

- Continuing education materials will NOT automatically be placed in the registration packets of all registrants who have a DDS or DMD degree. In order to obtain dental credits, registrants must check Box 4. Those who register for CE credits will receive a CE Packet in their onsite meeting bag.

- The Continuing Education Packet must be completed and returned to AAFS by March 3, 2008. In order to comply with the various accrediting agencies, AAFS requires completion of evaluation forms to obtain CE credit.

- All comments and suggestions provided on evaluation forms are kept anonymous and are reviewed by the Program and Continuing Education Committees to detect program problems and facilitate improvement. Your input is needed.
Monuments By Moonlight  #1

Monday, February 18  7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
$51.00 per guest (40 guests minimum)

Perhaps the most enchanting way to enjoy the sights of Washington is to do so by moonlight. The night sky glows with the sights of Washington’s many monuments and landmarks lit up with thousands of lights.

Your tour guide will share fascinating facts on the city’s illuminated monuments and landmarks as guests enjoy champagne and delicious desserts. In this all-encompassing night tour of Washington, guests will pass such sights as the White House, the U.S. Capitol Building, the Old Post Office Building, the Washington Monument, Smithsonian Museums, and World War II Memorial, Tidal Basin, and Jefferson Memorial.

Guests will circle the inspiring Iwo Jima Memorial and then make a stop at the Lincoln Memorial to explore the tribute to President Abraham Lincoln and enjoy the stunning views down the National Mall and Potomac River. A short walk from the Lincoln Monument is the Vietnam and Korean War Memorials – both moving tributes to the countrymen who served in these conflicts and stunning to see cast in a amber glow at night.

A Special Look at Washington  #2

Tuesday, February 19  9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
$56.00 per guest (40 guests minimum)

This tour will leave guests with a complete overview of the Capital City. This riding tour will include Federal Triangle, Lafayette Park, and the most famous address, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, better known as the White House. Guests will travel down the parade route of Pennsylvania Avenue passing the Federal Triangle government buildings, the FBI Building, the landmark Old Post Office, and the U.S. Capitol Building. Proceeding to the nearby mall area, guests will pass the many buildings belonging to the Smithsonian Institution as well as the National Gallery of Art. Passing the towering Washington Monument guests will soon arrive at the Lincoln Memorial where they will stop to admire the tall and brooding statue of Abraham Lincoln. Guests will have one hour to view the Lincoln Memorial and other nearby memorials. A short 5-minute walk from the Lincoln Memorial brings you to the powerful and moving Vietnam Veterans Memorial, The Korean War Memorial, and the World War II Memorial.

The tour will continue past the Jefferson Memorial, a temple-like structure dedicated to the third U.S. President. The memorial sits beside the Tidal Basin, home of the world famous Japanese Cherry Blossom Trees. Guests will pass the Iwo Jima Memorial, a moving tribute to the heroes of the U.S. Marine Corps. Here, guests will enjoy boxed lunches.

The next stop of the day will be Arlington National Cemetery to visit the grave of President John F. Kennedy and The Tomb of the Unknowns. JFK is buried under an eternal flame near two of his children who died in infancy and his wife Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis.

Roots of America  #3

Tuesday, February 19  9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
$39.00 per guest (40 guests minimum)

The National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) is the sixteenth museum of the Smithsonian Institution. It is the first national museum dedicated to the preservation, study, and exhibition of the life, languages, literature, history, and arts of Native Americans.

Your tour guide will share fascinating facts on the city’s illuminated monuments and landmarks as guests enjoy champagne and delicious desserts. In this all-encompassing night tour of Washington, guests will pass such sights as the White House, the U.S. Capitol Building, the Old Post Office Building, the Washington Monument, Smithsonian Museums, and World War II Memorial, Tidal Basin, and Jefferson Memorial.

Guests will circle the inspiring Iwo Jima Memorial and then make a stop at the Lincoln Memorial to explore the tribute to President Abraham Lincoln and enjoy the stunning views down the National Mall and Potomac River. A short walk from the Lincoln Monument is the Vietnam and Korean War Memorials – both moving tributes to the countrymen who served in these conflicts and stunning to see cast in a amber glow at night.

This tour will leave guests with a complete overview of the Capital City. This riding tour will include Federal Triangle, Lafayette Park, and the most famous address, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, better known as the White House. Guests will travel down the parade route of Pennsylvania Avenue passing the Federal Triangle government buildings, the FBI Building, the landmark Old Post Office, and the U.S. Capitol Building. Proceeding to the nearby mall area, guests will pass the many buildings belonging to the Smithsonian Institution as well as the National Gallery of Art. Passing the towering Washington Monument guests will soon arrive at the Lincoln Memorial where they will stop to admire the tall and brooding statue of Abraham Lincoln. Guests will have one hour to view the Lincoln Memorial and other nearby memorials. A short 5-minute walk from the Lincoln Memorial brings you to the powerful and moving Vietnam Veterans Memorial, The Korean War Memorial, and the World War II Memorial.

The tour will continue past the Jefferson Memorial, a temple-like structure dedicated to the third U.S. President. The memorial sits beside the Tidal Basin, home of the world famous Japanese Cherry Blossom Trees. Guests will pass the Iwo Jima Memorial, a moving tribute to the heroes of the U.S. Marine Corps. Here, guests will enjoy boxed lunches.

The next stop of the day will be Arlington National Cemetery to visit the grave of President John F. Kennedy and The Tomb of the Unknowns. JFK is buried under an eternal flame near two of his children who died in infancy and his wife Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis.

Since 1999, the NMAI has conducted the historic move of 800,000 Native American objects from the NMAI Research Branch (RB), a crowded warehouse in the Bronx, New York, to the Cultural Resources Center, a state-of-the-art storage facility. By the completion of the move in March 2004, the museum will have shipped a truckload of objects every week for almost five years.

Guests will be escorted and have an opportunity to explore the Smithsonian facility on the mall. Guests will enjoy collections that span all major culture areas of the Americas, representing virtually all tribes of the U.S., most of those of Canada, and a significant number of cultures from Central and South America as well as the Caribbean. Chronologically, the collections include artifacts from Paleo-Indian to contemporary arts and crafts.

The museum’s holdings also include film and audiovisual collections, paper archives, and a photography archive of approximately 90,000 images depicting both historic and contemporary Native American life. In all of its activities, the National Museum of the American Indian acknowledges the diversity of cultures and the continuity of cultural knowledge among indigenous peoples of the Western Hemisphere and Hawaii, incorporating Native methodologies for the handling, documentation, care, and presentation of collections.

Time will be available for guests to enjoy the American Indian Museum’s unique and extensive Mitsitam Café, which features meals based on the indigenous foods of Native American tribes.
Wait beyond the gates of Mount Vernon stands the home of George Washington. His presence can be felt throughout the plantation, from the gardens and greens to the original furnishings placed throughout the Georgian-style manor house.

Guests will enjoy a tour of the mansion and the surrounding service buildings where they will view examples of Mr. Washington's brilliance as an architect, a surveyor, and a gentleman farmer. They will also enjoy the visitors' center and Washington family museum, where personal effects of George and Martha Washington are on display. George Washington devoted many hours to his gardens and grove and was known as one of the most notable horticulturist in 18th century Virginia. Weather permitting, by special arrangement, guests will have the opportunity to tour the winter gardens of Mount Vernon, escorted by a senior Mount Vernon horticulturist.

After the tour of the mansion and grounds, guests will board their awaiting coach for the return trip along the George Washington Parkway through Alexandria, Virginia, referred by many as George Washington's hometown. As a young surveyor, Mr. Washington plotted the original lots for the city in 1749. Your guide will point out Christ Church, where Mr. Washington served as vestryman. Guests will then ride by Market Square, where Washington commanded his troops, and the Apothecary Shop, often frequented by Washington. The once bustling seaport of Alexandria was Mr. Washington’s lifeline to news from the other colonies and from Europe.

Hungry guests will then be escorted to Gadsby’s Tavern, an original 18th century tavern in Alexandria, Virginia. It was in this popular tavern that George Washington celebrated his last birthday party and many colonel patriots gathered. Costumed barmaids and tavern boys will greet guests upon arrival.

