PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

As we become firmly entrenched in the twenty-first century, it is important for us to take stock of where we are as an organization, and to assess whether it is where we hoped that we would be, particularly with regard to the role of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences as a leader in the field of forensic sciences – that is, are we the organization that the media, courts, governmental bodies, and the public in general recognize as the “go to” group for information regarding any of the various forensic sciences?

For many years, we were content to assume a reactive role in the affairs of the criminal justice system – we concentrated on providing our members with a high quality scientific journal, and an annual meeting which served as a forum for new developments, methods, and techniques; but we didn’t often step forward to make our position known on major issues affecting our profession, nor did we seek to place our members in the public spotlight or on various policy making boards. Our attitude was more of the “if we build it, they will come” variety, assuming that we would be recognized without the need to aggressively market the organization.

Several years ago, the attitude of the AAFS leadership began to change – we recognized that while “if we build it, they will come” might work for baseball parks, it certainly wasn’t working for us. Other organizations with far fewer qualifications were stepping forward claiming to represent forensic science and forensic scientists. We realized that it was important for us to make sure that we were recognized as the “go to” group, and that the best way to do that was to assume a more proactive stance. Our full-time staff was reorganized to include a Director of Development, whose job includes the mandate to develop programs that will enhance our presence nationally. We established one body to accredit certifying agencies in forensic science, and another to accredit forensic science programs at the University level. We began a program to educate middle- and high school teachers as to how forensic science may be used in the classroom to make the study of math and science more interesting to their students. We joined with other forensic science organizations to establish a presence in Washington, DC, and we aggressively sought to make sure that we were, and continued to be, included in policy making bodies that are formed at the national level.

All of these programs have been great successes, and indeed, we are now recognized nationally in ways that our founding fathers could only dream. Based on these successes, I believe that the time is right for us to move from the national arena to the international one, and to assume our rightful position as the leading forensic organization in the world.

We have always had an international presence; in fact, we can (and often do) boast that we have members from 56 countries besides the United States. But let’s take a closer look at what that actually means – of the 56 foreign countries represented in our Membership Directory, 31 (55%) have only one or two members, and only 9 (16%) have ten or more members. As one might expect, the majority of our international membership comes from countries that are traditionally English-speaking, with Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia accounting for over half of all international members. It’s also not surprising that Canada, our closest English-speaking neighbor, has contributed almost 44% of all our international members.

Obviously, language is one of the major factors that has limited our growth internationally. As Americans, we tend to think that everyone should speak English, and that if you don’t it’s because there is something wrong with you. While traveling abroad last year, one of my tour guides told me the following joke: “What do you call a person who speaks three languages?” “Trilingual.” “What do you call someone who speaks two languages?” “Bilingual.” “What do you call someone who speaks only one language?” “American.” Having said that, though, let me make it perfectly clear that I am not advocating multi-lingual meetings, or even simultaneous translations at this point. I do believe, however, that we can do more to attract non-English speaking members and at the same time help to reduce the stereotype of the “unilingual American.” Some of the things that we should consider doing at the Academy level include:
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**ATTENTION ALL MEETING REGISTRANTS!**

The 2005 AAFS Annual Meeting Pre-Registration Form is provided in this issue of *Academy News*, on page 27. Attendance at all special functions (breakfast seminars, luncheons, special sessions, workshops, and workshorts) is available by pre-registration only.

The deadline for pre-registration is January 26, 2005. The deadline is firm.

Pre-registration forms received after January 26, 2005, will be processed as on-site registrations which will VOID your registration/attendance for all special functions (breakfast seminars, workshops, etc.). To ensure your full participation, don’t delay! Mail your registration form today, or go to the AAFS website (www.aafs.org) and register online!

**FUTURE ANNUAL MEETING DATES**

- **February 21-26, 2005**
  - New Orleans, LA
- **February 20-25, 2006**
  - Seattle, WA
- **February 19-24, 2007**
  - San Antonio, TX

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The deadline for inclusion of material in the next issue of *Academy News* is December 1, 2004.
About five years ago, I met Prof. Myrna Raeder of the Southwestern University College of Law when we served on a planning panel for the Science and Law Conferences which the National Institute of Justice sponsored. Prof. Raeder is a past chair of the American Bar Association’s Criminal Justice Section. Over the subsequent years we had many discussions about failures of the criminal justice system which manifested themselves through exonerations of convicted offenders, often as a result of post conviction DNA testing. The question we raised was: How might the systemic problems present within the system be addressed? As a result of those discussions, Prof. Raeder approached the ABA Criminal Justice Section to fund a study of these issues.

This edition’s column is devoted to a briefing on a number of reports recently adopted by the American Bar Association’s Delegate Assembly. These reports, plus others not specifically discussed here, are the work of the ABA Criminal Justice Section, Ad Hoc Committee to Ensure the Integrity of the Criminal Process, co-chaired by Prof. Raeder and Prof. Paul Giannelli (Jurisprudence Section). Ken Melson and I also served as members of this committee which consisted of prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, and law professors.

The goal of the committee is to propose policy concerning systematic changes to the justice system designed to: (1) minimize the chances of innocent persons being convicted; (2) recommend remedial measures to establish the innocence of persons who have been incorrectly convicted; and, (3) rectify the results of such convictions. The ABA House of Delegates approved four resolutions submitted by the ad hoc committee at the 2004 ABA Annual Meeting with other reports forthcoming. The recommendations thus far adopted address crime laboratories, eyewitness identification, investigative procedures, and standards for prosecutors. The House of Delegates also approved the committee’s recommendation on false confessions earlier this year at the ABA midyear meeting. These reports may be viewed on the ABA Criminal Justice website at: http://www.abanet.org/crimjust/.

The following is a brief summary of the reports which deal with forensic science related topics. The full text of the reports may be found at the website above.

From the Report on Crime Laboratories:

RESOLVED, that the American Bar Association urges federal, state, local and territorial governments to reduce the risk of convicting the innocent, while increasing the likelihood of convicting the guilty, by adopting the following principles:

1. Crime laboratories and medical examiner offices should be accredited, examiners should be certified, and procedures should be standardized and published to ensure the validity, reliability, and timely analysis of forensic evidence;
2. Crime laboratories and medical examiner offices should be adequately funded;
3. The appointment of defense experts for indigent defendants should be required whenever reasonably necessary to the defense; and,
4. Training in forensic science for attorneys should be made available at minimal cost to ensure adequate representation for both the public and defendants.

The report notes that: The underfunding of crime labs in this country is chronic. In 1967, President Johnson’s Crime Commission noted that “the great majority of police department laboratories have only minimal equipment and lack highly skilled personnel able to use the modern equipment now being developed.” In 1974, President Nixon’s Crime Commission commented: “Too many police crime laboratories have been set up on budgets that preclude the recruitment of qualified, professional personnel.”

Twenty years later, a report on Washington State crime labs revealed that a “staggering backlog of cases hinders investigations of murder, rape, arson, and other major crimes.” At any time, “thousands of pieces of evidence collected from crime scenes sit unanalyzed and ignored on shelves in laboratories and police stations across the state.” A USA Today survey reached the same conclusion: “Evidence that could imprison the guilty or free the innocent is languishing on shelves and piling up in refrigerators of the nation’s overwhelmed and underfunded crime labs.” In one case a suspected serial rapist was released “because it was going to take months to get the DNA results needed to prove the case. Weeks later, [the suspect] raped victim No. 4 as she slept in her home. When the DNA tests finally came back – 18 months after samples first went to the lab – a jury convicted [the suspect] of all four rapes.”

Congress has recognized the need for federal funding for public crime laboratories and medical examiner offices by enacting the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act in 2000. However, appropriations have been well below authorized limits.

The validity of forensic evidence depends on funding for facilities, equipment, and personnel as well as for the accreditation, certification, and standardization recommendations made in this report.

Time limits. Timely analysis of forensic evidence is critical. Innocent defendants may languish in jail and the guilty may remain at large as evidence awaits analysis. A 30-day turn-around time would eliminate this problem. This is an aspirational goal that is not currently practicable. Turn-around time depends on adequate resources to ensure that labs have the capacity to meet this goal.

From the Report on Police Investigation:

RESOLVED, that the American Bar Association urges federal, state, local and territorial governments to reduce the risk of convicting the innocent, while increasing the likelihood of convicting the guilty, by adopting the following principles:

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LEGISLATIVE CORNER CONT.

1. Establish and enforce written procedures and policies governing the collection and preservation of evidence and other aspects of the conduct of criminal investigations;
2. Establish training programs and disciplinary procedures to assure that investigative personnel are prepared and accountable for their performance;
3. Establish adequate opportunity for citizens and investigative personnel to report misconduct in investigations; and,
4. Establish adequate funding for all of the above.

This portion of the report concerns itself with practices of both police and civilian personal. Since many forensic labs in the U.S. are within police organizations, some of the recommendations apply equally to forensic science related issues.

From the Report on Prosecution:

RESOLVED, that the American Bar Association urges federal, state, local and territorial governments to reduce the risk of convicting the innocent, while increasing the likelihood of convicting the guilty, by adopting the following principles:

1. Provide adequate funding to prosecutors’ offices;
2. Establish standards to ensure that workloads of prosecutors are maintained at levels that allow them to provide competent legal representation;
3. Ensure that law enforcement agencies, laboratories, and other experts understand their obligations to inform prosecutors about exculpatory or mitigating evidence;
4. Establish procedures for evaluating cases that rely upon eyewitness identification, confessions or testimony from witnesses that receive a benefit; and,
5. Draft legislation to provide that material evidence be preserved for a reasonable period of time after criminal appeals are exhausted to permit post-conviction review.

Of particular interest to forensic scientists in this document is the discussion of Brady material and the obligations of the prosecution and forensic science laboratory.

The report also makes the following comment: It is in the interests of justice and due process that it is recommended that prosecutors develop and implement guidelines that will create procedures for turning Brady evidence over to the People and for receiving that information from its partners and agents including police departments and laboratories.

A number of the points found in the ABA report are consistent with ideas the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations has proposed to the NIJ and to members of Congress in our efforts to secure funds for forensic science beyond DNA testing. We hope to be able to collaborate with the ABA in our efforts to educate policy makers in Washington, DC, about the needs of the nation’s forensic science delivery system.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE CONT.

(1) Encourage foreign language articles in the Academy News. I have spoken to one of our international members about the possibility of writing an occasional column in Spanish. I see this as serving at least two purposes — it will show qualified individuals in Spanish-speaking countries that we recognize the language issue and are attempting to address it in some small way, and it might actually encourage some of our members to brush up on that high school language that they learned.

(2) Consider publishing the abstracts at the beginning of each journal article in more than one language. Most scientific journals with an international readership publish abstracts in English, Spanish, French, and German, or some other combination appropriate to the country of origin. Having the abstracts in a local language would certainly increase journal readership and eventually membership.

(3) Translate a major article from the FJS into a foreign language and post it on our website. The particular language could vary from month to month or article to article.

(4) Offer sessions or gatherings at the annual meeting targeted to speakers of a particular language. A meeting is much more attractive if there is something there that interests you.

What can we, as individuals, do to increase the international presence of the AAFS? That’s easy — participate in outreach. Before you visit a foreign location, take a look on the Internet to see if there’s a crime lab, or group dedicated to your particular forensic specialty in the area. If there is, make contact. Not only will you learn something, you’ll probably make lasting friends that can turn into productive AAFS members. Next year, as a group we will have at least two opportunities to do this very thing. First, in April the AAFS is sponsoring a trip to South America, to include visits to Bogotá, Columbia, Santiago, Chile, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Throughout the trip, we will be meeting with our foreign counterparts, and in Buenos Aires, the group will actually be participating in an international medico-legal conference. I encourage you to check out the details of this trip, either in Jim Hurley’s column appearing on page 5 of this issue, or online at the AAFS website.

If you can’t make the South American trip (or even if you can), you’ll have another opportunity to participate in outreach later in the year when the International Association of Forensic Sciences meets in Hong Kong. AAFS Fellow Tom Noguchi has put together a very reasonably priced package to the meeting. See page 24 of this issue of the Academy News for more information.

These meetings, along with any additional travel that you do, give us an opportunity to spread the word about the Academy beyond our own borders, but we cannot simply visit a country, look around, and leave. Make friends in the field, tell them about the AAFS, and get them involved. In this way, we can increase our visibility and our influence.
arrangements for the AAFS 2005 South American Tour that President-Elect Edmund Donoghue will be leading next April, and to promote stronger collaborations between forensic scientists from those two cities and Academy members. We arrived just in time to help welcome the season of spring to the Southern Hemisphere. Mother Nature was as nice and hospitable as she could be and bestowed upon us daily temperatures in the mid 60s.

Our days in the two capitals noted above were filled with meetings with forensic science colleagues who are eager to meet and greet tour participants in April. I provide a brief recap of some of the persons we met and agencies we visited—all arranged thanks to the efforts and care of José Lorente (Fellow in Criminalistics), who organized all official visits in both cities:

Santiago, Chile:

Our contact and official escort was Dr. Hugo Jorquera González, presently with the Metropolitan University of Technology of Santiago. Dr. Jorquera met us at the Santiago Marriott Hotel—an excellent property, by the way, with excellent shopping just steps away—on Monday morning, September 20, and laid out the itinerary for the next two days. Our first stop was the Office of the Director General of the Investigative Police of Chile (equivalent to our FBI), where we met with both the Director General, Arturo Herrera Verdugo, and the Chief of INTERPOL Santiago, Aldo Villanueva Vives. Following our meeting, we were invited to make a site visit of the various offices, agencies, and labs and to meet with the many forensic scientists on duty that day.

Our next stop was the Academia de Carabineros de Chile, where we met with Lt.-Col. Alberto Etcheberry Baquedano, Chief of the Department of Criminalistics, and many of the professors in that department. We visited several labs and classrooms and were introduced to many of the faculty. Ron was “right at home” with the firearms and ballistics professors and all exchanged stories and anecdotes common to forensic scientists in both the Americas.

Our final meeting in Santiago took place on Tuesday morning at the new university with which Hugo Jorquera is associated, Universidad Tecnológica Metropolitana, which has recently launched an undergraduate degree in cientista criminalístico. As with many who teach in U.S. universities/colleges, several members of the faculty are former Carabineros now retired and actively involved in academic instruction.