The National Archives, National Gallery of Art, National Portrait Gallery

Thursday, February 21

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

$39.00 per guest (40 guests minimum)

Undercover Capital:
The Spies of Washington, DC #4

Wednesday, February 20

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

$41.00 per guest

(40 guests minimum/50 guests maximum)

Washington, DC has long been famous for 200 years as the scene of the political dealmaking, of political maneuvering, of political gamesmanship, and also acts of great political courage and distinction. Lesser known are the acts of espionage that have occurred in the very shadows of the nation’s capitol.

In this all encompassing riding tour, under the guide of U.S. Air Force Intelligence Officer and Vietnam Veteran, Carol Besette, guests will learn little known secrets including the connection Capitol Hill has with spying activities of over 400 years ago. Guests will see the offices and homes of some of the most famous Hill residents, and learn little known spy stories about some of the most famous buildings and faces in Washington.

Guests will explore the neighborhoods around the present Russian Embassy on Upper Wisconsin Avenue learning a rich history of espionage involving well-known and little known personalities, embassies, apartments, and restaurants of the area, and even of the revered Washington National Cathedral! They will uncover who was the Confederate spy who practiced her wiles in the shadow of the White House. Guests will also unveil the motivation of the FBI counterintelligence agent who provided information to the Soviets at the same time that he worked to capture Soviets spies and whether there really was a link between Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and the famous Cambridge Five group of spies.

By special arrangement, guests will have a personal briefing with Gary Powers, founder of the Cold War Museum and son of CIA Intelligence officer and U2 pilot, Francis Gary Powers, shot down over Russia in 1960.

Next guests will enjoy the Public Vaults, the new permanent exhibit where guests can experience the feeling of going beyond the walls of the Rotunda into the stacks and vaults of the National Archives. Here they will uncover fascinating original records (including Abraham Lincoln’s telegrams to his generals, audio recordings from the Oval Office) and new interactive exhibits that allow guests to "touch" and explore some of the most interesting documents, photos, and films the Archives hold. The Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery features changing exhibits while the Learning Center leverages the documentary resources of the National Archives to engage and inspire children to connect to the nation’s exciting, and very usable, past. Finally guests will have time to browse the Archives Shop to search for a treasure of their own to remember their visit to the National Archive.

Guests will then enjoy exploring national treasures of an artistic nature at the National Gallery of Art one of the world’s preeminent art museums. The Gallery was created for the people of the United States of America by a joint resolution of Congress accepting the gift of financier and art collector Andrew W. Mellon in 1937, the year of his death. Completed in 1941, the Gallery’s West building displays an outstanding permanent collection of nearly 100,000 paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, sculpture, and decorative arts traces the development of Western art from the Middle Ages to the present. Its world-renowned conservation department restores and analyzes paintings, sculpture, and works on paper.

After a short break to enjoy lunch on their own in the Gallery cafeteria, guests will continue to the National Portrait Gallery. Newly remodeled and reopened in July of 2006, The Smithsonian’s

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National Portrait Gallery was the original home of the Declaration of Independence and once housed the tent used by George Washington during the Revolutionary War. The Gallery now houses magnificent modern art, sculptures, and the new Lunder Conservation Center where art conservationist can be found busy at work through floor to ceiling walls of glass.

**Shopping in Georgetown**
**With Lunch at Clyde’s** #7

*Thursday, February 21*  
11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
$76.00 per guest  
(35 guests minimum/50 guests maximum)

Located in the heart of historic Georgetown, Clyde’s has been a Washington tradition since it opened in 1963. The concept was simple and sound - good food, good camaraderie, and real value. It soon drew a crowd from all walks of life and Clyde’s grew to become a local legend. The 1976 hit "Afternoon Delight" was inspired by their late-afternoon appetizer menu and the gold record still hangs in the restaurant.

Lunch will be served in the Patio Room. A beautiful garden atmosphere including an oversized fireplace, fresh flowers, and big, bright windows create the perfect atmosphere for a fabulous three course luncheon including a salad course, choice of three entrees, and dessert.

Following lunch, guests will have over two hours to explore historic Georgetown. Literally hundreds of shops, from antique dealers, art studios, unique boutiques, and national retailers such as Ann Taylor, J. Crew, Banana Republic, Armani Exchange, Kenneth Cole, Gap, and Ralph Lauren offer shoppers the opportunity to explore their shops. A trip director will escort the group to Georgetown, manage the luncheon and ensure guests are accounted for upon the return to the hotel.

**A Tribute to Jackie Kennedy / White House Tour** #8

*Friday, February 22*  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
$35.00 per guest  
(35 guests minimum/70 guests maximum)

Guests will enjoy a wonderful tour of sites in Washington, DC, strongly linked with Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis.

The tour will begin in the neighborhood of The White House at Lafayette Square. The elite of Washington built their homes here, paying court to the White House. Your guide will relate delightful tales of life here on the square through the centuries. By the time the Kennedys arrived in the White House in 1961, Lafayette Square was threatened with destruction. In her ladylike yet determined manner she managed to redesign and relocate the new buildings and save such historic buildings as the Renwick Gallery of Art, Decatur House, Blair House, and the entire historic fabric of the square. One of the buildings became home for the new White House Historical Association - another Jackie Kennedy creation.

Leaving Lafayette Square guests will visit Georgetown, Jackie’s favorite part of Washington. While he was a Senator, the Kennedys lived in four different houses in Georgetown - and Jackie returned there to live after she left the White House. Our guide will show you her homes, her favorite church, her mother’s house and Georgetown University, where she took French lessons. Guests will stroll the beautiful N Street past the Averill Harriman home where Jackie lived with her children after the president was killed. The serene gentility of Georgetown still remains, and guests can almost recapture that vanished era when young Jackie Kennedy lived here. The last stop of the day will be at Arlington National Cemetery where guests will visit the Kennedy graves. They’ll hear how Arlington was a favorite retreat of John and Jackie. They enjoyed walking through the pastoral setting, communing with heroes of our history and admiring the view of Washington.

“Pending approval, elements of this tour may be substituted for a tour inside the White House, home of President and Mrs. Bush. Once approved, guests will be required to submit information such as full name, social security number, date of birth, and country of origin for security pre-screening. Registrants will be notified by Capital City Events four weeks prior to the tour with additional information.

**Washington’s Gilded Age Tour** #9

*Friday, February 22*  
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
$35.00 per guest (40 guests minimum)

This tour will offer an intimate look at Washington’s Gilded Age and the opulent mansions built by the city’s elite at the turn of the century.

The day will begin at Dupont Circle, a monument to Rear Admiral Samuel Francis Dupont. Learn about Dupont and his career that began as a midshipman at the tender age of 12 and proceeded through the ranks, ultimately retiring as Rear Admiral.

Guests will then walk up Massachusetts Avenue, often referred to as Embassy Row. Washington’s grandest boulevard, this walk features the most impressive turn-of-the-century residences in the city, many designed in the French Beaux-Arts style. Today, most house embassies and consulates and thus the name “Embassy Row”. In addition to viewing sumptuous architecture, guests will hear stories about the families who once resided in these stately palaces. Fabulous wealth, extravagant parties, scandals - even “the curse of the Hope Diamond” are mixed with a glimpse of the life led by Washington’s diplomatic community today.

The tour will include a stop at the exclusive Anderson House, the former palatial estate of Lars Anderson, former ambassador to Japan. Anderson House was built between 1902 and 1905 as the winter home of Isabel and Lars Anderson III. Extensive use of Italian marble, decorative moldings and 18 carat gold gilding are a testament to the Anderson's attention to detail while building this mansion. The Andersons furnished their home with fine and decorative European and Asian art. Today Anderson House is the headquarters of the Society of Cincinnati, a patriotic society whose members are descended from officers of the Revolutionary War.

The walk concludes at the Phillips Collection, a private mansion turned art museum. In 1921, Marjorie and Duncan Phillips opened their home in the exclusive Dupont Circle area to the public of Washington, DC. On the walls of the Phillips Collection are paintings by Renoir, Cezanne, Monet, Matisse, Whistler and Van Gogh. Today's private tour will include the permanent collection. Guests will board their awaiting motorcoach to travel up Massachusetts Avenue to see dozens of foreign embassies, including the Japanese, British, Finnish, Italian, Indonesian, Bahamian, Irish, Guatemalan, Russian.....before returning to their hotel where the tour will conclude. **Walking Shoes Recommended.**
Section News

CRIMINALISTICS

Source: Anjali R. Swienton, MFS, JD, Section Program Chair

The final logistics are being worked out for February’s conference in the nation’s capitol. Once again, the Criminalistics Section is jam packed with tasty goodness. As in the past several years, there will be 2 sessions on Saturday (a DNA session and a trace session) ending at 1:00 p.m., so please schedule your travel accordingly and plan to take advantage of the Saturday program.