Buenos Aires, Argentina:

A magnificent flight that Tuesday afternoon took us from Santiago over the Andes Mountains on our way to Buenos Aires. José Lorente awaited us at the Plaza Hotel (Marriott) Buenos Aires, a lovely old-world property ideally situated in the heart of the city facing a splendid park—again with major shopping just a few blocks away. That evening we met with Luis Alberto Kvitko, MD, a well-known/respected forensic scientist, who had set up quite a schedule for Ron, Anne, and me over the next couple of days. In BsAs (as the Porteños abbreviate their city), we visited the Argentine Federal Forensic Science Laboratory and met with medical examiners and heads of the many department and were given a tour of the facilities. That afternoon we were guests of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Buenos Aires. This meeting would require way more than what I promised above as a “brief recap” and so I will only relate a major outcome of discussions: The Faculty of Medicine will organize a Latin American Forensic Science Conference in Buenos Aires to coincide with the AAFS 2005 South American Tour the weekend of April 8-10, most likely on Saturday, April 9, 2005. Dr. Donoghue has been invited to address the assembly and other touring AAFS forensic scientists from the various sections will be featured presenters at the conference as well.

As I noted in the publicity for the AAFS 2005 South American Tour, the “goal...is to meet with forensic scientists in those countries [Colombia, Chile, and Argentina], to observe how the transfer of forensic science information is developing at major crime laboratories, and, most importantly, to experience the rich heritages and cultures of the three cities to be visited.” The development of a Latin American Forensic Science Conference as a complement to the April tour may well lay the foundation for future significant collaborations between Academy members and colleagues in South America.

Forensic Science Educational Conferences

The final conference for middle- and high school science teachers for 2004, the FSEC/LSU, which takes place on the campus of Louisiana State University, has more than 110 applications. Robert Barsley, Mary Manhein, and members of the Steering Committee have worked diligently to attract close to 90 Louisiana teachers to the event. Details about the FSEC/LSU will appear in the January 2005 newsletter.

FSEC/STL II

Past President Mary Fran Ernst provides the following assessment of the five-day Forensic Science Educational Conference which took place on the campus of Saint Louis University this past July.

The Second Forensic Science Educators Conference in St. Louis, Missouri

The Academy agreed to support this project in 2001 in response to the Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS report). This study revealed that 12th grade U.S. students ranked in the bottom quartile in math and

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science knowledge of 44 countries evaluated. It is theorized that today’s middle- and high school students are fascinated by the forensic sciences as evidence in the growing popularity of such TV programs as CSI, Crossing Jordan, and Forensic Files. NOTE: The first Forensic Science Educators Conference was held in St. Louis in July 2002, with 143 high and middle-school science teachers attending.

Another successful conference for middle- and high school science teachers was held at Saint University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO, July 19-23, 2004. Julie Howe (General Section) was the Conference Coordinator and Mary Fran Ernst (General Section) served as Conference Director.

The 2004 conference received $50,000 in grant support from the Saigh Foundation of St. Louis. This foundation was created to support activities emphasizing education of children in the metropolitan St. Louis area. Fifty St. Louis area teachers from public and private schools were provided scholarships to attend this conference. Additionally there were 62 teachers from 27 states, Canada, and South America who paid a $300 registration fee to the Academy to attend this event.

This three-part conference was held over a five-day period. The first part was designed to introduce new science teachers to the forensic sciences. Lectures were held on Monday and Tuesday covering the general topics of Forensic Pathology (Mary Case/Pathology/Biology Section), Death Scene Investigation (Mary Fran Ernst/General Section), Crime Scene Processing (Kevin Lawson/Criminalistics Section and Brian Ritter/General Section Applicant), Forensic Dentistry (Jim McGivney/Odontology Section), Ballistics (Ron Singer/Criminalistics Section), Questioned Documents (Janet Masson/Questioned Documents Section), Trace Evidence (Carla Noziglia/Criminalistics Section), Tire and Footwear Evidence (Harold Messler/Criminalistics Section), Blood Spatter Interpretation (Paul Kish/General Section), and DNA (Reena Roy/Criminalistics Section).

The second part of the conference, conducted on Wednesday and Thursday, consisted of 33 workshops of laboratory exercises that teachers could perform in their own schools. Thirty-three, detailed, classroom-tested lesson plans were provided to each teacher dealing with the topics discussed earlier, such as fingerprinting, DNA, trace evidence collection, forensic anthropology, questioned documents, blood spatter interpretation, etc.

The fifth and final day of the conference was dedicated to forensic science disciplines that had not been previously introduced – Entomology (Robert Hall/Pathology/Biology Section), Forensic Art/Toxicology (John Trestrail/Toxicology Section) and Crime Scene Reconstruction (Alexander Jason/General Section).

Saint Louis University’s Department of Education granted up to three hours of graduate credit to teachers attending this conference and designing two forensic science projects for their high school students.

Mary Fran Ernst and Julie Howe wish to thank the Academy for its support and all the Academy speakers who volunteered their valuable time to make this conference so successful.
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FSEC/SLU

Lynn Williams, from Colorado Springs, taking meticulous notes during Tool Mark workshop

Dog Handler Kelle Horn, of the MO Region C Technical Team, demonstrating the skills of the cadaver dog

Local teachers learning the role of the Forensic Document Examiner

St. Louis Steering Committee member Barb Weekly with her high school student volunteers

Attendees closely examining glass fracture patterns

St. Louis Steering Committee (l to r): Mary Fran Ernst, Cindy Harrison, Barb Weekly, Jeanette Hencken, Kristin Miserocchi, Julie Howe, and Cheri Stephens

Conference presenters John Trestrail, Karen Taylor, and Alexander Jason
Someone once told me that if you choose a career with a job you enjoy, you will never work a day in your life. A career in the forensic sciences can provide such an opportunity. And to take that analogy one step further, when you share your career experiences and build friendships around the world, opportunities and satisfaction will know no boundaries. Three short months from now, we look forward with anticipation to saying “Great to see you again” to colleagues. Just to mention a few cities, they will come from San Francisco and Boston, Seattle and New York, Chicago and Dallas, St. Louis and San Diego, and Miami and Louisville. Internationally, we will again meet friends from Paris, Rome, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Singapore, Istanbul, London, and other cities far and near to share our knowledge of the happenings in the forensic sciences during the past year. Tracey Corey and I have worked diligently with the Program Committee to formulate and design a program in which we can all take great pride.

There will be forums to evaluate peer-reviewed information; there will be forums to discuss theories and to agree or disagree; there will be opportunities to examine some of the more controversial events in forensic sciences going back in history many years. The timeframe - February 21-26, 2005; the place – the 2005 American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Carla Noziglia and Michelle Kestler have formulated a fantastic Multidisciplinary Session entitled, The Big Bad Wolf is Worse Than Ever: Exploitation and Abuse of the Elderly. This presentation will examine the exploitation and abuse of the challenges faced by the elderly, will provide suggestions to combat elder abuse, and will investigate exploitation in investigations, recognize and process evidence analysis, and pursue prosecution when necessary. Marie Samples and Gregory Davis have designed a plenary session which will address the theme of the 2005 meeting - 21st Century Crime – 21st Century Forensic Science. Twenty-five workshops, 3 workshorts, 11 breakfast seminars, 2 luncheons, 186 posters, and 460 platform presentations are also on the program. Some of the favorites which have become classics over the past few years remain on the program. The Tuesday evening special session following the Welcoming Reception, the Bring Your Own Slides (BYOS), and the Last Word Society will round out the program. The Young Forensic Scientists Forum will again provide aspiring forensic scientists an opportunity to question those who have been around a while and get the straight story on the requirements for pursuing a successful career. This year we will also have a significant number of sessions planned for Saturday. We are asking that you plan your departure from New Orleans accordingly.

The Advance Program will be mailed later this month and will also be published on the Academy’s website (www.aafs.org). Please pay attention to the pre-registration deadline of January 26, 2005. For your convenience, a list of hotels which are available for lodging for the 2005 meeting is included in on page 9 of this issue of the Academy News.

Until February in New Orleans, best wishes to all.

A WORD FROM YOUR 2005 PROGRAM CO-CHAIR

Joseph P. Bono, MA

REGISTER FOR THE AAFS ANNUAL MEETING ONLINE AT WWW.AAFS.ORG

The AAFS 57th Annual Meeting is just three months away and the AAFS staff is busily preparing the printed materials for the Advance Program, scheduled to be mailed in late November. The same information will be posted to the AAFS website (www.aafs.org) in early November - just follow the meeting link! The program information will be available on the web and AAFS will continue to update the website information weekly, even after the paper copy is mailed, so you’ll want to check www.aafs.org for the most accurate and up-to-date meeting materials. You will be able to view, download, and print the .pdf session descriptions directly from the web. Best of all, you will be able to register online at the same time! Through the secure server, this is a safe and convenient way to register.

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The American Academy of Forensic Sciences has selected Delta Airlines as the official airlines for its 57th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, February 21-26, 2005. Delta is offering from 5% to 15% discounts on published fares. The earlier the booking the greater the discount. Book early and take advantage of the promotional fares that give you the greatest savings! Simply call Delta Meeting Network Sales® at 1-800-241-6760 and refer to File Number: 207092A.

Avis Worldwide has been selected as the official car rental agency for the 57th AAFS Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

To receive the special discounted rates being offered to you by Avis, you may either call their toll-free number (800) 331-1600, or reserve online at www.avis.com. Be sure to refer to the AAFS Worldwide Discount (AWD) Number D131169. Avis is offering guaranteed rates from $25.99 (sub compact) to $82.99 (sport utility), OR 5% discount off the lowest qualifying rate, whichever is lower.

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences and Convention Hospitality Services are offering the following tours during the 2005 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. For complete tour description and to register online, please go to: http://www.conventionhospitalityservices.net/aafs_tf.htm.

**Steamboat NATCHEZ Harbor/Jazz Cruise**
Tour Time: 11:30 am or 2:30 pm
Duration: 2 hours
Price: $15.00 adults; $7.00 children
Dates Available: February 21-26

**Steamboat NATCHEZ Dinner/Jazz Cruise**
Tour Time: 7:00 pm
Duration: 2 hours
Price: $46.00 adults; $23.00 children
Dates Available: February 21, 22, 25, 26

**John James Audubon Aquarium/ Zoo Cruise**
Tour Time: 10:00 am or 12:00 pm
Duration: 2 hours
Price: $31.00 adults; $15.00 children
Dates Available: February 21-26

**Super City Tour**
Tour Time: 9:00 am, 12:00 pm, or 2:30 pm
Duration: 2 hours
Price: $24.00 adults; $12.00 children
Dates Available: February 21-26

**Swamp & Bayou Tour**
Tour Time: 11:00 am or 1:00 pm
Duration: 3 1/4 hours
Price: $38.00 adults; $23.00 children
Dates Available: February 21-26

**Oak Alley Plantation Tour**
Tour Time: 10:00 am or 1:00 pm
Duration: 4 1/2 hours
Price: $34.00 adults; $17.00 children
Dates Available: February 21-26

**River Toad Plantation Tour**
(Featuring Laura Plantation)
Tour Time: 9:00 am
Duration: 6 1/2 hours
Price: $48.00 adults; $24.00 children
Dates Available: February 21, 23, 25, 26

**Crescent City Nights Walking Tour**
Tour Time: 6:00 pm
Duration: 2 1/2 hours
Price: $65.00 Adults Only
Dates Available: February 22, 24, 26

**Garden District Walking Tour**
Tour Time: 10:00 am or 1:00 pm
Duration: 2 1/4 hours
Price: $18.00 adults; $9.00 children
Dates Available: February 21-26

**Cemetery & Gris-Gris Walking Tour**
Tour Time: 9:00 am or 12:00 pm
Duration: 2 hours
Price: $18.00 adults; $9.00 children
Dates Available: February 21-26

**Ghosts & Spirits Walking Tour**
Tour Time: 7:00 pm
Duration: 2 hours
Price: $20.00 adults; $11.00 children
Dates Available: February 21-26

**Southern Comfort Walking Tour**
Tour Time: 4:00 pm
Duration: 2 1/2 hours
Price: $22.00 Adults Only
Dates Available: February 21-26

**French Quarter Walking Tour**
Tour Time: 1:00 pm
Duration: 2 1/4 hours
Price: $16.00 adults; $8.00 children
Dates Available: February 21-26
Prepare yourself for breakfast because you will not want to miss these great seminars (pre-registration only) arranged by Chairman Scott Batterman. You will enjoy a wonderful breakfast — buffet style — with fresh fruit, muffins, and dry cereal, in addition to ham, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, pastries, juices, coffee, tea, and milk. Breakfast is from 7:00 a.m. to 7:25 a.m., with the special presentation scheduled to conclude at 8:30 a.m., just in time to join your colleagues for the scientific sessions.

TUESDAY — FEBRUARY 22
#1 The One Drop Rule: Is It Time for Science Rather Than Law to Define Race in America?  
Ingrid A. Gill, JD

#2 The Pseudo-Medical Examiner and the Determination of Mode of Death: A Case History  
Emanuel Tanay, MD

WEDNESDAY — FEBRUARY 23
#3 Follywood - Forensic Fakes or Real Cases: How Movies Manipulate Forensic Truth  
Haskell M. Pitluck, JD; Linda B. Kenney, JD; James E. Starrs, LLM

#4 Houston, We Have a Problem: Burying Medical Examiner Mistakes  
J.C. Upshaw Downs, MD

THURSDAY — FEBRUARY 24
#5 The Death of Sir Harry Oakes  
Ronald L. Singer, MS; Richard C. Froede, MD; Suzanne M. Froede, MA

#6 Bacon, Eggs, and Arsenic  
Suzanne Bell, PhD

FRIDAY — FEBRUARY 25
#7 Sniper: How Digital Evidence Can Help Track and Convict the Bad Guy  
Richard W. Vorder Bruegge, PhD; Dara Sewell, BS; Kenneth W. Marr, MS

#8 Tom Krauss Memorial Bite Mark Breakfast: Forensic Witnesses and Their Vital Role in Special Victims Prosecutions  
Yolanda L. Rudich, Esq.

SATURDAY — FEBRUARY 26
#9 Mmmmmm....MANCHESTER (Murder, Manslaughter, Medicolegal Machinery, Myth, and Mayhem in Manchester, United Kingdom)  
John D. Rutherford, DMJ

#10 The Investigation of the Kidnapping of Danielle van Dam: The Physical Evidence Perspective  
Tanya DuLaney, BS; Jennifer Shen

#11 On the Track of La Pérouse or the Unknown Man of Vanikoro  
Yves Schuliar, MD; Jean-Noel Vignal, PhD

LUNCHEON SEMINARS

An educational venue is being offered again at the 2005 AAFS Annual Meeting in the form of Luncheon Seminars. The luncheons will follow the same model of the breakfast seminars, with the presentations focusing on intellectually challenging and stimulating topics. Don’t miss this opportunity to have lunch with colleagues from various disciplines and to listen to the presentations. The luncheons are available by pre-registration only.

TUESDAY — FEBRUARY 22
#1 Spouses’ Luncheon - History of New Orleans  
Speaker TBD

THURSDAY — FEBRUARY 24
#2 What’s on the Menu?  
Jason H. Byrd, PhD

FRIDAY — FEBRUARY 25
#3 Justice From Both Sides of the Courtroom: From Homicide Detective to Criminal Defense Attorney  
Eric J. Hessler, JD; Edward J. Rantz, JD

ANNUAL MEETING EMPLOYMENT FORUM

Due to an overwhelming response, and often confusing jumble, of traditional job posting boards at the AAFS Annual Meetings, AAFS will be hosting its third annual Employment Forum. The intention is to provide a means for employers and applicants to meet, exchange information, conduct informal interviews, or schedule interviews for later in the week.

This special event will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2005, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., directly adjacent to the AAFS Welcoming Reception.

Space is limited! Employers, to reserve your place at the Employment Forum, please notify Nancy Jackson at the AAFS headquarters by e-mail: njackson@aafs.org, or fax: (719) 636-1993. Nancy will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Plan on joining us for the AAFS Annual Meeting Employment Forum!
Several workshops have been accepted for the upcoming AAFS Annual Meeting, offering a wide range of topics. Workshops are an excellent means to meet your continuing education needs while maintaining and expanding your knowledge of your specific forensic discipline. Many workshops have limited registration, so fill out the pre-registration form on page 27 today!

**MONDAY - FEBRUARY 21**

# 1  8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  There is “Gold” in Mold: Forensic Evaluation and Litigation Issues in Mold and Indoor Air Pollutant Claims  
Chair: Mohan Nair, MD; Co-Chair: Robert Weinstock, MD

# 2  8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  Forensic Bone Histology  
Chair: Helen Cho, PhD; Co-Chair: Robert R. Payne, PhD; Co-Chair: Douglas H. Ubelaker, PhD

# 3  8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Educating Forensic Scientists for the 21st Century: Instilling the Forensic Mindset  
Chair: Suzanne Bell, PhD; Co-Chair: Richard E. Tontarski, Jr., PhD

# 4  8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Anatomical, Pathological, and Physiological Foundations of Toxicity  
Chair: Diana Garside, PhD; Jeri D. Ropero-Miller, PhD

# 5  8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Forensic Digital Evidence: Current and Prospective Scientific and Legal Issues  
Chair: Anjali R. Swienton, MFS, JD; Co-Chair: Gregory L. Hill, JD

# 6  8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Serial Homicide; Myths, Legends, and Facts  
Chair: Robert J. Morton, MS; Co-Chair: James J. McManara, MS

# 7  8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Tutorial and Panel on Engineering Evidence and Lay Testimony  
Chair: Richard W. McLay, PhD, PE; Co-Chair: Robert N. Anderson, PhD, PE

# 8  8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Practical Homicide Investigation: Tactics, Procedures, and Forensic Techniques  
Chair: Vernon J. Geberth, MS, MPS; Co-Chair: Robert D. Keppel, PhD

# 9  8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Analysis of Samples From Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratories  
Chair: Sanford A. Angelos, MS, MEd; Co-Chair: Camala L. Dubach, BSc

#10  8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  NITECRIME Workshop on Trace Elements and Isotopes in Forensic Science  
Chair: José R. Almirall, PhD; Co-Chair: JoAnn Buscaglia, PhD

#11  8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  Forensic Image and Video Processing  
Chair: Zeno J. Geradts, PhD; Co-Chair: Richard W. Vorder Bruegge, PhD

#12  1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  The Pathological Examination of Deaths in the Elderly  
Chair: Gregory G. Davis, MD, MSPH; Co-Chair: Patricia J. McFeeley, MD

**TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 22**

#13  8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  Human Factors, Performance, and Transportation Safety – The Rest of the Story: Behind Alcohol and Other Drug Impairment  
Chair: Laurel J. Farrell, BA; Co-Chair: Dennis J. Crouch, MBA

#14  8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  State of the Art Infrared and Ultraviolet Examinations of Documents by the Video Spectral Comparator  
Chair: Troy J. Eberhardt, BS; Co-Chair: John L. Sang, MS

#15  8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  Practical Chromatographic Mechanisms Applied to Solid Phase Extraction  
Chair: Max B. Erwine, BS; Co-Chair: Adam Negrusz, PhD, DSc

#16  8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  FBI Bank Security Device Workshop  
Chair: Marc A LeBeau, MS; Co-Chair: Ronald L. Kelly, BS

#17  8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  SWGIT Presents: Guidelines for Acquiring, Processing, Analyzing, and Archiving Video and Image Data  
Chair: Richard W. Vorder Bruegge, PhD; Co-Chair: Carl R. Kriigel, BS; Co-Chair: William R. Oliver, MD

#18  8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Shooting Reconstruction  
Chair: Timothy M. Palmbach, JD, MS; Co-Chair: Robert K. O’Brien, MS
#19 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Understanding the Psychopath: The Theoretical and Conceptual Issues Related to Psychopathy and the Practical Application to Understanding Violent Criminals and Their Behavior  
Chair: Mary Ellen O’Toole, PhD; Co-Chair: Robert D. Hare, PhD

#20 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  The Uses and Abuses of Statistics and FORDISC in Forensic Anthropology  
Chair: Richard L. Jantz, PhD; Co-Chair: Stephen D. Ousley, PhD

#21 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Preparing a Forensic Science Laboratory for Accreditation Under ISO 17025  
Chair: Thomas J. Janovsky, BA; Co-Chair: Joseph P. Bono, MA

#22 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Evidence Based Forensic Science: Interpreting Postmortem Toxicology in the Light of Pathologic Findings  
Chair: Paul Fornes, MD, PhD; Co-Chair: Barry K. Logan, PhD

#23 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  Quality Assurance in Forensic Anthropology  
Chair: Vincent J. Sava, MA; Co-Chair: Andrew J. Tyrrell, PhD

#24 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  The Forensic Nurse Death Investigator as a Member of the Multidisciplinary Forensic Investigative Unit  
Chair: Donna M. Garbacz Bader, MSN, RN; Co-Chair: Virginia A. Lynch, MSN, RN, FNE

#25 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Identifying Printmaking Techniques Through the Artistic Process  
Chair: William J. Farrell, Jr., MS; Co-Chair: Troy J. Eberhardt, BS

WORKSHORT SESSIONS ANNOUNCED

Workshorts will once again be offered at the 2005 meeting. They are 2-hour sessions scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, and will take the form of traditional hands-on workshops, a seminar/extended lecturer format, or panel-discussion format.

MONDAY — FEBRUARY 21
#1  9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  Filicide: Risk Factors and Psychological Aspects  
Chair: Karen F. Ross, MD; Co-Chair: John W. Thompson, Jr., MD

#2  1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  Latest Advances in Hair Testing and Cardiac Electrophysiology Applied to the Determination of the Cause of Death of Napoleon Bonaparte  
Chair: Paul Fornes, MD, PhD; Co-Chair: Pascal Kintz, PharmD, PhD

TUESDAY — FEBRUARY 22
#3  1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  Chemistry of Voodoo: Murder in the French Quarter  
Chair: Richard C. Froede, MD; Co-Chair: Frank Minyard, MD

PROGRAM 2005 — NEW ORLEANS

MULTIDISCIPLINARY SYMPOSIUM FINALIZED

Don’t miss the opportunity to attend the 2005 Multidisciplinary Symposium, entitled The Big Bad Wolf is Worse Than Ever: Exploitation and the Abuse of the Elderly.

The generation labeled by Tom Brokaw as ‘the greatest generation’ has survived the horrors of a world war, the holocaust, the great depression, and the atomic bomb. But another horror looms as the unscrupulous target these vulnerable silver citizens with fraud, robbery, and, at times, murder.

This special session will provide insight in the identification of elderly exploitation and abuse, and discuss scientific and investigative tools and methods which are effective to use. Too often, crimes against the elderly are categorized as abuse when, in fact, they can be much more. The topics focus on how the justice system, social services, and the medical community are missing homicides and other crimes against the elderly. This session will also demonstrate the potential unintended and intended toxic effects of common prescription and over the counter medication with emphasis on the pharmacokinetics and pharmacological changes in elderly. Detecting forged signatures on documents such as wills, trusts, and deeds will be presented. The indicators and evaluation of abuse of elderly noted in the emergency room as a result of sexual assault will be discussed. The findings at postmortem examination: contracture, shaken adult syndrome, dehydration, and malnutrition will be shown. The session will conclude with a discussion of the investigation into the death of an 87-year-old woman who was murdered for her estate.

To attend this full-day special session, be sure to complete the pre-registration form on page 27, and check the S-1 box.
GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING 35MM SLIDES

Noted below are the official guidelines in preparing 35mm slides for presentation at the 2005 AAFS Annual Meeting:

- Limit the information on each slide to a single point or idea.
- Keep slides simple 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.
- Do not crowd the slide. Two or more simple slides are better than one that is complex and crowded.
- If you must use illustrative materials, try to use simple graphs with a limited number of captions.
- 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.
- 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.
- Speaker should be able to convey slide information in five-ten seconds. Avoid advancing the slide before ten seconds; however, most slides should not remain on the screen longer than two minutes.
- Avoid backing up in slide lectures. If you need a slide twice, make duplicate slides.
- Slides mounted in plastic mounts are preferable to cardboard or glass.
- Fill the slide. Avoid blank areas on the periphery.
- Graphics are preferable.
- White on black, white on blue, or blue on yellow project the best. Avoid red and blue or other non-contrasting color combinations.

Following these guidelines will ensure that the audience will obtain the maximum benefit from your presentation. As it is a primary goal of the AAFS to promote education and to elevate professionalism in the field of forensic sciences, organizing a quality presentation is an area to which everyone can contribute.

Although every effort will be made to meet your needs, the number of available slide carousels is limited once at the meeting. It is highly recommended that you provide your own, if possible.

PRESENTING A POSTER IN NEW ORLEANS?

In order to provide a quality display, and to ensure that the audience will obtain the maximum amount of information, formal guidelines for poster presentations have again been prepared and will be distributed to all applicable authors during the month of December. With these guidelines in place, displays will be effective in generating discussion among authors and their colleagues.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

If you have a disability that may impact your participation at the 57th AAFS Annual Meeting, please check the appropriate box on the AAFS Pre-Registration Form (page 27), and append 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.

NEED TO SHARE A ROOM IN NEW ORLEANS?

If you would like to have more spending money to take in the “must see” sights while in New Orleans during the AAFS 2005 Annual Meeting, then share a room!

The AAFS office is maintaining a list of meeting attendees who would like to share a room with a colleague. For more information, please contact the AAFS office at (719) 636-1100.
Although it began in a hotel room years ago, Bring Your Own Slides (BYOS) now requires a ballroom to accommodate the audience. In order to keep BYOS informal, fun, and informative for the large and diverse audience, here are a few things to keep in mind for the BYOS program at the 2005 AAFS Annual Meeting in New Orleans:

1. BYOS is not intended as a forum to present scientific papers. It is designed so that each speaker may present interesting information and/or unusual case(s) that may be educational and blended with humor.
2. Speakers should plan on having approximately ten minutes in which to present their material.
3. Material that is being presented in other parts of the AAFS scientific program should not be duplicated at BYOS.
4. Tables, charts, and graphs should be avoided, making every effort to use slides of scenes, bodily findings, and evidence.

Adherence to the above guidelines will allow for many presentations and a greater diversity in the material presented. BYOS will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Keep your eyes open for interesting material to present at the 2004 BYOS program.

Complete the following form and deliver it to the on-site AAFS Staff Office by 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 23. Presentations will be selected and scheduled based on perceived interest to the audience and on the order in which the completed forms are received. This form is required in order to organize the BYOS program and to allow appropriate allocation of continuing education credit. A BYOS Program Form also will be placed in each registrant’s meeting packet.

| Name (include your academic degree/s): |
| Job title: |
| Place of employment: |
| To which AAFS section do you belong (if none, write “none”)?: |
| Your presentation is being offered primarily to: |
| Solicit input/advice on a challenging case |
| Present interesting information or case(s) for educational purposes |
| Entertainment |
| Do you want to present: |
| A single case |
| A series of cases with a common topic |
| Multiple cases with unrelated topics |
| Other (please specify): |
| Briefly describe the material you want to present: |
| What are the major points you want to emphasize? |
| How will the attendees benefit from your presentation? |
| Do you have any financial interest in the material you will discuss?  □ No  □ Yes (If yes, please describe): |
| How much time do you anticipate you will need? ______ minutes |
| How many 35mm slides do you have to show? ______ |
| Your local hotel: Room #: Phone #: |

The BYOS agenda, scheduled presentation times, and continuing education credit hours will be posted near the BYOS meeting room by 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 23. The BYOS session will begin at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, contact Nancy Jackson at (719) 636-1100, or at the on-site AAFS Staff Office.

AAFS STAFF USE ONLY: Date Received: Time: _______________
The 2005 AAFS Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 21-26, 2005, in New Orleans, LA. Volunteers are needed to accomplish an array of administrative and gate keeping tasks throughout the week of the meeting. Volunteers who are not members of the Academy may receive complimentary registration to attend all sessions of the meeting with a minimum of 8 hours of volunteer service at the meeting (except those requiring pre-registration or fees other than the basic meeting registration fee). If you plan to attend sessions requiring pre-registration, please contact Sandra Evans for the AAFS Registration Form.

AAFS Members do not receive complimentary registration for volunteering. However, the Academy does need its members to volunteer. Your service to the Academy is instrumental in making the event a success.

Below is a list of the various areas where volunteers are needed and a Volunteer Information Form. Persons accompanying attendees are also welcome to volunteer if they wish.

**AAFS Office**  
**Luncheons**  
**Plenary Session**  
**A-V Equipment**  
**Breakfast Seminars**  
**Special Sessions**  
**2006 Meeting Promotion Booth**  
**Section Business Meeting**  
**Workshops/Workshorts**  
**Student Academy**  
**Registration Desk**

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**AAFS Meeting Volunteer Information Form**

Name: ___________________________________________   Title: _________________________________________
Organization: __________________________________________________________________________________
Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________________________________
City: _____________________________________________   State/Province: _________________________________
Zip/Postal Code: ___________________________________    Country: ______________________________________
Phone: ___________________________________________    Fax: _________________________________________
E-mail: ___________________________________________ AAFS Member?   Yes ☐  No ☐

The best way to contact me during the meeting is: ☐ Phone  ☐ Email  ☐ Other _____________________________

I plan to arrive on _____________________________ (date) and depart on ____________________________ (date).

Please check all dates you will be available to volunteer. Mark the times you will be available (am and/or pm), as well as the number of days for which you are willing to volunteer.

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☐ I am requesting “Complimentary” Registration as a non-member with a minimum of 8 hours of volunteer service.

Complete and return this form as soon as possible to:

Sandra Evans  
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Criminalistics Section members who knew Jan Bashinski, they will have learned of her death on September 15, 2004. For those who didn't know her, a brief summary of her accomplishments, scientific leadership, and contributions to the field of criminalistics is in order.