Posters are a great way to get some one-on-one time with researchers and learn about projects more in depth than oral presentations sometimes allow. There will be poster presentations on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, so schedule some time in your busy agenda to avail yourselves of this great opportunity to expand your knowledge.

Last year there was an issue getting a quorum at the Criminalistics Section Luncheon and Business Meeting and at the AAFS Annual Business Meeting. Please plan to attend these important functions on Wednesday afternoon.

Lastly, if you are looking for additional ways to become more active within the Academy and specifically within the Criminalistics Section, here’s your chance. There are spots on the Milestones, Regional Associations, Nomination, and Membership Committees. If you are interested in serving, please contact Section Chair Lucy Davis Houck at ldhouck4n6@gmail.com.

See you in DC!

ENGINEERING SCIENCES

Source: Peter Alexander, PhD, Section Chair

The Section Officers are looking forward to seeing you at the annual meeting in Washington, DC. A great series of presentations have been organized by Program Chair Kurt Weiss assisted by Walter Goldstein, Carol Erikson, and Jim Smith. These include almost two days of Automobile Forensics and associated topics, a day of Environmental papers, two half-day multidisciplinary sessions dealing with Sick Building Syndrome (co-sponsored with Jurisprudence/Psychiatry & Behavioral Science), a session on Injury Analysis & Head Protection, papers relating to Road Glare and Acoustic Analysis, and several poster sessions dealing with Electrical Phenomena and Driver’s Ages.

Do not forget to attend the Engineering Sciences Luncheon and Business Meeting, where you can meet and have discussions with other section members and participate in discussions regarding important Section issues.

GENERAL

Source: Robert C. Gaffney, MFS, MBA, Section Secretary

Section Chair Paul Kish and Section Secretary Bob Gaffney continue reviewing General Section applicants as well as those applying for promotion within the section. Thus far, over 130 applicant and promotion packages have been submitted. All of you are encouraged to continue working towards fulfilling the requirements for promotion within the section.

Program Committee Co-Chairs Joanna Collins and Ron Meyer have been diligently working to assure
we have an educational and enlightening scientific session. They have put together a great General Section program.

If you are planning to attend the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, make sure you register for the section luncheon. It is a great opportunity to meet the members of your section and identify potential references for future advancement in the section and the Academy. You should also plan to attend the General Section Business Meeting immediately following the luncheon on Wednesday, February 20, 2008. You do not have to attend the luncheon to take part in the Section Business Meeting. Attending the business meeting is a requirement for promotion, and attendance provides you the opportunity to volunteer for committee work and scientific session moderators, which is also essential to promotion.

The positions of General Section Chair, Secretary, and Board of Director’s Representative for the year 2008 are open for election during the 2008 General Section Business Meeting. The General Section Nominating Committee, chaired by Robert Freed, received no petitions to place individuals on the ballot for any of the Section Officer positions. Consequently, the committee has nominated Paul Kish for Section Chair, Robert Gaffney for Section Secretary, and John Gerns for Board of Director’s Representative. A brief résumé from each candidate nominated by the committee will be mailed to section members before the business meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the business meeting.

Lastly, make sure your calendar is clear for the Second Annual General Section Reception. Please check the program for the date and time. We look forward to seeing you in the Nation’s Capital.

ODONTOLOGY

Source: Richard A. Weems, DMD, MS, Section Program Chair

By the time that you read this issue it will only be a few weeks until the AAFS Annual Meeting. The Odontology scientific sessions this year include some very interesting cases along with quite a few scientific studies, several of which involve new technology in the field. The meeting is also a great time to catch up with old friends and colleges, and to make new acquaintances.

One very important item at this year’s business meeting will be a vote concerning a change in the bylaws related to the educational and experience requirements for entry into the Odontology Section. The committee assigned to review and revise these requirements has strive to make the requirements more specific and easier to understand while also attempting to broaden the educational format from the status quo.

The proposed new guidelines are included below:

A. Student Affiliate
1. AAFS Basic Requirements for Student Affiliate must be fulfilled.

B. Trainee Affiliate
1. AAFS Basic Requirements for Trainee Affiliate must be fulfilled, and

2. One (1) year or less experience in forensic odontology.

C. Associate Member
1. AAFS Basic Requirements for Associate Member must be fulfilled, and
2. Applicant must have earned a dental degree (D.D.S., D.M.D. or equivalent), and
3. The applicant must provide proof to the credentialing committee of the Odontology Section a minimum of eleven (11) points for attendance at a course or courses in forensic odontology covering all of the topics listed below with one (1) point awarded for each half-day of training:
   a. Human identification via dental evidence (hands-on training required);
   b. Mass disaster identification techniques and protocols (hands-on training required);
   c. Bite mark analysis (hands-on training required);
   d. Related general forensic topics including civil litigation;
   e. Recognized courses must be open to the dental community at large and the same course taken more than once will not be recognized unless content is significantly different;
   f. The evaluation process of recognized courses will be conducted by the Entry Level Educational Committee minimally every two (2) years;
   g. Other points—defined to include attendance at the AAFS annual meeting scientific sessions (one (1) point per year) with a maximum of two (2) points;
   h. All earned points are valid for a period of seven (7) years and

4. Be actively associated with an agency engaged in forensic odontology, and
5. Have one (1) year or more experience in forensic odontology, and
6. Two (2) letters of reference. References must be either full Members or Fellows of the Odontology Section of the AAFS and must be able to comment knowledgeably on the applicant’s qualifications.
7. The listing of recognized courses with associated points will be published in the AAFS Academy Newsletter in the spring of each year.

In the November issue Odontology Section News article, there was an error in publishing the names for the upcoming slate of candidates nominated for the position of Section Program Chair. Please note that Paula Brumit and Barry Lipton are nominated individually for this position and not as Co-Chairs. They will both stand for election to that position at the Odontology Section Business Meeting on Wednesday, February 20th. See you in Washington, DC!

PATHOLOGY/BIOLOGY

Source: J. Scott Denton, MD, Section Secretary

The Section Officers hope everyone had a Happy New Year and a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season. The 60th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC is almost upon us and Program Chair Kim Collins has arranged an excellent Scientific Program with 101 interesting and wide-ranging topics for podium and poster

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presentations. Best Resident Papers are always a highlight, encouraging and showcasing upcoming talent within our field. The Thursday Multidisciplinary Session is moderated by Kim Collins and Ruth Wineneck from the Toxicology Section, and is entitled “Medical Devices and Their Impact on Death Investigations.” Past Section Chair Joseph Prabhlow will present the “Evaluation of Medical Devices During Autopsy and Death Investigation Procedures” during this session. Congratulations to all those whose abstracts were accepted for presentation.

Now the big news. The special guest arranged by Section Chair Andrew Baker for the 2nd Annual Pathology/Biology Luncheon will be Marcella Pierro, retiring Chief Medical Examiner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the basis for the character of “Kay Scarpetta” for murder mystery fans among us. Her talk will be “Mass Murder in a University Setting” based upon her experiences in the aftermath of the April 16, 2007 Virginia Tech shootings. The luncheon is strictly by pre-registration only and requires a separate fee, so make sure you sign up for this event clearly listed on your annual meeting registration form. The Pathology/Biology Section Luncheon begins at 12:00 p.m., with the free Section Business Meeting following at 1:30 p.m. Two esteemed Fellows of the section will be honored for their accomplishments and service to the Academy and Forensic Pathology and Biology. Section Board member Tracy Corey will update us on Academy-wide events, as well Foundation Trustee John Pless on grants awarded this year. The Section Officers again wish the legendary Dr. Jack Frost a continued speedy recovery. Register for the luncheon and stay for the business meeting. It will be well worth it and a great way to get involved in the Pathology/Biology Section.