Jan began her criminalistics career after graduating with a degree in chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley in 1964. Her first laboratory job was working for John Davis, director of the Criminalistics Laboratory at the Oakland, California Police Department. This was at a time when this field was almost completely the province of men. The reluctance of laboratory directors to hire women was palpable. During this era there were statements made along the lines of “well, I don't know . . . a woman?” The situation is hard to imagine now, 40 years later. The change has been dramatic. Jan Bashinski and her contemporaries have shown that criminalistics is a great career for women as well as for men. I am not sure what the current percentage of women in the nation's forensic science laboratories would be, but we have core classes in our graduate programs where the enrollment is as high as 80% women.

Jan Bashinski was much more than an emblem and role model for women scientists. During the course of her career she was a bench scientist, a researcher, a mentor to many, a supervisor, a laboratory director, and a system administrator. After rising to the position of Director of the Oakland Criminalistics Laboratory, Jan became founding Director of the DOJ DNA lab in Berkeley. At the time of her retirement, a little over two years ago, she was Chief of the California DOJ's Bureau of Forensic Services. Recognition of her accomplishments and contributions is reflected, to a degree, in the many awards that she received. She was a CAC Life Member and a recipient of the Paul L. Kirk Award of the Criminalistics Section of the AAFS. The State of California recognized her contributions when the State's DNA Laboratory was named in her honor by the passage of California State Senate Bill #1490.

Of course Jan will be missed by members of the criminalistics profession. However, it is clear that the profession and the Academy have both been greatly enriched by her long association with them.

A charitable fund will be established in Jan’s name to support research or education in criminalistics. As of this writing, details have not been finalized. To arrange to be notified when the fund is ready to accept donations, please send e-mail to jan-memorial@velvet.com.

Announcement

Larry Quarino of Cedar Crest College informs us that the American Board of Criminalistics (ABC) is in the process of revamping the study guide for the General Knowledge Examination (GKE). Please consult the ABC website for updates (http://www.criminalistics.com/). Larry may be reached at: laquarino@cedarcrest.edu.
been accepted for presentation. This will allow us to once again have a Saturday General Section program. It should be noted that General Section members will also offer six workshops. This outstanding number of presentations is a tribute to the dedication of the General Section members. Thanks to all who have taken the time to submit scientific papers and posters for presentation and put together workshops. New Orleans is a great town and the General Section program will equal its greatness.

Awards Committee Chair Vernon McCarty is pleased to announce that two fellows of the General Section have been selected to receive awards. Robert Freed will receive the John R. Hunt Award, and Paul Kish will receive the Paul W. Kehres Meritorious Service Award. These awards will be presented to the recipients at the General Section Business Meeting. Vernon also requests that those who want to be considered for the Achievement Award must have their abstracts submitted to the Awards Committee for review to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria.

**JURISPRUDENCE**

Source: Margaret Leggett Tarver, JD, MS, Section Secretary

Professor James Starrs and his scientific team members, including Jack Frost, Jack Levisky, Tim Palmbach, and Bruce Goldberger, and others will be exhuming the remains of Harry W. Flint, Jr. from his grave in North Egremont, MA, on November 19, 2004. The issues involved were profiled by Professor Starrs in his Breakfast Seminar at the 2004 AAFS meeting in Dallas. Professor Starrs has received the galleys (the last step before publication) of his forthcoming book entitled, A Voice For The Dead, which will be published by G.P. Putnam before the annual meeting in New Orleans.

Professor Starrs is also currently involved in the Elk Run Anglican church burial/exhumation project in Virginia where the 18th century cemetery at the church will be the site of a number of exhumations, pending receipt of a permit from the Virginia authorities.

**ODONTOLOGY**

Source: Bryan Chrz, DDS, Section Chair

Hopefully, everyone has had a wonderful summer. Harvey Silverstein has been reviewing abstracts for presentation in New Orleans and it looks to be an interesting program. Harvey also has a great speaker lined up for the Tom Krauss Memorial Breakfast.

Continuing Education courses around the country seem to reflect the profession’s desire to obtain more forensic training. In reviewing applications, we see the great growth the Odontology Section is experiencing. Applicants, as always, are highly qualified and will compliment forensic odontology’s mission to provide valuable information to the courts of law.

News here in Perry, OK, is that we are expecting a baby to arrive at the end of December. I have been in the baby business since 1977, so I guess I still qualify for the position of Dad due to experience. I will bring pictures to New Orleans.

Hope to see you all in New Orleans this February.

In closing, I will include a picture of Harvey feeding a 2,200 pound Angus Bull.

**SECTION & PROGRAM NEWS**

**PATHOLOGY/BIOLOGY**

Source: Karen F. Ross, MD, Section Secretary

The educational sessions for the 2005 annual meeting in New Orleans have been finalized. Thanks to Program Chair Andy Baker and the other members of the section who supported Andy by reviewing abstracts. Thanks also to those section members who submitted abstracts and other educational programs for this meeting.

Applications for membership and promotions are being reviewed by Section Chair John Hunsaker and Section Secretary Karen Ross. The deadline for application was October 1. If you missed the deadline for this year, be sure to submit your form for next year if you are eligible. The deadline is firm and requires that all paperwork, including reference forms, be completed and received by the AAFS by the October 1 deadline. As a reminder, promotion in the Pathology/Biology Section requires that a person attend two section business meetings. Attendance at these meetings is now taken for this purpose, so be sure to sign it at the door when you attend. The Pathology/Biology Section Business Meeting is held on Wednesday afternoon, just prior to the Academy Business Meeting.

Plans are underway for the 2005 Pathology/Biology reception to be held off site this year in New Orleans. The reception has been planned for Friday to avoid conflict with other Academy functions on Thursday evening. Details of the reception will follow as the meeting draws near.

Section Chair John Hunsaker has appointed new members to the Nominating Committee. Congratulations to Dan Schultz, Donna Hunsaker, and Christopher Swallwell who join immediate past Section Chair Greg G. Davis (Alabama Greg) and the current officers on the committee.

Congratulations also to Chairman Hunsaker who was recently elected Vice-President/President Elect of the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) at the annual meeting in Nashville, TN.

Counting down to New Orleans!
**SECTION & PROGRAM NEWS CONT.**

**PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

Source: Paul S. Sledzik, MS, Section Secretary

Ellis R. Kerley Forensic Sciences Foundation Launches Capital Campaign — Non-profit forensic anthropology foundation looks to broaden programs

The Ellis R. Kerley Forensic Science Foundation, a non-profit organization that works to advance research and development in the field of forensic anthropology by providing educational opportunities to universities and school systems around the country, recently launched a capital campaign. This is the first year of an annual campaign that will assist the Kerley Foundation in securing additional funds to further broaden its list of programs which currently includes grants and scholarship awards for members of the anthropology community. Current planning supports the need for field research and humanitarian goals.

The Foundation’s work is based on the vision of Ellis R. Kerley, a forensic anthropology pioneer who worked tirelessly to develop techniques for skeletal age identification. The organization has already provided thousands in scholarships and awards since being founded in 2000. This year’s Ellis R. Kerley Forensic Science Foundation Scholarship was awarded to Kristen Hartnett, a graduate student at Arizona State University, who is working on research to improve skeletal age estimates.

In addition, the Ellis R. Kerley Foundation also presents a Paper Award each year at the AAFS annual meeting. The 2004 award went to Susan Myster and her students - Sarah Nathan and Sarah Miller - for their paper entitled, *An Evaluation of the Greulich and Pyle Skeletal Aging Standards for the Hand and Wrist in a Contemporary Multiethnic Population*.

"A donation of just $10 from our peers will go a long way in helping to secure additional matching funds from corporations and other organizations," says the foundation’s President Amy Moorhouse.

For more information, contact Ms. Moorhouse at (678) 467-7248; amoorehouse@mindspring.com, or go to www.kerleyfoundation.org.

Kristen Hartnett Awarded 2004/2005 Ellis R. Kerley Forensic Sciences Foundation Scholarship — Graduate student’s research to improve skeletal aging techniques

Graduate student Kristen Hartnett of Arizona State University was recently awarded the prestigious Ellis R. Kerley Graduate Scholarship for the 2004/05 academic year. The Ellis R. Kerley Graduate Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduate student who is continuing his or her education and research in forensic anthropology. This year’s applicants were from several universities throughout the U.S., Canada, and the United Kingdom.

Ms. Hartnett was chosen based on her outstanding educational performance and research project in the field of forensic anthropology. Her dissertation reevaluates skeletal aging techniques utilizing the pubic symphysis and sternal end of the fourth rib in a very large and diverse sample. Ms. Hartnett’s goal is to produce revisions of current aging standards that increase the reliability of techniques and, ultimately, improve age estimates produced in case reports. Ms. Hartnett’s research will offer new sample specimens for anthropological study and provide an additional means for independent testing, especially when new technology and imaging techniques are available.

In other news, section member Emily Craig has a new book off the press. *Teasing Secrets from the Dead* is her recounting of cases as the forensic anthropologist for the state of Kentucky. She discusses cases of national interest, such as her involvement cases such as the Oklahoma City bombing, the Branch Davidian fire, and the World Trade Center disaster.

The American Board of Forensic Anthropology is accepting applications for the 2005 board examination. Applications and instructions can be obtained from Leslie Eisenberg at leesieenberg@whs.wisc.edu. The deadline for applying is December 1, 2004.

**PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE**

Source: Daniel A. Martell, PhD, Section Secretary

The section’s program is coming together nicely for the upcoming AAFS annual meeting in New Orleans. The Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Section will put on presentations focusing on forensic mental health professionals’ participation in death penalty cases, violence risk assessment, substance abuse, diagnostic issues in forensic assessment, and special issues in the forensic evaluation of minors. This year’s program promises to be very exciting and features numerous excellent speakers.

Interested members of the AAFS Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Section may wish to attend forthcoming meetings of an allied organization, the Tri-State Chapter of the American Academy of Psychiatry & the Law (Tri-State AAPL). Tri-State AAPL will meet in San Juan, Puerto Rico, from December 10-12, 2004, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Isla Verde. For more information, contact Eric Goldsmith at (212) 486-2754 or email edgmmd@aol.com.

Tri-State AAPL will meet again in New York on January 22, 2005, at New York University Medical Center, 550 First Avenue, New York, NY. The program will be devoted to *Addiction Psychiatry for Forensic Psychiatrists*. For more information, contact Marjorie Blika by email at drblika@hotmail.com.

**QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS**

Source: Sandra Ramsey Lines, BA, Section Secretary

Program Chairs William Farrell and Troy Eberhardt report that all of the abstracts have been reviewed and sixteen papers are scheduled, along with four poster presentations, for the 2005 annual meeting. Ann Baskin, Director of the Print Department, Art Counsel of New Orleans, Louisiana ArtWorks, is preparing a handout packet for
participants in the printing workshop. Ms. Baskin promises an engaging, effective, and informative program relating to the various methods of printing. The program will include the basic types of print — relief, intaglio, and planographic. Other images known as prints will also be demonstrated and discussed, such as screenprint and computer printing.

In a second workshop, AAFS Fellow Gerald Richards will present state-of-the-art infrared and ultraviolet examination of documents using the Video Spectral Comparator (VSC). Kristina Kovarik with Foster & Freeman will present Practical Applications of the Theory Behind the VSC. This workshop will include a disc and additional handouts.

Consider bringing a non-member colleague to this meeting. You may want to quote the Objectives of the Academy: “...to promote education for and research in the forensic sciences; to encourage the study, improve the practice, elevate the standards and advance the cause of the forensic sciences; to promote interdisciplinary communications; and to plan, organize and administer meetings, reports and other projects for the stimulation and advancement of these and related purposes.

We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans.

TOXICOLOGY

Source: Amanda J. Jenkins, PhD, Section Chair

By the time you receive this issue of Academy News, summer and the highly successful joint FBI/SOFT/TIAFT meeting will have passed. It is time to be thinking of the annual AAFS meeting in February in New Orleans. Adam Negrusz and Robert Middleberg have compiled a busy but interesting meeting for the Toxicology Section. Thanks to all of you who agreed to conduct workshops and for the authors who submitted abstracts. We have a complete program. There will be four Toxicology Section workshops on topics including interpretation in postmortem cases, solid phase extraction, and transportation safety and impairment.

The Awardees Recognition reception will be held on Wednesday evening. The following colleagues have been approved by the Awards and Scholarship Committee, and will be recognized:

Alexander O. Gettler Award Christine Moore, PhD
Rolla N. Harger Award Marilyn Huestis, PhD
Irving Sunshine Award Laureen Marinetti, PhD

Congratulations to these individuals!

The poster session will have approximately 20 presentations on a variety of drugs including methadone, oxycodone, the amphetamines, and GHB. Platform presentations are scheduled on Thursday and Friday of the program interspersed with a special session on developments in oral fluid analysis, pediatric postmortem toxicology, and the annual lectureship. So plan to come to New Orleans, support your section, and interact with friends and colleagues.

A note to committee chairs, presidents, and chairs of affiliated associations, if you intend to host a committee or other meeting at AAFS, contact Adam Negrusz so the necessary room and meal arrangements may be made.

With regard to other section business, the Nominating Committee offers the following slate of candidates for consideration for positions for the section for 2005/06:

Chair Timothy Rohrig, PhD
Secretary Adam Negrusz, PhD
Board of Directors (3 year term) Barry Logan, PhD
Awards and Scholarship
Committee (3 year term) Diana Wilkins, PhD

Please consider these nominees, and come to the Section Business Meeting prepared to vote.

Marilyn Huestis was chosen to be a member of the Awards and Scholarship Committee in February. Dr. Huestis has resigned her position on the committee and Laurel Farrell has graciously agreed to fill the vacancy.

Peter Stout, Chair of the Policy and Procedures Committee, and Section Chair Amanda Jenkins have reviewed and revised several parts of 7.5.10 Toxicology Section Policies and Procedures. A copy of these revisions may be obtained by contacting Dr. Stout. The majority of the revisions were updates - deletion of references to News and Views; adding that messages and news to the section may include use of the AAFS broadcast capability [this has already been used to ask the section members for nominations for awards]; clarifying that the Drugs and Driving Committee is a joint committee with SOFT and the chair is chosen in concert with the President of SOFT; adding the Policy and Procedures Committee as an administrative committee; placing the Student Academy under III. Liaison Activities; and updating Appendix A. The latter includes guidelines for poster and platform presentations. All potential and future presenters should note that the AAFS has changed policy regarding oral presentations. Slide projectors are no longer standard equipment; LCD projectors are now considered standard equipment at the annual AAFS meeting. In addition, future Section Officers should note that [Steering Committee decision] the Continuing Education Committee Chair is the Workshop Chair for the annual meeting. Since decisions of the Steering Committee directly affect the Toxicology Section Policies and Procedures, the Chair of the Policy and Procedures Committee should be invited to attend Steering Committee meetings. A heartfelt word of thanks to Peter for the time and effort he has expended to ensure the section Policies and Procedures Manual is a contemporary working document.

In an earlier issue of Academy News, a list of Section Officers and committee members was included. Please take a moment to review this list and contact any individual if you have questions or suggestions relating to section activities. Now is the time to raise issues for discussion and decision making at the Section Business Meeting.

In closing, thank you for the honor and privilege of representing the Toxicology Section this year, and I hope to see many of you in New Orleans.
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Michele Kestler and the members of the Travel Grant Task Force have worked diligently to create the guidelines for the first Student Travel Awards for the 2005 meeting. These awards are made possible by a generous, anonymous donation to the FSF to assist students with attending the annual meeting. At press time, there were 19 applications for $600 travel assistance grants which will also include a complimentary meeting registration. After meeting all the qualifications, the student must write an essay to tell why attendance at the meeting will assist the student’s forensic science career. These students will be identified as such at the meeting, so be sure and say hello to them and make them feel welcome.

It is with great sadness to report Jan Bashinski (Criminalistics Section) passed away on September 15, 2005, after a valiant battle with cancer.

Jan Bashinski - dedicated researcher, conscientious forensic scientist, visionary leader. All these are the Jan who graced our profession, our meetings, and our lives. The young, intelligent girl with the long, black hair gave way to the elegant woman who helped shape forensic science as we know it.

Jan’s zeal for living manifested itself in her work, spanning the early research in serology to the establishment of the California State System’s DNA Laboratory. Her enthusiasm was not limited to the laboratory. Every organization of which she was a part - AAFS, ASCLD, CAC, CACLD - benefited from her tireless work and her leadership.

But as serious as she was about her work, Jan was as fun loving in her social life. Whether she was moving on the dance floor, or laughing with friends, Jan was the center of attention. Her lovely soprano graced many a songfest at several receptions.

Jan retired in April, 2002, as the Chief of the California Bureau of Forensic Sciences, ending a stellar career. Her importance in forensic science can be best summed up in the words of then AAFS Criminalistics Section Chair Larry Presley. “Jan Bashinski (sic) is a pillar of Criminalistics.” Jan showed competence and achievement in her early years, evidenced by her outstanding research and publications in serology. Later, her leadership qualities took her to regional committees, boards of directors, national committees and presidencies, as well as leadership of the entire California State Crime Laboratory system. All thirteen state forensic laboratories were in her scope of command, necessitating keen budgeting, lobbying, and managerial skills. Jan was the first woman to be recognized with the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Briggs J. White Award.

Jan was instrumental in the complete refurbishing of the state sexual assault protocol, bringing the collection of evidence to the level of the forensic science which analyzes it. To bring this about, and keep it functioning well, meant interacting with law enforcement, medicine, and the judiciary. It was to Jan’s credit that this protocol is held as a model for others.

But Jan was not all work centered. Her civic involvements were many, bringing the understanding of forensic science to non-scientists, especially to students.

Jan was a woman whom I was honored to call friend. Excelling in her career, she excelled in her life as well. Her friends are legion because of her friendly and open personality. Enhancing her professional and personal life was her warmth, her laughter, and her elegance. ASCLD meeting attendees were educated by Jan’s many paper presentations during the day, and charmed by her laughter and lovely voice raised in song in the evening.

Jan has my friendship, my respect, and my love. We miss you, Jan; your quiet wisdom, your quick conversational skills, your ready smile.

The FSF has established a memorial fund in Jan’s honor.

—Carla M. Noziglia, MS
FSF Chair

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AAFS CHRONICLES — DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?

Source: Ken Field, Academy Historian

In 1954. . .

. . . in the fall issue of the Academy's newsletter, the “Job Opportunity” section announced an appeal for a “Criminal Investigator” to work in a foreign country. The salary was $8,481 plus free quarters. However, only a wife could accompany the Investigator (no children would be allowed). The country? Iran.

In 1964. . .

. . . after a number of years of the members looking to hold the annual meeting in a city outside of the continental United States, a mailed survey was conducted. Results showed Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Toronto topping the list. Recognizing that it knew what was best for the members, the Executive Committee chose Hawaii! The 1967 Honolulu meeting is the only one to be held outside the “Lower 48.”

In 1974. . .

. . . the Executive Committee approved a new category of membership in the Academy - “Trainee Affiliate.” Individuals eligible for that classification included undergraduate and graduate students, as well as those who had completed their educational requirements but were now serving the experience requirements of the section to which they would be members. Today, the classification “Trainee Affiliate” still exists, but is limited to those participating in “experience” programs. Undergraduate and graduate students are now carried as “Student Affiliates.”

In 1984. . .

. . . there were 1,058 members in the Academy. California had the most members (330), followed by Illinois (201), Florida (157), New York (94), and Washington, DC (76). The 2004 membership roster totaled 5,709 members, representing all 50 United States, Canada, and 56 other countries worldwide!

ELLIS R. KERLEY FORENSIC SCIENCES FOUNDATION
WORKING TO ADVANCE RESEARCH

Many of you may have already received a letter from the Ellis R. Kerley Forensic Science Foundation as part of their capital campaign. Please consider giving to this worthwhile organization. It has been a leader in funding research and scholarships for our colleagues. For more information, see page 20 of this newsletter and refer to the Physical Anthropology Section News.

GROUP PACKAGE TRIP BEING ORGANIZED FOR 2005 IAFS MEETING IN HONG KONG

Would you like to attend the 2005 IAFS Meeting in Hong Kong next August? AAFS International Liaison Representative Thomas Noguchi is in the process of negotiating a package trip to include round trip airfare, five nights hotel accommodations (including breakfast) near the Hong Kong Convention Center, and possibly round trip airport-hotel limousine service and a half-day bus tour of Hong Kong. This same package was offered for the 1996 IAFS Meeting in Tokyo.

The actual meeting dates are August 21 through August 26. The group would depart from the U.S. on August 21, would arrive in Hong Kong on August 22, and would depart on August 26. For more information about the meeting, go to: www.iafs2005.com.

Those who are interested in the group trip, please contact Tom Noguchi by e-mail at: NoguchiTT@aol.com or ThomasNoguchi@hotmail.com.
The American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) and MDEX Online, Inc., announced the establishment of an affinity agreement that will provide AAFS members discounted access to the Daubert Tracker™, the country’s largest repository of court decisions relating to the admissibility of scientific evidence and expert witness testimony. It is expected that this will enhance the ability of AAFS members to research how forensic scientists and forensic techniques are being accepted or rejected by courts around the country.

According to AAFS Past President Ken Melson, the membership now has a significant research tool at its fingertips. “With just a few key strokes, the latest information may now be obtained by attorneys and scientists relating to a specific scientific field of interest and relevant judicial venue before stepping into the courtroom. In this ever-changing information age, the Daubert Tracker™ will keep us current with important developments in the interaction of law and science.”

The U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Daubert case and its progeny, Kumho Tire and Joiner, govern the admissibility of expert testimony in the federal courts. This “Daubert Trilogy” is the most important set of cases to involve scientific evidence in over seventy years. The federal courts use these cases in assessing (a) whether an expert is qualified, and (b) whether the techniques he/she utilizes are sound. Many state courts employ the Daubert Trilogy (and state equivalents of the Federal Rules of Evidence), while other states employ their own, unique evidentiary gatekeeping principles in screening such testimony. Whatever the standard, successful or unsuccessful expert challenges can, and often will, influence the entire outcome of a case and are now viewed as an essential component of trial strategy.

To date, thousands of federal and state gatekeeping decisions (both reported and unreported) have been filed since the original Daubert decision. Currently, dozens of new opinions are reported every week, and many authorities believe that this rate will continue to increase. It is therefore incumbent on trial attorneys and forensic professionals to have not only a historical perspective on all of the decisions to date, but regular updates on the latest decisions. It was to meet this need that the Daubert Tracker™ was developed.

According to Myles Levin, president of MDEX Online, Inc., “It should be a matter of routine for any expert who is about to testify in court to be up-to-date on how others in the expert’s discipline have fared after being challenged. This is especially true for forensic scientists, who, along with medical doctors, engineers, and economists, have historically been the most likely to be subjected to challenges. The Daubert Tracker™ gives the expert convenient, cost-effective, and fingertip access not only to cases involving challenges but also to many of the collateral legal documents involved. This information can be enormously helpful in helping the expert articulate his/her methodology in a way that can reduce vulnerability to challenge and guard against unnecessary exclusion.”

For more information about the Daubert Tracker™, visit the AAFS website (www.aafs.org) and click on the Daubert Tracker icon, or follow the links from the Resources drop down menu.

**WHITE HOUSE SOLICITS FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS**

The President’s Commission on White House Fellowships is now accepting applications for the 2005-06 class. Founded in 1964, the White House Fellows program is America’s most prestigious program for leadership and public service.

White House Fellowships 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, 2005. 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 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.
1. REGISTRATION INFORMATION
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First AAFS Meeting?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  Hotel where staying ________________

Special Services: ☐ Please check here if you require special accommodations to fully participate. Attach a written description of your needs.

2. REGISTRATION FEES - SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS
To be pre-registered, your registration, change, or replacement must be received at AAFS by January 26, 2005. After this date, all registrations will be processed on-site at the AAFS Registration Desk. All requests for cancellation must be received in writing via fax or mail. Cancellations are not accepted. If registration is cancelled, fees will be refunded as follows: Prior to December 1 - full rebate less $25 admin. fee; December 1-31/75%; January 1-31/60%; February 1-10/50%; January 11-26/25%; January 27-31/0%. No refunds after February 11, 2005.

3. REGISTRATION FEES - SPECIAL FUNCTIONS
Registration form must be received by January 26, 2005, in order to attend Special Functions. There will be no on-site registration for the following Special Functions.

- Breakfast Seminars—7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
  - TU The One Drop Rule B-1 $ 26
  - TU The Pseudo-Medical Examiner B-2 $ 26
  - W Follywood - Forensic Fakes or Real Cases B-3 $ 26
  - W Houston, We Have a Problem B-4 $ 26
  - TH The Death of Sir Harry Oakes B-5 $ 26
  - TH Bacon, Eggs, and Arsenic B-6 $ 26
  - FR The Sniper: How Digital Evidence Can Help B-7 $ 26
  - FR Tom Krauss Bite Mark Breakfast B-8 $ 26
  - SA Mmmmmmm MANCHESTER B-9 $ 26
  - SA The Kidnapping of Danielle van Dam B-10 $ 26
  - SA On the Track of La Pérouse B-11 $ 26

- Luncheon Seminars
  - TU Spouses’ Lunch - History of New Orleans L-1 $ 36
  - TH What’s on the Menu? L-2 $ 36
  - F Justice From Both Sides of the Courtroom L-3 $ 36

- Section Luncheons
  - W Engineering Section Luncheon L-4 $ 36
  - W General Section Luncheon L-5 $ 36
  - W Jurisprudence Section Luncheon L-6 $ 36

- Special Sessions
  - TU Multidisciplinary Symposium S-1 $ 75
  - TU Young Forensic Scientists Forum S-2 $ 45

- Workshops
  - M Filicide: Risk Factors & Psych. Aspects WS-1 $ 50
  - M Cause of Death of Napoleon Bonaparte WS-2 $ 50
  - M Chemistry of Voodoo WS-3 $ 50

- Workshops
  - M There is “Gold” in Mold W-1 $ 100 $ 125
  - M Forensic Bone Histology W-2 $ 100 $ 125
  - M Educating Forensic Scientists W-3 $ 225 $ 275
  - M Foundations of Toxicity W-4 $ 200 $ 250
  - M Forensic Digital Evidence W-5 $ 225 $ 275
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Juries do the darnedest things, both before and during their deliberations. The reports of such mishappenings make this pellucidly clear.

Rose Chavarria was Juror No. 3 on the trial of Anton Pettway for selling cocaine in a school zone in New Jersey. Apparently she had taken a liking to Pettway and to his self-inflicted plight.

After a lunch break in the trial, Ms. Chavarria approached Pettway and handed him a card which contained a $10 bill. Now, jurors are uniformly instructed not to make contact with any of the parties or witnesses to the proceedings which they are to decide. This was Ms. Chavarria’s first mishapening.

But there was more. The card contained a handwritten note informing Pettway that, “You are a very intelligent young man. I think you are not guilty. You are a victim of the circumstances. If you have children, please think about their future. Get an honest job…Be strong.” Without more being said Ms. Chavarria and Mr. Pettway parted company.

When Mr. Pettway emerged from his surprise at this occurrence and while preening himself over his good fortune, he gave the card with the note to his girlfriend, with what end in mind is not known. But it can be surmised he was savy enough to think it might have some then unseen future use.

The note did come in handy after the jury returned its unanimous verdict convicting Mr. Pettway on the charges brought against him. The defense attorney, Nathan Kittner, immediately following his being informed of the card and the circumstances surrounding its receipt by his client requested Superior Court Judge John Conte to declare a mistrial. He argued that Ms. Chavarria was in grievous violation of the judge’s pretrial instructions to the jurors not to make contact with any persons who might appear before them in this case.

Judge Conte, however, was not convinced that any harm had been done to Mr. Pettway in Ms. Chavarria’s on the one hand suggesting that she planned to vote to acquit the defendant and on the other actually casting her vote to convict. Yes, she had given the accused false hope that the verdict of the jury would be at least a mistrial, with her being the hold-out for an acquittal, but Mr. Pettway, on his part, did wrong by not bringing the note immediately to the attention of the court or his attorney so that corrective measures, such as impaneling an alternate juror, could be immediately taken.

The situation presented to Judge Conte was that of the commonplace “tit for tat.” Ms. Chavarria has done wrong and Mr. Pettway, in his turn, had also done wrong. As football referees confronted with similar circumstances of wrongdoing by both teams on the playing field on the same play do say, with appropriate hand and arm gestures, the one wrong cancelled out the other and no penalty will be imposed on either team.

So ended l’affaire Chavarria-Pettway, until, that is, the inevitable appeal of Judge Conte’s ruling is resolved. (A.B.A. J., July 2004)

But that most curious occurrence of juror misconduct is not the lock-stock-and-barrel of such mishappenings by a long shot.

Jurors are universally adjured to decide the case before them “only on the evidence presented here in court.” Additionally they are admonished not to “conduct any investigations outside the courtroom.” (Federal Criminal Jury Instructions, Section 1.18) But, like Ms. Chavarria, jurors do stray into forbidden fields.

Hollywood detailed a not so supposititious instance of blatant jury mishappening in the movie Suspect, featuring Cher as the defense attorney and Dennis Quaid as the juror who wandered far afield of his duties as a juror. Liam Neeson, as a homeless deaf-mute, in one of his first leading roles, plays the part of a man charged with murder who is defended vigorously and effectively by Cher. But Quaid thinks Cher might need his investigative assistance to carry the day as well as his romancing to relieve the tensions of her life as a defense attorney.