2007 has been a very busy year. Section Chair Andrew Baker and Secretary Scott Denton reviewed dozens of applications for membership or advancement within the section. Make sure you attend the AAFS Annual Business Meeting to congratulate the new Pathology/Biology Fellows. The Membership Committee, composed of the Section Chair and Secretary, has decided to forego proposing any changes to the Pathology/Biology Policy and Procedures for section membership, as proposed and tabled at the last Section Business Meeting in San Antonio. After lengthy discussions and emails, it was decided that previous Section Chairs had established precedents for membership categories, and this would be continued without change, while acknowledging potential inconsistencies. Reminds one of our system of manner of death determination! Safe travels and hope to see you all in DC.

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Source: Laura C. Fulginiti, PhD, Section Secretary

The section would like to offer congratulations to Mimi Doretti on her receipt of the 2007 MacArthur Fellow Award! This is truly a milestone in human rights anthropology. Mimi has presented many papers at the AAFS annual conference and is a powerhouse in the field. Thanks to Clyde Snow for his nomination of Mimi for her years of dedication. Follow the link below for further information: http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.2913825/apps/nl/

Emily Craig (Emily.Craig@ky.gov) writes to let everyone know that the 2008 IAI meeting is going to be in Louisville, KY, August 17-23. There is now an online call for papers and since there is now a Forensic Anthropology Section of the IAI she would like to see our discipline well-represented. As next year’s program chair for the section, she would also like to see the papers focused on the symbiotic relationship between forensic anthropologists and other death investigators and law enforcement in general. She says that we’re not limited to that topic and she certainly doesn’t want to limit anyone’s creativity, so if you have any scientific information you want to share, please go to the following site to see what is happening: http://www.theiai.org/conference/presentations/callforsignals.php

Madeleine Hinkes (MHinkes@aol.com) would like to remind everyone to encourage their grad students to apply for the Kerley Foundation scholarship ($2,500). Details and application are available on the website: www.kerleyfoundation.org.

Tom Holland (Thomas.Holland@JPAC.PACOM.MIL) would like to announce that the DoD Central Identification Laboratory and the FBI are cosponsoring the formation of a Scientific Working Group for Forensic Anthropology (SWGANTH). The first meeting will be held at the CIL in Hawaii prior to the February AAFS meeting.

Congratulations to Frank Saul on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from Brooklyn College, City University of New York, his undergraduate alma mater. Additionally, Frank and Julie Saul were both elected Fellows of the Forensic Science Society, United Kingdom. They are the first non-UK members to be so honored.

On behalf of your Section Officers, thank you all for a productive and inspiring year.

PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Source: John L. Young, MD, Section Secretary

There is still time to make it to the 33rd Annual Conference of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL) Tristate Chapter on Saturday, January 26, 2008, in New York City. It is entitled “The Detection of Deception.” The lineup of speakers includes Barry Rosenfeld, who will discuss polygraphy, Daniel Langleben, speaking on functional MRI, and Paul Root Wolpe, covering ethics. Further information is available from Charles Luther, at 212-502-0990 or charles.luther@med.nyu.edu. If you are ready to sign up, send your check payable to “AAPL Tristate Chapter” to Andrew Kleinman, 420 Madison Avenue #504, New York, NY 10017. The conference meets at 8:00 a.m. (following an attractive continental breakfast) at the NYU School of Medicine, Schwartz Lecture Hall, 550 First Avenue, Manhattan.

Another exciting and worthwhile conference awaits you in Venice next April 10-12. It is the 17th gathering of a diverse group of clinicians practicing forensic psychotherapy across all the disciplines and from several countries. The sponsor is the International Association for Forensic Psychotherapy, joined for the first time this year by the Royal College of Psychiatrists. The web address is www.forensicpsychotherapy.com. Your section secretary, thanks to Abe Halpern, has been to all of the previous meetings and finds each better than the last.

Please send any section news to jlmyoung@pol.net.
The 2008 Toxicology Section Scientific Program has been finalized and contributions from all our membership have made it a unique and truly educational event. The 2008 meeting in Washington, DC, is only two months away. Please contact Program Chairs Ted Burkes (Ted.Burkes@ic.fbi.gov; 703-632-7313) or Bridgette Frost (Bridgette.Frost@ic.fbi.gov; 703-632-7303), with any questions.

TOXICOLOGY

Source: Jeri D. Ropero-Miller, PhD, Section Program Chair

It is hard to believe we are a little more than a month away from the meeting in Washington, DC. The 2008 Toxicology Section Scientific Program has been finalized and contributions from all our membership have made it a unique and truly educational event. As Workshop Chair, Kenneth Ferslew (Ferslew@etsu.edu) worked with the Academy Workshop Co-Chairs Sarah Kerrigan and Bradley Adams. With more than 40 workshop proposals submitted, we are happy to say that the Toxicology Section will be sponsoring one full-day workshop and three half-day workshops.

Chip Walls and William Anderson will co-chair the full-day “ChemStation® Productivity Workshop” (#9) which is sponsored by Agilent Technologies. Computer stations will be provided for a first-hand educational experience, thus, registration is limited to 80 attendees. The first half-day workshop, entitled “Forensic Toxicology: A Historical Perspective” (#11), will be offered on Monday afternoon and chaired by Michele Merves, Yale H. Caplan, and Matthew Juhascik. On Tuesday morning Christine Moore and Timothy Rohrig are set to chair Postmortem Toxicology: Interpretation of Drug Concentrations in Hair” (#14). Finally, Vina Spiehler and Stephen Billick will co-chair a very intriguing workshop about “Marijuana Induced Psychosis” (#23).

On Wednesday evening the Toxicology Section Program will continue with recognition of the prestigious Toxicology Section Awardees who were rightfully nominated by their colleagues. Congratulations to William Anderson who will receive the Alexander O. Gettler Award in recognition of his analytical achievements in forensic toxicology. This year’s Rolla N. Harger Award for outstanding contributions in the field will be awarded to Charles Winick. The Ray Abernethy Award for an outstanding forensic toxicology practitioner will be awarded to Laurel Farrell. And, the June K. Jones Award, presented to an individual who is pursuing an advanced degree with research grounded in forensic toxicology, will be awarded to Erin Kolbrich. Directly following the Awardees Recognition Ceremony, the section’s sole Poster Session boasting more than 40 scientific posters will occur.

On Thursday the section will have three separate special sessions. Michelle Spirk and Sarah Kerrigan will represent the AAFS/SOFT Drugs and Driving Committee session, entitled “Driving Under the Influence of Drugs - Updates and Case Studies.” A joint session with Pathology/Biology, co-moderated by Ruth Winceker and Kim Collins, will discuss “Medical Devices and Their Impact on Death Investigations.” Thursday’s scientific session will end with Marilyn Huestis and Abraham Tsadik of NIDA’s Intramural Research program showcasing “Current Human Toxicology Research Findings for National Institute on Drug Abuse Research”

Friday will begin with many scientific presentations focusing on analytical findings in the field and drug-related postmortem cases (Co-moderators Ashraf Mozayani and Joseph Saady). Next, Jeri Ropero-Miller and Vicki Watts will moderate the Annual Lectureship in Toxicology. Malcolm Baker, Superintendent of the London Metropolitan Police Service Counter Terrorism Command, will discuss “Multi-Agency Anti-Terrorism Coordination in Times of Toxicological Attacks.” The scientific program will close with Rob Middleberg and his special session faculty highlighting Pediatric Toxicology case experiences.

Your Section Program Chair would like to gratefully acknowledge all reviewers that assisted with the Proceedings abstract review process. Thanks to Adam Negrusz, Daniel Isenschmid, Diana Garside, Diana Wilkins, Frank Espósito, John Mitchell, Laureen Marinetti, Lee Hearn, Lorial Langman, Marilyn Huestis, Michelle Spirk, Mick Smith, Mike Baylor, Mike Schaffer, Nichole Bynum, Peter Stout, Phil Kemp, Ruth Winceker, Sarah Kerrigan, Vicki Watts, and Vina Spiehler for their willingness to volunteer and get involved. Thank you also for the generous and continued support of the Toxicology Section sponsors: Aegis Sciences, Agilent, Cerillant, Immunalysis, NMS Labs, Neogen, Shamrock Glass, United Chemical Technologies, and Waters.