As a consequence he voluntarily took on the task of energetically playing the gumshoe to bring to light facts pertinent to the truth of the innocence of Liam Neeson, charged with murder. He does all this while serving in his role as a juror at Neeson’s trial and until, and even after, the trial judge orders the jurors to be sequestered for the remainder of the trial. What Quaid does in the movie is an instance of an unpardonable juror mishappening, which is concededly entertaining to the viewing audience and, unlike Hollywood’s indulgence in forensic science, true to life.

As proof, witness the trial of Bruce Lasley in Alabama on two counts of attempted murder.

Lasley was charged in 1983 with causing two-year-old and three-year-old boys to suffer “immersion burns” from scalding water in a bathtub where he had placed them.

Lasley, a live-in boyfriend of the injured children’s mother, had been in charge of the boys while their mother was at the hospital experiencing birth pains. The boys had undergone burns which flayed the skin from their legs up to their thighs. They were also said to have been severely malnourished when hospitalized for treatment of their burns.

Lasley gave three divergent accounts of the cause of the injuries to the boys over whom he had a caretaker’s responsibility at the time of their being burned by hot and even scalding water. His principal excuse was that the boys had themselves turned on the water, probably the shower, when he was momentarily absent from the bathroom where he had placed them in the tub. In other words he did
not intentionally cause them injury by holding them under the fiery water as the prosecution alleged.

At the trial there was a mini battle of the experts. A pediatric surgeon, Dr. Max Ramenofsky, testified in support of the prosecution giving evidence that the boys did not suffer “splash burns” as he would have expected if it was, as Lasley said, the hot water from the shower which had precipitated their injuries. He was also skeptical of the boys having caused their own suffering in the absence of Lasley because “the children had made no effort to get out of water hot enough to burn them.” Their failure to do so was, to Dr. Ramenofsky, “quite inconsistent” with the general position of those knowledgeable in pediatric trauma.

For the defense Dr. Leroy Riddick testified that he was “highly suspicious of child abuse” having been the causative factor in the burns sustained by the boys. But Dr. Riddick had been hobbled by the failure of the local Police Department to provide him with “information on the tub, contents, depth of water and other (relevant) data” as requested by him.

To iron out the dispute in the medical testimony and to verify the accuracy of Lasley’s alibi claim three of the trial jurors conducted experiments in their own home bathtubs during the two and a half days of the jury’s deliberations. All the experiments were designed to test the “heat intensity of tap water” in order to ascertain whether the children could have turned on the water themselves and remained in the tub while being scalded.

The most careful and thoroughgoing of the experiments of the three jurors was that of the foreperson, juror Plank. She recorded her calculations and findings which involved filling her empty tub with only hot water from the faucet. She noted the water levels at different times and the temperature of the water at each level.

Plank then compared her own documented findings with those from the “burn chart data” relied upon by Dr. Ramenofsky. Plank explained that her concern and that of her fellow jurors was “whether water could heat up fast enough if the child turned it (the faucet) on.” The upshot of her experiment was to persuade her “that (Lasley’s) version of the facts was plausible.” But Lasley was convicted of a lesser included offense in spite of Plank’s uncertainty of his guilt because “she could not convince the remaining jurors and therefore based her verdict on the evidence presented at trial.”

On Lasley’s appeal in which he maintained that the jurors’ misconduct should justify his obtaining a reversal of his conviction, the Alabama reviewing court stated quite emphatically, without a hint of susurration on this issue, that “error did occur when the jurors conducted home experiments to test the heat intensity of common tap water.” The error lay in the jurors playing at being experts by seeking evidence beyond that which had been presented at the trial in order to eke out the most reliable of the versions stated by the experts at the trial. That action was patently at odds with their recognized obligations as the judges of the facts.

But the jurors’ mishappenings were of no solace to Lasley because, as it was with New Jersey’s Rose Chavarria, the misconduct appeared “to have been beneficial to (Lasley’s) position at trial.” Thus without showing prejudice to him Lasley could not and did not prevail on his appeal. (Lasley v. State, 505 So. 2d 1257 (Ala.Ct.Cr.App. 1986)).

The Alabama jurors on the attempted murder trial of Bruce Lasley had sought to upstage the experts who presented their evidence at the trial by experiments conducted dehors the courtroom. It is not, however, only such revisitations of the trial evidence that are abhorrent to the jury’s function as impartial arbiters of the facts. Whether the new and untested evidence is discovered by out of the courtroom jury activities or those during their deliberations, the accused is deprived of the opportunity to respond to such evidence, unseen and unknown to him/her, in contravention of the protection of the right of confrontation enshrined in the U.S. Constitution’s Sixth Amendment.

Probably a more glaring illustration of a jury’s mishapening in challenging an expert’s trial testimony would be hard to come by than that encountered in the report of the decision of the Federal Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Miller v. Harvey, 566 F. 2d 879 (4th Cir. 1977).

The experiment conducted in the jury room during their deliberations on this South Carolina trial for rape can quite expressively and correctly be stated in one word and that word is “ouch.” Judge Winter, however, defined the experiment in less plebian terms in his dissenting opinion in Miller v. Harvey, where he described it as “a bizarre and painful experiment.”

At the trial, the alleged victim claimed in her testimony that “she had bitten her assailant on the arm during the attack.” Miller had been apprehended shortly after the attack and pictures had been taken of marks found on his arm. According to Miller, the marks on his arm were caused by “the rough edge of a chain link fence” into which he had fallen quite accidentally and quite unrelated to the rape charged to him.

An expert for the prosecution, not identified by the Federal court by name or scientific discipline, said the marks photographed on the arm of Miller were those of “human teeth.” The expert also opined that the marks were not of a type that would have been caused by “the rough edge of a chain link fence” as Miller had asserted.

The Federal reviewing court stated that Miller tendered “no evidence to corroborate his explanation” which would counter that of the prosecution’s expert. But for some reason not articulated in this opinion, was wary of relying on the prosecution expert’s trial testimony. So they conducted an experiment of their own. In short, they decided to find the true facts through the expertise gleaned from an experiment crafted by them and by them alone.

The sum of the experiment, if the perspicacious reader has not already guessed it, was for a female juror to bite the arm of the foreperson of the jury. Thus the justification for my characterizing it as an “ouch” experiment.
Furthermore, the jurors then dilly-dallied a number of hours watching the development and the coloration of the bruises on the foreperson’s arm. After which, the jury, apparently having satisfied itself as to the credibility of the evidence given by the prosecution’s expert, returned a verdict in the Alabama state court convicting Miller of rape.

In its decision on Miller’s petition for release on Federal habeas corpus, the Federal court looked only at whether Miller had been deprived of due process of law. Even though the two judge majority of the Federal court did “not approve the experiment supposedly conducted by the jury,” it was still insufficient on its own to warrant a conclusion that Miller’s due process rights had been compromised. Why? Because the experiment did not introduce “into the jury’s deliberations new matter so prejudicial as to deny Miller due process of law.” That conclusion was more in the nature of an ipse dixit than a finding derived by explicative legal reasoning.

As has been described above, a jury may commit a mishappening by its posturing as an expert due to its investigations out of court or by its experiments in the jury room. Both are strictly verboten and both occurred in the celebrated Hollywood flick Twelve Angry Men.

Most of what we know about the evidence adduced at this New York-sited murder trial of a young Puerto Rican boy who was charged with patricide in killing his father with a switchblade knife recently purchased by the accused we learn only during the post-trial jury deliberations. From those gleanings we see a veritable mountain of evidence of the youth’s guilt and nothing to support his innocence until jurymen Henry Fonda takes the tiller.

A woman living nearby says she saw the defendant do the dastardly deed. From the evidence it appears that the accused and his father were longterm battering rams for each other, with the son getting the worst of the battering, giving him a motive to kill his “old man.” A resident in a downstairs apartment claims to have heard the defendant say “I’ll kill you,” followed by a thud on the floor as of a body falling. When the downstairs neighbor opened his door to inquire into the matter he saw the defendant beating a hasty retreat from the apartment building. And the murder weapon was a switchblade knife like the one recently purchased by the defendant and identified by the retailer as of a very distinctively unique kind.

It was an open and shut case of guilt based on a pyramid of circumstantial evidence. But Henry Fonda had his doubts.

And he put his skepticism in action both by his persuasive and probing reasoning in the jury room and by his out of the jury room conduct. To show that the switchblade knife was not so singular in design or make as claimed he purchased a simulacrum of just such a knife at a local pawn shop. To demonstrate the importance of his purchase he plunged the action end of the knife into the table top around which the jury had been deliberating and without prior notice or warning to his alarmed and surprised fellow jurymen (an all male jury composed of eleven whites and one possible Hispanic).

Fonda’s histrionics, resulting from his seeking new evidence to contradict the prosecution’s trial evidence, swayed a number of the jurors staunchly in favor of conviction, particular the logical and dispassionate E.G Marshall. But it was left to Jack Klugman, a/k/a Quincy, to turn the tide in favor of an acquittal.

Klugman who claimed to have “lived in a slum all (his) life,” brings to bear his own personal acquaintance with the use of a switchblade knife to contradict the prosecution’s inferring from the directionality of the wound track left by the switchblade knife in the body of the boy’s deceased father that the boy was the killer. The wound track, according to the recalled medical testimony, was from superior to inferior (from the upper part of the chest downward).

Klugman demonstrates with the knife brought surreptitiously (not something that should happen today in the 9/11 security conscious world) into the jury room by Fonda that the accused, being a person of the street like himself, would only use the knife after clicking the blade open and thrusting it upward into the body of his adversary. Thus the medical finding of the directionality of the wound track and Klugman’s avowed street knowledge of the most effective use of the knife are in counterpoise to the prosecution’s case against the Puerto Rican youth.

All ends well when the holdouts relent and the jury returns a unanimous verdict of not guilty. But the conduct of Henry Fonda and of Jack Klugman in bringing new evidence into the secrecy of the jury room which gives the jury the occasion to oust the prosecution’s case offered at a public trial where pros and cons can see the light of day constitutes a mishappening of a magnitude hopefully only seen in the eyes of Hollywood’s producers. But the number and the frequency of legal opinions concerning the mishappenings of jurors who feel themselves qualified as investigators or as scientific and non-scientific experts belie that confident assertion.

The script for Twelve Angry Men makes another point which may be implicit rather than self-evident. Whereas an accused’s right to confront his accusers is a bulwark against the jury’s adopting the role of experts on their own, still what legal, even constitutional, protection exists for the prosecution since the right of confrontation, like so many of the other rights contained in the various amendments to the U.S. Constitution, shields the accused and the accused alone, without regard to the disability ocasioned to the prosecution. In a case such as Twelve Angry Men the prosecution may bemoan its fate, may take to the Guinness but may not seek to overturn the jury’s verdict of acquittal.

That too may be seen as a mishappening – one which is all but irreparable save by reminding jurors of their solemn duty and not to stray afield from it on pain of ________ (I leave it to you, staunch reader, to fill in the blank).
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Jan S. Bashinski, MCrIm, Fellow of the Criminalistics Section, September 2004.
Arthur Conners, BS, Retired Fellow of the Criminalistics Section, August 2004.
Donald J. Myronuk, PhD, PE, PI, Fellow of the Engineering Sciences Section, September 2004.
Barbara Spence-O’Donnell, BSN, Associate Member of the General Section, unknown.
As I approach the end of my term of service to the YFSF, I look back and see how my focus in the forensic sciences has changed from getting into the field, advanced education, and networking with professionals. Now my shift has changed to the improvement of forensic sciences, both with funding and keeping abreast with new technologies and research.

I received an email from the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations regarding asking your Congressman and Senator to keep the Senate's mark of $20 million funding for the Paul Coverdell Act. I urge all of you to do the same.

"Coverdell grants are intended to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services, including services provided by laboratories operated by States and those operated by units of local government." (from US Dept. of Justice Grant Announcement Fiscal Year 2004).

This election year is promoting a very "vote conscious" young America with vote campaigns such as "Rock the Vote" and Citizen Change's "Vote or Die," and MTV's "Choose or Lose." I urge you not only to vote this year, but to also call your Congressman and Senator and urge him/her to vote for the continued improvement and funding of the Forensic Sciences. Call CFSO lobbyist Beth Lavach at (703) 622-8752 for more information.

I was sitting in my doctor's office reading an article from New York magazine, written by one of our medical examiner's, Jonathan Hayes. It was about the television show CSI: New York, and how it "works not so much as forensic science, but as forensic science fiction." Our very own YFSF President, Claire Shepard, is quoted in this article for her essay regarding CSI in the YFSF Newsletter, from January 2001! Claire's focus on the show was "Where is the reality in this show?". Kudos to Claire on receiving recognition and to Dr. Hayes for a well written article and for being an avid reader of the YFSF Newsletter!

The article may be found in the September 27, 2004 issue of New York, pages 36-39.

With the AAFS annual meeting less than four months away, I hope you are all getting excited for your trip to "The Big Easy!" This year's YFSF Breakfast Session will be a double feature — a case presentation, followed by a resumé critique and question/answer discussion.

The morning will kick-off bright and early with food, drinks, and some brief YFSF business. Adam Becnel of the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab will then present a combination of interesting cases he has worked on as a forensic scientist in the Physical Evidence Unit. We will then move in to the resumé review discussion. I encourage you all to bring your resumés for submittal at the YFSF Special Session. Your resumés will then be reviewed and critiqued by several lab directors. The resumés will be returned to you at the breakfast session, and the reviewers will be available to field questions about your resumé, job hunting, and the forensic science field.

I look forward to spending an interesting and informative morning with you all in New Orleans!

— Amanda Frohwein, BS

Still interested in giving a presentation? Good! We still have room for young forensic scientists to give a presentation on any forensic topic ranging from what they do in the laboratory, to forensic science research, to advice on how to get that first forensic job. If you are a student, someone new to the field, or have been in the field for less than five years, please consider giving a presentation. We currently have presenters from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office, Florida International University, and West Virginia University. If you are interested in giving a presentation please send an email to jeannette.perr@fiu.edu. The YFSF BYOS is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and to learn something new at the same time. If you won't be able to give a presentation, please still plan to attend and participate in the event!

— Sheila Estacio Dennis, MS
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Register for the YFSF Special Session!

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

Everything for the 2005 Young Forensic Scientists Forum Special Session has been finalized. All we are waiting on now is YOU! We hope to see some new faces at this year's session, and look forward to seeing some old ones as well. "Forensic Science Outside the Box" is shaping up to be one of the best YFSF Special Sessions to date. We're busy putting on the finishing touches. However, there are still a few surprises that are in the works.

Here's a breakdown of what we have planned. We've assembled eleven speakers from perhaps the most diverse and interesting backgrounds in forensic science today. A presentation that is a must see of the academic session will be given by Vahid Majidi, the Chief Science Advisor for the United States Department of Justice, who will be discussing the role of science and technology in Homeland Security. Also, at the end of the academic session there will be a panel discussion, entitled "Forensic Science in Louisiana," that you won't want to miss.