In Memoriam

Charles Blumstein, MD. Retired Fellow of the Pathology/Biology Section, January 1999
Lowell Bradford, BS. Fellow of the Criminalistics Section, April 2007
Joseph Corr, Jr., Retired Fellow of the Criminalistics Section, October 2001
Robert Kelly, DDS. Member of the Odontology Section, October 2007
Lee Vagnini, BS. Retired Fellow of the Criminalistics Section, October 2007
Ronald J. Wickum, DDS. Fellow of the Odontology Section, December 2007
FSF Travel Grant Essay Winners

The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) is proud to announce the winners of the “FSF Travel Grant Award for Students” essay contest. This Travel Grant will assist with travel expenses in attending the 2008 American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

The FSF Board of Trustees was able to approve the expenses, not to exceed $600 per student, for five students this year. A complimentary meeting registration is included with the $600 grant for travel expenses. It is hoped more student support will become available in the future.

This year’s winners are:

Bridget Algee-Hewitt, MA
Physical Anthropology

Katherine M. Brown, MA
General

Christopher R. Grivas, MS
Physical Anthropology

Audrey N. Martin, MS
Criminalistics

Mary S. Megyesi, MS
Physical Anthropology
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Emily Webb died. She did so in childbirth. She was then only twenty-six years old. Her burial place was to be on a high ridge overlooking Grover’s Corners, New Hampshire. Her burial procession was witnessed by a number of her friends from Grover’s Corners who had predeceased her. It was the third and last act in Thornton Wilder’s Pulitzer Prize winning play Our Town.

The playwright gives his audience a doleful taste of what it must be like to be among the dead. The dead, especially Emily Webb, have, in the author’s creative imagining, an opportunity to revisit their past from the unique vantage of being dead. And they and the play’s stage manager, acting something like a Greek chorus, find the vision of life from beyond the grave to be “troubling,” indeed deeply troubling, so much so that a return to life becomes distinctly unthinkable.

Among the play’s other gleanings, the audience is left with more than the impression that death is a time to cut loose from the bounds of the past, at least if the dead could give counsel to the living. But just as in the real world the dead have no voice to be heard, so the living, more often than not, are deaf to the sage admonitions of the dead.

Where the dead are buried, it is said, are “places of reflection.” They are often, as well, situated in high places, conducive to a more sweeping and distant reflection. And the meditative quality of the location of burial places is sometimes measured by the name ascribed to such places, such as Highgate Hill Cemetery which stands 400 feet above London’s St. Paul’s Cathedral.

Thomas Gray’s profoundly moving “Elegy” was written in 1751, by all rights “in a Country Churchyard,” for a churchyard would have been at that time the Potter’s Field where it would be most likely to contemplate “The short and simple annals of the Poor.” His paean to those who “kept the noiseless tenour of their way” was not written of and in a cemetery, or a burial ground, or even a graveyard, all places where the dead might be found at rest but rather most, appropriately and telling, in a churchyard.

On the other hand, songsters Peter, Paul, and Mary captured their anti-war angst in referencing graveyards, not churchyards or even cemeteries. To them the flowers (of youth) in war-torn climes had gone to graveyards and the graveyards themselves had been transformed into flowers. Their song was more than a manipulative play on words. Just as Gray sought to do, so they envisioned graveyards as more in keeping with the tenor of their theme.

Which, then, is the rightful descriptor for a place of rest for the dead? One text speaks of cemeteries, burial grounds, and graveyards as interchangeable terms, all similarly referencing places of burial. And yet the title of the text yields yet another variant on such places. It is styled Necropolis: London and Its Dead.

In another terminological venue, that of the law, we find statutes, both federal and state, using the terms cemetery, burial ground, and graveyard without notable explication. A canvass of the United States Code lists seven occasions where burial grounds are mentioned, all of these relating to Native American sites of burial. On the contrary, graveyards appear only four times as statutory terms in the U.S. Code, and then mainly as watery graveyards or, in a strange personification, as “automobile graveyards” (Do automobiles die?) But the term cemetery appears in 179 separate code references, clearly being the word of choice of the legislative draftsmen.
A Chronicle of Death’s Afterlife cont.

State statutes, across the fifty states, follow the pattern of the Federal Code. More than 10,000 times the term cemetery appears whereas graveyards are lowest in occurrence at 309. Burial grounds are seen in 787 statutes, falling between cemetery and graveyard in this contest of statistical logomachy.

The problem with selecting the word cemetery to describe the place of the dead’s eternal rest is that it is more often than not misspelled as cemetary. One need not be a pristine orthographer, like Lord Chesterfield, to realize that “if you write epistles as well as Cicero, but ... very ill-spelled, whoever receives will laugh at them.” Fortunately, in this computer age, “spell check” will reduce the occasions for such humbling, especially worrisome when speaking of a somber place of burial which needs no jocularity. But even spell check is not flawless. It is reported that spell check corrected co-operation to read Cupertino, a city in Northern California, which resulted in the South Asian Association for Regional Cupertino, rather than cooperation.

Neither the size, the location, nor the designation is what makes a burial place a cemetery. Harewood, the estate of George Washington’s brother, Samuel, is located outside Charles Town (another of George’s brothers), West Virginia and within its expanse is a walled area set aside for the burial of family members. That plot is properly a cemetery as is the rubble-strewn grave of Western gunfighter, Johnny Ringo in West Turkey Creek Canyon, Cochise County, Arizona. The pile of stones marking Ringo’s grave recollects Charles Darwin’s reporting his having gone “to ransack an old Indian grave” on which a “pavement of flat stones was placed” and “on which others were piled.” The grave, when exposed, did not reveal “any relics, or even bones.”

For myself my preference would be to call such burial places “pauses” after the description of those resting places between the notes said by Austrian pianist Artur Schnabel to be the places where “the art resides.” Are not cemeteries after all just the most meaningful pauses between life and afterlife?

For present purposes let us settle on the word cemetery to describe where the fictional Emily Webb was to be and the real world persons of Marilyn Monroe, Edgar Allan Poe, Oskar Schindler, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody, and Alfred (Alferd) Packer are buried.

Flowers occupy a signal place in all lives, whether found in the garden, in the home, at a funeral, or on the grave site of a deceased person. Since flowers connote life, they seem anachronistic when affiliated with the dead. Percy Bysshe Shelley was not troubled by this seeming incongruity when he wrote “Adonais,” his elegy upon the death of John Keats. He romanticized Keats grave in the Protestant Cemetery in Rome as a place

Where, like an infant’s smile, over the dead
A light of laughing flowers along the grass is spread

Dickens too in The Old Curiosity Shop shines a less ominous light on a grave. Finding children disporting among the headstones in a cemetery, Nell, the heroine, asks a child who had laid an infant “down asleep upon a child’s grave,” whose grave it was. “The child answered that that was not its name; it was a garden – his brother’s.”

And, in truth, life, as a garden, always counter-balances death, especially when portrayed by a rose. Joe DiMaggio fully recognized that fact as did Robert Burns in his

O, my Luve’s like a red, red rose.
That’s newly sprung in June

Jolting Joe, who was famed for his prowess on the baseball field, was also utterly newsworthy in view of his courtship and short-lived marriage to Hollywood starlet Marilyn Monroe. Even though Marilyn and Joe went their separate ways well before the first anniversary of their marriage, Joe’s fame for Marilyn could not be extinguished by her death (generally thought to be a suicide) on August 4, 1962. For years afterwards, Joe dying in 1999, he arranged for roses (some say a half dozen) to be delivered to her crypt at the Pierce Brothers Westwood Memorial Park in Los Angeles, California twice (others say thrice) weekly forever. Surely his love of her was burning and unquenchable and roses marked it for all to see.

Edgar Allan Poe was a man of mystery in his writings, in his death (in 1849 in Baltimore) and, for the past thirty years, at his grave at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. Ever since Poe’s birthday on January 19, 1977, a rose and a bottle of cognac (some say, with myth-making at heart, “an empty bottle (of excellent label)” or sometimes half a bottle) have been deposited at Poe’s grave by a mysterious and anonymous person dressed in black.

This mysterious going-on recollects the hand-print on the wall in the jail in Mauch Chunk (now Jim Thorpe), Pennsylvania. It was there in 1877 that Alexander Campbell had been jailed as a convicted murderer, one of the coal miners known as the Mollie Maguires. Campbell protested his innocence to the point of leaving his hand-print on the wall of his cell on the day of his execution, declaring it would remain there until the day his innocence was proved. And so it has, in spite of the wall’s being repainted and even replaced over the years. It is a tourist attraction, for sure, and a myth-maker’s delight.