Back by popular demand this year will be the 2nd Annual YFSF Poster Session social, which is being held on Tuesday night after the Special Session. Hope to see you in New Orleans!

— Allison Curran, BS
YFSF Programming Chair

Participate in the YFSF Poster Session!

Tuesday, February 22, 2005
6:30-8:00 pm (Tentative)

• Undergraduate/Graduate Students, Emerging Forensic Scientists, and Veterans to the field are welcome
• Introduce your ideas in a comfortable and educational environment
• Present your undergraduate/graduate research or papers
• Share unique or educational cases encountered in the field
• YFSF Poster Session to follow the Annual YFSF Meeting at the AAFS Meeting February 2005, in New Orleans
• All relevant subjects from all forensic disciplines are welcome: DNA/Serology, Forensic Anthropology, Forensic Pathology/Medicine, Forensic Investigation, Forensic Computer Science, Odontology, Case Studies, Forensic Nursing, Forensic Psychiatry/Psychology and the Law, etc.
• Already presenting in another AAFS Session? Present your poster for the YFSF!

Contact Marrah E. Lachowicz BA, MFS, GCCP, to participate or for more information:
Gradpath@aol.com

— Allison Curran, BS
YFSF Programming Chair
NOVEMBER 2004

15-19
Basic Forensic Pathology Course—Presented by the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. To be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Rockville, MD.

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www.afip.org/departments/edu/upcoming.htm

15-19
Shooting Incident Reconstruction/Officer-Involved Shootings Course—To be held at the Mansfield Police Department in Mansfield, TX (Dallas-Forth Worth Metro).

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17-18
Property and Evidence Room Management Training Course—To be held the Midland County Sheriff’s Office in Midland, TX.

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400 S. Main
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(432) 688-1007 Fax: (432) 688-8917

17-20
Fourth Annual TWGFEX Symposium on Fire and Explosion Debris Analysis and Scene Investigation: Objectivity - Avoiding Bias—To be held at the Hawthorn Suites at the Orlando International Airport in Orlando, FL.

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PO Box 162367
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29-Dec. 2
Basic Crime Scene Investigation Workshop—To be held the Midland County Sheriff’s Office in Midland, TX.

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29-Dec 3
Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop—To be held at the Metropolitan Police Institute in Miami, FL.

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Forensic Digital Photography—To be held at the Best Western Grosvenor Hotel in San Francisco, CA.

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2-5
2004 Winter Meeting of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry—To be held at the Wyndham City Center in Washington, DC.

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5-10
Robert F. Borkenstein Course on Alcohol and Highway Safety: Testing, Research and Litigation—To be held at Indiana University, Center for Studies of Law In Action, in Bloomington, IN.

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10-14
The Analysis and Reconstruction of Crimes of Violence—To be held at the St. Louis County Municipal Police Academy in St. Louis, MO.

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24-28
Medicolegal Death Investigator Training Course—Sponsored by the Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Division of Forensic Pathology. To be held in St. Louis, MO.

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28-Feb. 1
American Society for Mass Spectrometry
17th Sanibel Conference on Mass Spectrometry - Mass Spectrometry in Forensic Science and Counterterrorism—To be held at the Sundial Resort in Sanibel Island, FL.

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9th Annual Conference and Workshops of the Biofeedback Foundation of Europe—To be held at the Provinicale Hogeschool Limburg in Hasselt, Belgium.

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4-6
The American College of Legal Medicine 45th Conference on Legal Medicine—To be held in San Diego, CA.

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Sexual Assault Response Team Training Program—To be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bethesda, MD.

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Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
Washington, DC 20306-6000
(202) 782-2637
sutton@afip.osd.mil
http://www.afip.org/Departments/edu/upcoming.htm

11-13
Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the UTHSCSA Dental School in San Antonio, TX.

CONTACT: Betty Pat. Gatilff
SKULPture Lab
1026 Leslie Lane
Norman, OK 73069
(405) 321-8706
The Sixth International Conference on Forensic Statistics—To be held at The Center for the Study of Law, Science, and Technology at the Arizona State University College of Law in Tempe, AZ.

CONTACT: Andrew (Sandy) Askland, PhD
Center for Law, Science, & Technology
Arizona State University
College of Law
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PO Box 877906
Tempe, AZ 85287-7906
(480) 965-6606 Fax: (480) 965-2427
sandy.askland@asu.edu
http://icfs.law.asu.edu/

21-25
41st Annual Forensic Dental Identification and Emerging Technologies Conference—To be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bethesda, MD.

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APRIL 2005
4-8
Detection, Recovery and Examination of Footwear Impression Evidence Course—To be held at the Ramada Inn in Jacksonville, FL.

CONTACT: Bill Bodziak
1281 Cunningham Creek Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32259
(904) 287-8860 Fax: (904) 287-8861
wbodziak@bellsouth.net
www.bodziak.com

18-22
Shooting Incident Reconstruction/Officer-Involved Shootings—To be held at The Northwestern University Center for Public Safety in Evanston, IL.

CONTACT: Pete Van Dyke
(847) 491-5476
nucps@northwestern.edu

22-26
Medicolegal Death Investigator Training Course—Sponsored by the 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 South Grand Blvd., R512
St. Louis, MO 63104
(314) 268-5970 Fax: (314) 268-5695
howej@slu.edu
http://medschool.slu.edu/masters

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES
National & international meetings of interest to forensic scientists are included as space permits.

JUNE 2005
16-17
SEAK, Inc. 14th Annual National Expert Witness Seminar—To be held in Cape Cod, MA.

CONTACT: Alex Babitsky
SEAK, Inc.
(508) 548-7023
alex@seak.com
www.seak.com

29-July 2
The 15th European Conference on Psychology and Law—New Horizons for Psychology and Law—To be held at Le Meridien Villon Resort & Convention Centre in Vilnius, Lithuania.

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JULY 2005
5-7
Second International Fire & Arson Investigation Conference—To be held at the University of Teesside in Middlesbrough, United Kingdom.

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School of Science & Technology
University of Teesside
Middlesbrough
Tees Valley TS1 3BA
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www.fireandarson.org

25-29
Masters 11 Conference for Advanced Death Investigation—Sponsored by the Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Division of Forensic Pathology. To be held in St. Louis, MO.

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AUGUST 2005
21-26
17th Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences—To be held at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Center in Hong Kong, China.

CONTACT: IAFS 2005 Hong Kong Conference Secretariat
c/o International Conference Consultants, Ltd.
Units 501-3, 5th Floor
Far East Consortium Building
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+(852) 2559 9973
Fax: +(852) 2547 9528
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www.iafs2005.com
FORENSIC CHEMIST
(ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR)
The Chemistry Department at Towson University is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Chemist (Assistant/Associate Professor). Qualifications include a PhD in chemistry or closely related field; post-doctoral experience desirable. Requisite number of years teaching and level of scholarship/research required for consideration for the rank of associate professor. The incumbent is expected to establish externally funded undergraduate program with teaching responsibilities in forensic chemistry and related courses. New DNA amplification/analysis and FTIR microscope facilities available. Submit resume, statement of teaching philosophy, description of research interests, photocopies of undergraduate/graduate transcripts and arrange to have three letters of reference sent.

CONTACT: Dr. David Larkin
Search # CSM-N-1811B
Chemistry Department
Towson University
Towson, MD 21252
(410) 704-3052
Fax: (410) 704-2605
dlarkin@towson.edu

FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST
The Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner's Office is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Pathologist. The Sheriff-Coroner Bureau recently moved into two new state of the art facilities, in the cities of Perris and Indio. The main office in Perris is located 60 miles east of Los Angeles, 45 miles northeast of the beach cities of neighboring Orange County, and 90 miles north of San Diego. The Sheriff-Coroner Forensic Center East in Indio serves the eastern portions of the county including the desert cities of Palm Springs, Palm Desert, La Quinta, and Indian Wells. The progressive management team is looking for an enthusiastic pathologist to participate in the development of a nationally recognized program in pathology. Applicants must be board eligible or board certified to be considered for employment.

CONTACT: Joseph I. Cohen, MD
Chief Forensic Pathologist
Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner 800 South Redlands Blvd.
Perris, CA 92570
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jicohen@rc-lawnet.org

ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE/FULL PROFESSOR
(FORENSIC ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY)
The Department of Chemistry, California State University-Fresno, is seeking a candidate with an earned doctorate (PhD) in analytical chemistry or a closely related field with experience in analytical separations and forensic science, with a commitment to and a potential for excellence in teaching and research. The appointment will be at the assistant, associate or full professor level depending on the qualifications of the candidate. Responsibilities will include teaching courses in analytical chemistry and forensic science at the undergraduate and graduate (MS) levels as well as general chemistry courses, demonstrating scholarly productivity, developing a funded research program, and helping develop and lead new programs in forensic chemistry with the new California State Department of Justice Crime Laboratory located on campus, other academic department and other universities. For further information, visit www.csufresno.edu/Chemistry/search.


CONTACT: Dr. Howard K. Ono
Search Committee Chair
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California State University, Fresno
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CRIMINALIST I, II
The Miami-Dade Police Department, Crime Laboratory, is seeking applicants for the position of Criminalist I, II. Qualifications include a BS in chemistry, biology, forensic science, or related field. Must pass a background check, polygraph test, and drug testing. The lab is looking for entry and experience personnel in Analytical DNA and Firearms/Tool Mark. Laboratory experience is an advantage. Responsibilities include the analysis of controlled substances, biological evidence (DNA), firearms, tool marks examination, court testimony, report writing, and independent case analysis. Salary: $40,000 - $45,000/ annually. Submit resume, copies of transcripts, and diploma.

CONTACT: Miguel Palmer
9105 NW 25 Street, Room 2154
Miami, FL 33172
(305) 471-3015
Fax: (305) 471-2052
mpalmer@mdpd.com

DNA TECHNICAL MANAGER
The Harris County Medical Examiner's Office is seeking applicants for the position of DNA Technical Manager. Qualifications include a graduate degree in biology, chemistry, forensic science, or a related area; OR, a waiver from the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors or other organizations designated by the Director of the FBI. A minimum of 12 semester or equivalent credit hours must be completed successfully that address the general subject areas of biochemistry, genetics and molecular biology, as well as statistics and/or population genetics. Preferred skills include knowledge of forensic DNA principles, laboratory techniques and technology and Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Short Tandem Repeat (STR) analysis and capillary electrophoresis methods; knowledge of basic human anatomy, physiology and forensic serology; knowledge of biological evidence collection/preservation techniques and rules of evidence; the ability to manage the operations of a forensic DNA laboratory to include personnel related issues, budget, quality assurance/quality control and basic laboratory safety; and, computer literacy in the use of Microsoft Office applications and familiarity the database applications such as: Justice Trax LIMS and CODIS. ABC (American Board of Criminalistics) certification preferred. The successful candidate must have five years of DNA casework experience using recent technology. Three years of forensic DNA laboratory experience at a facility(ies) where forensic DNA testing was performed for the identification and evaluation of biological evidence in criminal matters using evidence screening, DNA extractions quantification, PCR amplification of STR fragments and ABI 310 Genetic Analyzer and/or ABI 310 0 Analyzer is preferred. Prior supervisory/management experience is also preferred. The incumbent reports to the Crime Laboratory Director; conducts laboratory examination and analyses of specimens submitted by forensic pathologists and law enforcement officers requiring depth of experience; prioritizes cases for analysis and assigns work daily to other DNA analysts; manages and supervises the DNA Lab, the lab's budget and hires replacement staff; manages existing grants and seeks new grants; suggests changes to testing protocols based on experience and participation in ASCLD/LAB review visit; once approved, trains other
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

DNA LABORATORY ANALYST III
The Harris County Medical Examiner's Office is seeking applicants for the position of DNA Laboratory Analyst III. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree in biology, chemistry, forensic science, or related field. Completed course work must include biochemistry, molecular biology, and genetics along with course work or training that covers the subject area of statistics and/or population genetics. Must have one year of experience performing casework in a forensic laboratory using the following techniques: evidence screening, DNA extraction, quantification, PCR amplification of STR fragments, and ABI 310 Genetic Analyzer and/or ABI 3100 Genetic Analyzer. ABC certification preferred. Responsibilities include performing scientific examinations and analyses of biological evidence collected in connection with death and criminal investigations; testing and screening for the presence of biological fluids and DNA analysis using PCR/STR based methods; presenting findings in a technical report and subsequently, verbally in a court of law through expert witness testimony; following all established protocols and procedures; and performing other duties assigned by the direct supervisor and/or the Technical Manager. Complete transcripts are required with application. Salary: $36,999 - $59,892/annually. Apply to Announcement Number: 9993-P.

CONTACT: Harris County Human Resources
1310 Prairie, Suite 240
Houston, Texas 77054
(713) 796-6830

FORENSIC CHEMIST III
The Harris County Medical Examiner's Office is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Chemist III. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree in forensic science or chemistry and a minimum of two years of on-the-job experience in the operation and maintenance of GC, GC/MS, LCMS, UV, and FTIR experience is preferred, but not required. Responsibilities include carrying out laboratory examinations and analysis of exhibits submitted by medical examiners and law enforcement agencies and presenting the findings as a technical report and subsequently verbally in court as an expert witness; following all protocol, method manuals, safety and quality assurance or quality control procedures; maintaining a safe and orderly work area; responding to proficiency testing as required, and performing other related duties as assigned by the immediate supervisor and/or the Chief Toxicologist. Salary: $39,999 - $63,144/annually.

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TOXICOLOGIST III
The Harris County Medical Examiner’s Office is seeking applicants for the position of Toxicologist III. Qualifications include a bachelor’s degree in science and two years of paid experience in solid phase and/or liquid/liquid extractions from biological matrices and preparation of standard curve and quality control specimens. One year of experience must be with a forensic or clinical laboratory. Must have experience in chromatographic techniques and instrument data systems. A master’s degree in science will substitute for one year of the required experience. Responsibilities include carrying out laboratory examinations and analysis of exhibits submitted by medical examiners and law enforcement agencies; serving as an expert witness representing technical report findings; following all protocols, including Harris County Personnel Regulations, “Medical Examiner’s Policies”, method manuals, safety and QA/QC procedures; maintaining a safe and orderly work area; responding to proficiency testing as required; and performing related duties as assigned by the Toxicologist and/or Laboratory Director. Salary: $36,999 - $80,848/annually. Apply to Announcement Number: 9988-P.

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DNA RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS
The Bode Technology Group is seeking applicants to perform DNA Research and Analysis. Qualifications include a bachelor’s degree in molecular biology or similar natural science; proof of completion of molecular biology, genetics, statistics, biochemistry; official university transcripts; and U.S. citizenship required. Genotyper and/or ABI3100 experience preferred. Responsibilities include research development and high throughput forensic casework. Job includes DNA research and identification. Salary: $36,000/annually.