But the truth of thirty years of deposits at Poe’s grave is now in the open. Or is it?

In August 2007 a 92-year-old historian from Baltimore, Sam Porpora, claimed to be the man in black who had tantalized the public every January 19th for thirty years. But according to other Baltimore Poe scholars, Porpora is just a Poe devotee and a raconteur of monstrous proportions. In contradicting Porpora’s claimed identity it has been said that just a few January 19ths ago a note appeared at Poe’s grave declaring “The torch will be passed.” And on the next anniversary another note appeared which affirmed that the originator of the tradition had died but that “his two sons will continue his tradition.”
The mystery lives, it appears, until it dies with the unveiling of facts upon which the public can rely. Caught in the act? Or just a look-alike pretender?

Most unexpectedly it was reported that the graves of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg at the Wellwood Cemetery in Suffolk County, New York were the beneficiaries (sic) of a most extraordinary gift. Alexander Feklisow, a Soviet Cold War espionage agent, while engaged in making a TV documentary on his spying activities, visited the Rosenberg’s graves. He had with him and he left behind at the site “Russian earth” he had brought with him to place on it. That action must have betokened the Russian’s honoring Julius Rosenberg even though this country had executed him and his wife in 1953 as traitors for his spying for the Russians.

The ending of Spielberg’s movie “Schindler’s List” is deeply touching and memorable. It exhibits a line, a long line, of persons waiting their turn to place a stone on German industrialist Oskar Schindler’s grave at the Catholic cemetery at Mount Zion in Jerusalem. Among these silent and somber persons were many of those and the descendants of those 1100 persons Schindler personally saved from the murdering scythe of Nazi brutality, although he himself had been a member of the Nazi party. In the hands of each of those in line was a stone to be placed around the periphery of the solid stone monument marking Schindler’s grave. Not a rose but a stone. Why?

The small stones are obviously a mark of respect and proceed from a Jewish tradition best described by Rabbi Andrew Straus as indicating that the deceased person’s “values, morals, ideals live on and continue to impress me - just as the stone has made an impression on my hands - so too their life has made an impression on me that continues.”

The small stones may historically recall the legacy of burial places marked by a cairn of stones, if only because formal cemeteries were few and far between occasioning the dead being buried where they had fallen.

In this regard, one is reminded of the tragic death of Meriwether Lewis on October 11, 1809, at the age of 35 along the loneliness and the remoteness of the Natchez Trace south of Nashville, Tennessee. He was buried where he fell without recorded fanfare or the trappings of small stones at his grave site. Times may have changed the rituals of burial but the placement of honorific stones has not, nor should it.

Some graves, even of prominent people, are festooned not by small stones out of respect but by coins for the luck that they might bring. The grave of William “Buffalo Bill” Cody is located on top of Lookout Mountain in Golden, Colorado just west of Denver. It, together with the grave of his wife, is surrounded (eh, protected) by a four-foot high wrought iron fence. The only trespassing that occurs at the lofty place is that of coins tossed on the graves over the wrought iron fence.

The coins may have ambiguous significance since there are those who are convinced that Buffalo Bill is not buried on Lookout Mountain but in Cody, Wyoming or even in Platte, Nebraska, one or the other place. Down below the grave site and to the east toward Denver is the upscale town of Golden which hosts the gigantic Coors Brewery. When one stands at Buffalo Bill’s grave and looks east, he/she gets an eye-full of the Coors Brewery. For a showman, like Buffalo Bill, the sighting of the brewery from his grave and the smells from it billowing upward seems quite in character.

Like Buffalo Bill, Colorado’s Alfred (Alferd) Packer was and continues to be steeped in notoriety. It was not Indians or buffaloes that Packer killed but five of his prospecting companions. And it was not animal meat that Packer consumed but the flesh of his five dead traveling companions. Bill Cody, for his exploits, was nicknamed Buffalo Bill. Packer, for his dread deeds, bears the sobriquet the Colorado Cannibal.

Packer died in April 1907 in Littleton, Colorado, just ten years before Buffalo Bill died in Denver. Packer’s remains are not buried on some treasured and prominent place like Lookout Mountain but rather in an out of the way spot in Littleton Cemetery in the town of Littleton, Colorado. The inscription on his vandalized headstone gives his name as Alfred Packer and the fact that he was a member of Company F of the 16 U.S. Infantry, meaning he was a Civil War vet and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

On a recent visit to Packer’s grave it was seen that something new had been added. A number of pennies were strewn randomly about the concrete base in which his vertical headstone was imbedded. Curious about this new development, a passing maintenance man was asked if he could explain the presence of the pennies.

“Oh, sure” he said. “One day, not too long ago, I noticed a couple of stray pennies lying about the cemetery grounds and I threw them off to the side. I guess they fell on or near Packer’s grave for a day or two later I noticed that a slew of pennies were lying on Packer’s grave, many more than I had apparently deposited there by accident.”

His explanation continued with the situation becoming altogether comical. “I collected some of the pennies,” he said “and left a few behind. “What happened then,” I chanced to ask, “Well, you see,” he declared “week after week the pennies kept coming even after I had removed most of them. Somebody must be fooling around,” he said. Or, I replied, “maybe everybody knows Packer was the lowest of the low and this was their way of showing it - with pennies.”

Cemeteries are, in sum, awesome places, alive with vibrant tales to tell. They can be simple or profound, gaudy or understated, but always with a subversive power that can catch the attention even of the person who only walks his dog there. Cemeteries are capable of commanding the highest respect as well as the perigee of disregard and disrespect, the latter of which will be the subject of the next installment of this essay.

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Greetings Young Forensic Scientists and welcome to 2008! By the time this article is published the countdown to the 2008 annual meeting will be winding down. With a registration deadline of January 23rd right around the corner, I would like to encourage all of you to register for the Young Forensic Scientists Forum Special Session. The YFSF is specifically geared towards students and professionals with 5 years or less of work experience, and is the only place where you will find a special session, poster session, bring your own slides session, and breakfast session all focused on you! This year’s lineup of speakers follows, and as you can see it promises to be packed full of interesting topics and cases. While the Tuesday Special Session is the YFSF “main event,” I want to make sure you all know that by registering for the Special Session you are registering for all four events (Special Session, Bring Your Own Slides, Poster Session, and Breakfast Session) as well as a free lunch! You just can’t get a better deal, and to top it off, you will have the opportunity to network with fellow “young” forensic scientists as well as experienced professionals. I hope you will take a minute to read through the articles on the different events we have to offer and not only register for the session, but consider participating as well! This is a great venue to both learn from others and gain some experience of your own. If you have any questions about the session please feel free to contact us at the email addresses listed below.

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Forensic Science in the Public Eye

• Ms. Natalie Shirley, Re-evaluating Methods in Forensic Anthropology: Age Determination From the Clavicular Epiphyses
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• Dr. Robert Powers, Forensic Toxicology in the Public Eye
• Dr. Lynn Kimsey, Forensic Entomology in the Public Eye: The Vincent Brother’s Case.
• Dr. Allison Curran, Canines in Forensic Investigations

A Note from the YFSF President

The primary lesson I have learned while working with the YFSF is to continue to make the YFSF sessions dynamic and ever changing. We respond to what you - the audience - wants. We evaluate all comments from the session reviews. In the past two years, the largest received comment from repeat attendees was appreciation of the diversity of topics and they were able to see/learn something new each year. With only nine speaker slots in our day session and 1 spot we reserve for the Emerging Forensic Scientist Award recipient, we continue to miss the opportunity to include a speaker representing each of the ten Academy sections. With the goal of providing session participants something different every year it is difficult to ensure equal representation of the diverse backgrounds represented by the Academy Sections. This approach has been successful thus far.

My personal preference would be to ensure that the YFSF Special Session is democratic, by including every Academy section in our day session. However, we design our sessions based on the feedback from you, our audience. I urge to help us evaluate our sessions during the 2008 meeting. With your feedback we can brainstorm on ways to
improve the YFSF Special Session. One option would be to
decrease the day session presentations from 45 to 30 minutes each
to allow time for a representative from each Academy section to
speak. Or, we can ensure equal representation of each section by
including additional speakers at the YFSF Annual Breakfast. Finally,
would you enjoy a special “YFSF Founders” segment in which those
involved with the YFSF in the past speak on their integration into the
AAFS? Please consider all of these suggestions as well as others you
may have to help improve the YFSF Special Session. Feedback and
suggestions are always welcome.

— Marrah Lachowicz, MFS
YFSF President

YFSF Poster Session
The YFSF would like to invite new forensic scientists and students to
present their research at the 2008 Poster Session. The YFSF strives
to bring new and exciting aspects of forensic science to students. At
the YFSF, students will learn about the different sections of AAFS
and the specialties within the forensic community. Along with the
YFSF Poster Session, there are many other events that will exhibit
research and casework of new forensic scientists during the annual
meeting. Our goal is to bridge the gap between students or new
scientists and professionals. These events include the Bring Your
Own Slides Session and the YFSF Breakfast.

In the past, we have had a large turnout for both the YFSF Poster
Session and Bring Your Own Slides Session. The Poster Session is
scheduled to occur on February 19th. This session is an opportunity
for undergraduate and graduate students to present their research or
casework. If you have already decided to present in one of the
AAFS Poster Sessions, take the opportunity to present with the
YFSF as well.

To participate in the Poster Session please register by January 1,
2008. You can register by submitting your curriculum vitae and a 1-2
paragraph abstract to YFSFPPoster@gmail.com. Please feel free to
also submit any questions you may have. The Poster Session strives
to represent many different aspects of forensic sciences and many
institutions. All types of research are welcome so please don’t
hesitate to submit your abstract. There are limited boards available
so submit your abstract soon!

— Arliss Dudley-Cash, BA
YFSF Poster Session Chair

2008 YFSF Annual Breakfast
There has been serious brainstorming within the Young Forensic
Scientist Forum as we prepare to bring another session worthy of
your attendance. In the past the YFSF Annual Breakfast has
traditionally covered what happens during the interview process, how
to apply for forensic scientist positions, what education is necessary,
as well as a resume review. That has been well received and is always
useful to aspiring forensic scientists. Wanting to take it to another
level we decided to ask what would motivate you to get out of bed
early? A mock testimony complete with critique? A panel of
scientists discussing their careers in forensic science? There will be a
talk on ethics in forensic science and another on engineering! More
to come! If you have an idea, question, or suggestion please feel free
to email Jeannette Perr at: AgntSpdr@aol.com.

YFSF BYOS!
Come celebrate the AAFS 60th Anniversary with those of us in the
Young Forensic Scientists Forum. By providing an avenue for those
students and forensic scientists who have been in the field for five
years or less we have the opportunity to be around to see the next 60
years in the making. With your help, whether presenting a research
project or an interesting case, the “young” forensic science
community can only grow to become an even more successful
medium between those school doors and the real world ahead.

We have a fantastic lineup of presentations for this year’s event and
hope that you are as excited as we are. If you are interested in
presenting at this year’s YFSF Bring Your Own Slides Session that
will be held on Wednesday February 20th, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.,
we are actively awaiting your presentation submission. We prefer
that you sign up before the meeting; however, presentations will be
accepted during the meeting prior to the event for all those last
minute attendees. Presentations should be approximately 10 minutes
in length with the preferred media being PowerPoint. If you are
interested in presenting or have any other questions please feel free
to contact Erica L. Blais at Erica.blais@polstate.ma.us or Melissa E.
Smith at msmith@ocme.nyc.gov. See you in DC!

— Erica Blais and Melissa Smith, BS
YFSF BYOS Co-Chairs

Scholarships Offered
George Washington University, as a National Security Agency
(NSA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Center of
Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education, offers
full scholarships for U.S. students to study computer security and
information assurance. In 2007-08, we expect to support 11 students
to pursue their bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees with
federal funding from the National Science Foundation and the
Defense Department.

These grants are part of George Washington University’s
Partnership in Securing Cyberspace through the Education and
Service (PISCES) Program. Over $55 million in funding has been
provided for two-year, full scholarships (tuition, books, stipend, and
in most cases room and board) for students to study computer
security at George Washington University or a partner university.
After completing their coursework, students will help protect the
nation’s information infrastructure by working as security experts in a
government agency for two years. Since 2002, 33 students have
graduated with help from this program and have worked, as of July
2007, at the following organizations: National Aeronautics and Space
Administration, Institute for Defense Analysis, National Institute of
Standards and Technology, Department of Justice, National Security
Agency, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, Defense
Information Systems Agency, Naval Research Laboratory,
Department of Commerce, Government Printing Office, Federal
Reserve, MITRE, Government Accountability Office, Lawrence
Livermore National Laboratory, Department of Transportation,
Department of Energy, Central Intelligence Agency, National Park

For more information including how to apply, please visit:
Meetings and Conferences

FEBRUARY 2008

4-5
Digital Imaging for Managers—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN.
CONTACT: Kristy Trumpey
Institute for Forensic Imaging
338 S. Arlington Suite 111
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 356-0245
www.ifi-indy.org

4-8
Imprint Evidence Course—To be held at the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science in West Haven, CT.
CONTACT: Peter Massey
The Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science
300 Boston Post Road
West Haven, CT 06516
(203) 479-4596
pmassey@newhaven.edu
www.henryleeinstitute.com

5-6
The Computer Forensics Show—To be held at the Washington DC Convention Center in Washington, DC.
CONTACT: Frank Manley
The Computer Forensics Show
94 Field Point Circle
Greenwich, CT 06830
(203) 661-4312
Fax: (203) 869-0283
www.computerforensicsshow.com

6-7
Preparing Courtroom Presentations—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN.
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11-15
Math and Physics for Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop—To be held at the Metropolitan Police Institute of the Miami-Dade Police Department in Doral, FL.
CONTACT: Officer Phil Sanfilippo
Miami-Dade Police Department
Metropolitan Police Institute
Specialized Training Unit
9601 NW 58th Street
Doral, FL 33178
(305) 715-5028
Fax: (305) 715-5107
phil@mdpd.com

18
Dissolution - Current Issues & Challenges Workshop—To be held at the Bonnington Hotel in London, England.
CONTACT: Centre for Applied Training and Development
27 Old Gloucester Street
London WCIN 3XX
+ 44 (0) 20 8485 1234
Fax: + 44 (0) 20 8485 1234
info@catdglobal.com
www.catdglobal.com

25-28
Crime Scene Digital Photography—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN.
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25-29
Latent Evidence Course—To be held at the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science in West Haven, CT.
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National and International meetings of interest to forensic scientists are included as space permits. For a complete list, go to the AAFS website (www.aafs.org) and click on the “Meetings” link.
MARCH 2008

3-7
Biological Evidence Course—To be held at the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science in West Haven, CT.
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10-13
Forensic Digital Imaging, Phase II—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN.
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338 S. Arlington Suite 111
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 356-0245
www.afi-indy.org

10-14
Forensic Imaging Techniques Course—To be held at the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL.
CONTACT: Erin Kimmerle
University of South Florida
College of Arts and Sciences
2420 E. Fowler Avenue, CPR107
Tampa, FL 33620
Phone: (813) 974-2804
kimmerle@cas.usf.edu

10-14
Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop—To be held at the Specialized Training Unit at the Metropolitan Police Institute of the Miami-Dade Police Department in Doral, FL.
CONTACT: Toby L. Wolson, M.S., S-ABC
Miami-Dade Police Department
Crime Laboratory Bureau
9105 N.W. 23th St.
Doral, FL 33172
(305) 471-3041
Fax: (305) 471-2032
Tolson@mdpd.com

10-14
4th Annual Forensic Dental Identification and Emerging Technologies Course—To be held at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda Hotel in Bethesda, MD.
CONTACT: Mark Howland
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
Department of Medical Education
Washington, DC 20306-6000
(202) 782-2637 or (800) 577-3749
Fax: (202) 782-5020
came@afip.osd.mil
http://www.afip.org/Departments/edu/upcoming.htm

17-18
Courtroom Testimony Techniques: Success Instead of Survival Training Course—To be held at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, RI.
CONTACT: Ron Smith & Associates, Inc.
Attention: Training Division
PO Box 670
Collinsville, MS 39325
1-866-TEAM RSA (832-6772)
www.ronsmithandassociates.com/CTT.htm

17-21
Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.
CONTACT: Betty Pat. Galiff
SKULLpture Lab
1026 Leslie Lane
Norman, OK 73069-4501
(405) 321-8706
www.outreach.ou.edu/forensic

24-25
17th Annual Markle Symposium: Conspiracies; Investigating Complex Crimes—To be held at Foxwoods Resort and Casino.
CONTACT: Peter Massey
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25-27
Video Capture, Enhancement & Analysis—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN.
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31-April 2
International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Stalking—To be held at the Crown Plaza Astor in New Orleans, LA.
CONTACT: www.evawintl.org/houston07.htm

31-April 4
Detection, Recovery and Examination of Footwear Impression Evidence Course—To be held at the Ramada Inn in Jacksonville, FL.
CONTACT: Bill Bodziak
38 Sabal Bend
Palm Coast, FL 32137
(386) 447-3567
Fax: (386) 447-3568
wbodziak@earthlink.net
www.bodziak.com

APRIL 2008

2-4
Investigating Deviant Sexual Behavior Course—To be held at the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science in West Haven, CT.
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3-5
8th Annual Forensic Science and Law Conference - Where Fact Meets Fiction: A National Symposium on the Intersection of Forensic Science and Pop Culture—To be held at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA.
CONTACT: The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law
Duquesne University
School of Law
Edward J. Hanley Hall
900 Locust Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15282-0700
(412) 396-1330
Fax: (412) 396-1331
wechtinsstitute@duq.edu
www.forensics.duq.edu

7-10
Forensic Digital Imaging, Phase I—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN.
CONTACT: Kristy Trumpey
Institute for Forensic Imaging
338 S. Arlington Suite 111
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7-11
Tire Impression and Tire Track Evidence: Recovery and Examination Course—To be held at the Ramada Inn in Jacksonville, FL.
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13-18
The Effects of Drugs on Human Performance and Behavior Course—To be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.
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Center for Law in Action
Indiana University
Sycamore Hall 302
Bloomington, IN 47405
(812) 853-1783
Fax: (812) 853-7542
sfreder@indiana.edu
www.indiana.edu/~lawactn

14-18
Crime Scene Photography Course—To be held at the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science in West Haven, CT.
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5-9
Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the Scottsdale Artists School in Scottsdale, AZ.
CONTACT: Betty Pat. Galiff
SKULLpture Lab
1026 Leslie Lane
Norman, OK 73069-4501
(405) 321-8706

21-25
Medicolegal Death Investigator Training Course—Sponsored by Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Division of Forensic Pathology. To be held in St. Louis, MO.
CONTACT: Mary Fran Ernst or Julie Howe
Saint Louis University
School of Medicine
1402 S Grand Blvd; R512
St. Louis, MO 63104
(314) 977-3970
Fax: (314) 977-5695
mldi@slu.edu
http://medschool.slu.edu/mldi/

21-25
Sexual Assault Response Team Training Program—To be held at the Bethesda Marriott Hotel in Bethesda, MD.
CONTACT: Ricky Giles
AFIP
Department of Medical Education
Washington, DC 20306-6000
(202) 782-2657 or (800) 577-3749
Fax: (202) 782-5020
came@afip.osd.mil
http://www.afip.org/Departments/edu/upcoming.htm

22-24
Forensic Digital Imaging, Phase IIIz—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN.
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28-May 2
Crime Scene Reconstruction Course—To be held at the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science in West Haven, CT.
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MAY 2008

1-4
52nd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry—To be held in Washington, DC.
CONTACT: AAPPDP Executive Office
PO Box 30
Bloomfield, CT 06002
(888) 691-8281
Fax: (800) 286-0787
info@aappdp.org
www.aappdp.org

3-5
11th Annual Course in Forensic Dentistry: A Tool for a Modern Medical Examiner and Law Enforcement Agency—Sponsored by North Shore / LIJ. Health Care System. To be held at the Department of Dental Medicine, North Shore University Hospital, in Manhasset, NY.
CONTACT: Dawn Liotta
Administrative Manager
North Shore University Hospital
Department of Dental Medicine
300 Community Drive
Manhasset, NY 11030
(516) 562-4525

4-9
Spring Bloodstain Evidence Institute—To be held in Corning, NY.
CONTACT: Dr. Herbert Leon MacDonell
Bloodstain Evidence Institute
PO Box 1111
Corning, NY 14830
(607) 962-6381
Fax: (607) 936-6936
forensicslab@stny.rr.com

5-9
11th Semi-Annual Meeting of the California Association of Criminalists (CAC)—To be held at the Kona Kai Resort in San Diego, CA.
CONTACT: Frank Healy
fhealy@pd.sandiego.gov
http://www.cacnews.org/Spring%202008%20Seminar/Spring%20CAC%202008%20Flyer.doc

7-8
Preparing Courtroom Presentations—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN.
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12-14
Reconstruction of Violent Crimes—To be held at the East Texas Police Academy in Kilgore, TX.
CONTACT: Ed Hueske
(940) 383-8668
xprtwit@aol.com
www.edhueske.com

12-16
Fire and Arson Investigation Course—To be held at the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science in West Haven, CT.
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19-22
Crime Scene Digital Photography—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN.
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19-23
Discovery and Recovery: Death Investigation in Natural Environments Workshop—To be held at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC.
CONTACT: Ann H. Ross, PhD
NC State University
(919) 515-9021
ann_ross@ncsu.edu
www.ncforensics.org

19-23
Shooting Incident Reconstruction/Officer-Involved Shootings—To be held at Northwestern University Center for Public Safety in Evanston, IL.
CONTACT: Ruthy Delgado
(847) 467-7546
r-delgado@northwestern.edu

19-23
Outdoor Recovery in Forensic Anthropology for Law Enforcement Course—To be held at the University of Tennessee’s Forensic Anthropology Center in Knoxville, TN.
CONTACT: Rebecca Wilson
(865) 974-4408
fac@utk.edu

27-30
Alternate Light Sources Course—To be held at the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science in West Haven, CT.
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28-31
Forensic Trends: Psychiatric and Behavioral Issues Training Course—To be held at the Las Vegas Hilton in Las Vegas, NV.
CONTACT: Contemporary Forums
(800) 377-7707
info@cforum.com
www.contemporaryforums.com

JUNE 2008

2-6
Discovery of Human Remains—To be held at the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science in West Haven, CT.
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3-5
Video Capture, Enhancement & Analysis—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN.
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Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 336-0245
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9-13
Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course—To be held at Elmira College in Elmira, NY.
CONTACT: Paul Erwin Kish
Forensic Consultant & Associates
PO Box 814
Corning, NY 14830
(607) 962-8092
paulkish@stny.rr.com

16-20
Shooting Incident Reconstruction/Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation—To be held at the Police Standards and Training Council in Concord, NH.
CONTACT: Marc Dupre or Steve Ostrowski
(603) 340-0675

16-20
Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course—To be held at Elmira College in Elmira, NY.
CONTACT: Paul Erwin Kish
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paulkish@stny.rr.com

16-20
Introduction to Shooting Incident Reconstruction—To be held at FoCoSS Forensics in Concord, NH.
CONTACT: Steve Ostrowski
(603) 340-0675
sostrowski@locosforensics.com

23-25
Advanced Shooting Reconstruction—To be held at the Police Standards and Training Council in Concord, NH.
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23-26
Forensic Digital Imaging, Phase II—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN.
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23-27
Blood Stain Pattern Analysis Course—To be held at the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science in West Haven, CT.
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7-11
Taphonomy in Forensic Anthropology Course—To be held at the University of Tennessee’s Forensic Anthropology Center in Knoxville, TN.
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(865) 974-4408
fac@utk.edu

9-13
Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course—To be held in London, England.
CONTACT: Tony Larkin
(011) 970-0342
anthony.larkin@met.police.uk

21-23
Reconstruction of Violent Crimes—To be held at the St. Louis County & Municipal Police Academy in Wellston, MO.
CONTACT: Becky Murphy
(314) 889-8600
bamurphy@stlouisco.com

21-23
Fracture Match Identification: The Scientific Basis—To be held at the St. Louis County & Municipal Police Academy in Wellston, MO.
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AUGUST 2008

6-8
Advanced Shooting Incident Reconstruction—To be held at the Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Austin, TX.
CONTACT: Lt. Erwin Ballarta
(512) 788-0113
erwin.ballarta@txdps.state.tx.us

11-13
Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course—To be held in London, England.
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