CONTACT: Linda Farr
Director of Human Resources
The Bode Technology Group
7364 Steel Mill Drive
Springfield, VA 22150
(703) 644-1200
Fax: (703) 644-2311
lisa.farr@choicepoint.com
www.bodetech.com

DNA ANALYST - HIGH THROUGHPUT CASE WORK
The Bode Technology Group is seeking applicants for the position of DNA Analyst. Qualifications include a bachelor’s degree in biology or a related natural science, including completion of molecular biology, statistics, biochemistry, and genetics coursework. Entry level and positions for experienced analysts are available. Responsibilities include DNA identification and the analysis of casework in a high throughput laboratory.

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FORENSIC TOXICOLOGIST
The Charlotte County Medical Examiner’s Office is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Toxicologist. Qualifications include a BS or MS degree in forensic toxicology and a minimum of two years experience in operation and troubleshooting of GC, GC-MS, HPLC, UV-VIS, Spectrophotometer and ETS-Plus (immunoassay). Court testimony experience desirable.

CONTACT: Paula Alexander
Director of Operations
Charlotte County ME Office
18130 Paulson Drive
Port Charlotte, FL 33954
(941) 625-1111
Fax: (941) 627-0995

CRIMINALIST II (DNA Specialist)
The Broward County (FL) Sheriff’s Office is seeking applicants for the position of Criminalist II (DNA Specialist). Qualifications include a bachelor’s degree in the natural or physical sciences (master’s degree is preferred), and two years experience in DNA analysis. ABI 310, 3100, or 377 also preferred. Such experience must be clearly documented for consideration. Under general supervision, the purpose of the position is to prepare and analyze chemical and evidentiary samples in criminal identification and investigations in the Crime Laboratory of the Sheriff’s Office. Employees assigned to this position perform duties including but not limited to the examination of firearms for operability, comparison of fired projectiles and cartridge cases, firearm component examinations, gunshot residue analysis of clothing associated with firearms cases, shotgun dispersion determinations, tool mark examination and comparison, serial number restorations, operation of the NIBIN/IBIS system. Position is responsible for the formal reporting of and testifying to the findings of such analysis. Salary: $49,633 - $80,848/annually.

CONTACT: Broward County Sheriff’s Office
Human Resources Bureau
2601 West Broward Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
(888) 276-7827
www.sheriff.org

CRIMINALIST III
(Firearms and Tool Mark Examiner)
The Broward County (FL) Sheriff’s Office is seeking applicants for the position of Criminalist III (Firearms and Tool Mark Examiner). Qualifications include a bachelor’s degree in the natural or physical sciences (master’s degree is preferred); three years progressively skilled experience in firearms and tool mark examination; certification by the Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners (AFTEx) in Firearm Evidence Examination and Identification or the American Board of Criminalists; and court qualified in firearm/tool mark identification and gunshot residue analysis. Under general supervision, the purpose of the position is to prepare and analyze evidentiary samples in criminal identification and investigations in the Crime Laboratory of the Sheriff’s Office. Employees assigned to this position perform duties including but not limited to the examination of firearms for operability, comparison of fired projectiles and cartridge cases, firearm component examinations, gunshot residue analysis of clothing associated with firearms cases, shotgun dispersion determinations, tool mark examination and comparison, serial number restorations, operation of the NIBIN/IBIS system. Position is responsible for the formal reporting of and testifying to the findings of such analysis. Salary: $45,040 – $74,068/annually.

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FORENSIC BIOLOGIST I
The Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Crime Laboratory, is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Biologist I. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in biology, chemistry, forensic science, or a directly related field, and a minimum of two years experience in a lab environment, with a minimum of six months of forensic DNA lab experience. Salary: $30,738 - $38,422 annually. Application deadline: December 31, 2004.

CONTACT: Natalie Holms
Human Resources Director
PO Box 958
Jackson, MS 39205-0958
(601) 987-1264
Fax: (601) 987-1216
personnel@mdps.state.ms.us

FORENSIC BIOLOGIST II
The Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Crime Laboratory, is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Biologist II. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in biology, chemistry, forensic science, or a directly related field, and a minimum of four years experience in a lab environment, with a minimum of six months of forensic DNA lab experience. Salary: $35,622 - $44,527 annually. Application deadline: December 31, 2004.

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FORENSIC BIOLOGIST III
The Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Crime Laboratory, is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Biologist III. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in biology, chemistry, forensic science, or a directly related field, and a minimum of six years experience in a lab environment, with a minimum of six months of forensic DNA lab experience. Salary: $40,652 - $50,815 annually. Application deadline: December 31, 2004.

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FORENSIC BIOLOGIST IV
The Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Crime Laboratory, is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Biologist IV. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in biology, chemistry, forensic science, or a directly related field, and a minimum of eight years experience in a lab environment, with a minimum of six months of forensic DNA lab experience and certification from a recognized forensic certification program. Salary: $45,744 - $57,181 annually. Application deadline: December 31, 2004.

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FORENSIC BIOLOGIST V
The Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Crime Laboratory, is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Biologist V. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in biology, chemistry, forensic science, or a directly related field, and a minimum of ten years experience in a lab environment, with a minimum of six months of forensic DNA lab experience and certification from a recognized forensic certification program. Salary: $50,733 - $63,416 annually. Application deadline: December 31, 2004.

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LATENT PRINT EXAMINER II
The City of San Diego Police Department is seeking applicants for the position of Latent Print Examiner II. Qualifications include any combination of full or part-time work which equals one year of full-time experience in the comparison and identification of latent prints. Qualifying experience must include testifying in court as an expert witness on all phases of friction ridge identification. Responsibilities include evaluating latent prints to determine quality; preparing and entering latent prints into AFIS; comparing known prints to latent prints; preparing court charts; testifying as an expert in court on all phases of latent print identification; and maintaining logs and records of examinations performed. Salary: $54,240 - $65,556 annually. Those who are I.A.I. Certified and maintain their certification will receive 5% additional salary.

CONTACT: The City of San Diego Employment Information Center
Civic Center Plaza
1200 Third Avenue, Suite 101A
San Diego, CA 92101-4107
(619) 236-6467
www.sandiego.gov/empopp

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ASSISTANT CRIME LABORATORY DIRECTOR
The Santa Clara County, District Attorney, Crime Lab, is seeking applicants for the position of Assistant Crime Laboratory Director. Qualifications include graduation from an accredited college or equivalent education with a major in criminalistics, chemistry, biochemistry, or related field, and five years of experience in the practice of general criminalistics. A master's degree may be substituted for one year of experience. Under direction, responsibilities include supervising the daily operation of the Laboratory of Criminalistics, and performing the more difficult physical and chemical analyses related to scientific crime detection in the fields of criminalistics and toxicology. Salary: $88,666 - $107,800 annually. Must submit a County application and complete supplemental questions. Go to www.sccjobs.org for complete description and necessary forms.

CONTACT: Employee Services Agency
Human Resources
Jimmye Graham, HR Analyst
1200 Third Avenue, Suite 101A
San Jose, CA 95110-4107
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TOXICOLOGY CHEMIST II
The Dallas County Human Resources Department/Civil Service is seeking applicants for the position of Toxicology Chemist II. Qualifications include education and experience equivalent to a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university in chemistry or other job related field of study; one year analytical laboratory experience; the ability to operate, maintain, troubleshoot, and/or repair specialized laboratory instrumentation; highly skilled in mathematics, chemistry, and standard laboratory techniques; knowledge of chemical/biological safe handling procedures; excellent oral and written communication skills; the ability to work well with others; and a good knowledge of computers. Works routinely in areas with potential exposure to biological and/or chemical hazards. Manual dexterity and visual acuity sufficient to accurately execute standard protocols; some moderate lifting is required. Must possess a valid Texas drivers’ license and pass a criminal background check. Responsibilities include using specialized instrumentation to determine the presence and quantity of more than 400 drugs, metabolites, poisons, and other toxic substances in biological fluids and other forensic specimen; selecting the most appropriate specimen(s) for analysis and performing the appropriate initial and follow-up analyses; ensuring the integrity of evidence using established testing protocols and compiling results of analyses into a final report for use by medical examiners in determining cause and manner of death and by law enforcement agencies in criminal proceedings. Salary: $33,636 - $40,356/annually. Refer to Requisition #: IFS04-0464.

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Dallas, Texas 75202
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www.dallascounty.org

DRUG CHEMIST II
The Dallas County Human Resources Department/Civil Service is seeking applicants for the position of Drug Chemist II. Qualifications include education and experience equivalent to a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university in chemistry or in a job related field of study; one year of additional experience in analytical laboratory experience required; the ability to operate, maintain, troubleshoot, and/or repair specialized laboratory instrumentation; degree level knowledge of mathematics and chemistry; skilled in the use of standard laboratory techniques; knowledge of chemical and biological safe handling procedures; good oral and written communication skills for lay, legal, and technical audiences; and the ability to work well with others and working knowledge of computers. Must have valid Texas driver’s license. Must pass a criminal background check. Responsibilities include applying scientific principles and using specialized instrumentation to qualitatively and quantitatively analyze materials for the presence of substances controlled by the Texas Drug Laws and the Federal Controlled Substances Act and the raw materials and precursors related to their manufacture; preparing written reports that support the analytical findings for use by the submitting agency, the courts, or other entities; testifying in legal proceedings regarding testing methods, results, validity of testing protocols, legal implications of results, and general effects of substances identified; and ensuring the integrity of evidence and using established testing protocols. Salary: $35,196 - $42,228/annually. Refer to Requisition #: IFS04-0562.

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TRACE EVIDENCE EXAMINER
The Dallas County Human Resources Department/Civil Service is seeking applicants for the position of Trace Evidence Examiner. Qualifications include education and experience equivalent to a bachelor’s degree in chemistry, physical or natural sciences with a strong chemistry background or in a job related field of study; one year of additional experience required; thorough knowledge of principles, techniques and procedures of forensic sciences sub-specialty area; ability to operate and maintain sophisticated laboratory instrumentation; skilled in the use of standard laboratory equipment; knowledge in chemical and biological safe handling procedures; understanding of established evidence handling procedures; working knowledge of personal computers and standard applications; ability to communicate effectively; ability to communicate scientific information to lay persons; ability to work cooperatively with others; and the ability to establish work priorities and work with minimal supervision. This position performs work in a laboratory environment, although crime scene search and assessment will involve a variety of environmental conditions; routinely required to work in areas with potential exposure to biological and/or chemical hazards; required to use good laboratory practices and safety precautions including the use of personal protective equipment. Must possess manual dexterity and visual acuity sufficient to accurately execute standard protocols; moderate lifting may be required; frequent and often unanticipated travel within the state of Texas is required. Must reside in or be willing to relocate to Dallas County. Responsibilities include applying scientific principles and using specialized instrumentation to perform a variety of complex, independent chemical and physical laboratory tests, analyses, classifications, comparisons, and identifications on all types of physical evidence. Salary: $36,948 - $44,352/annually. Refer to Requisition #: IFS04-0603.

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ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE/FULL PROFESSOR

The Department of Anthropology and the Study of Religion at the University of Toronto at Mississauga is seeking applicants for a tenure-stream position at the rank Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor in Forensic Anthropology or Bioarchaeology, effective July 1, 2005. Preference will be given to Forensic Anthropology candidates with consulting experience and Bioarchaeology candidates with forensic anthropology case experience. The University is looking for a scholar with a record of excellence in teaching and research, and enthusiasm for working in a large, multi-field Anthropology department. The successful candidate will take on the directorship of the Forensic Science Program, teach undergraduate courses in forensic and biological anthropology, including osteology and palaeopathology, and teach graduate courses. He/she will also be expected to lead the development of a new Master’s of Forensic Science program. The Department of Anthropology is a three-campus graduate department (St. George, Mississauga and Scarborough) and the successful candidate will be a member of the graduate Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto. The University of Toronto at Mississauga offers the opportunity to conduct research, teach, and live in one of the most cosmopolitan areas in the world. Located in the City of Mississauga on the western border of Toronto, UTM is one of three campuses of the University of Toronto. It is a research-intensive institution with an interdisciplinary commitment, a multicultural student body, and a modern and spacious campus. Extensive expansion is projected to occur at UTM over the next 10 years, bringing with it many new positions in a range of disciplines and interdisciplinary areas.

Applicants should submit a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, teaching and research portfolios, examples of a forensic case reports, and arrange for three letters of references. Application deadline: December 3, 2004.

CONTACT: Dr. Gary Crawford, Chair Department of Anthropology and the Study of Religion Univ of Toronto at Mississauga 3359 Mississauga Rd N Mississauga, Ontario L5L 1C6 CANADA

FULL-TIME TENURE TRACK POSITION

The Metropolitan State College of Denver is seeking applicants for a Full-Time Tenure Track Position in Chemistry and Criminalistics/Forensic Science beginning August 2005. Qualifications include an earned doctorate by the start of employment with evidence of a background in Criminalistics/Forensic Science and Instrumental Analysis. Strong communication skills are required. The successful candidate must be able to teach General Chemistry, Instrumental Analysis, Upper Division Courses in a Specialty and Criminalistics Courses. The ability to assist in the maintenance of analytical instrumentation and faculty in the application of computers to chemical analysis is preferred. Responsibilities include teaching 12 semester hours of undergraduate chemistry and criminalistics courses per semester; advising, working with, and being sensitive to the educational needs of students from a diverse urban population; participating in course and program development and in scholarly and professional activities; performing college and community service; and performing other duties as assigned by the Chair. Applicant must submit in advance: a letter of application relating the applicant’s expertise to the qualifications listed above; a current curriculum vitae; the names and contact information of three people who are in a position to know the applicant’s expertise and teaching effectiveness; a complete description of scholarly activities; evidence of experience in Instrumental Analysis and Forensic Science. Official transcripts will be required of finalists. Screening begins November 1, 2004.

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LAB SUPERVISOR

East Tennessee State University is seeking applicants for the position of Lab Supervisor. Qualifications include a bachelor’s degree or higher; experience in a toxicology lab; registry as a medical technologist; licensure or qualification for licensure as a supervisor with the State of Tennessee. Responsibilities include supervising and performing analyses; interpreting results; reporting data in support of clinical and forensic testing and research; and supervising all functions necessary for the daily operation of the lab. Salary: $26,840 - $31,560/annually.

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FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST/ DEPUTY CORONER

The Franklin County (OH) Coroner’s Office is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Pathologist/ Deputy Coroner. Only applicants who are board certified Anatomic Pathologists with board eligibility or certification in Forensic Pathology need apply. There are currently three Pathologists under the direction of the Chief Pathologist. The Pathology Department has a caseload of 1,000 autopsies per year and is part of a full service Coroner’s Office serving a region of over one million people. The starting salary is: $140,000/annually. The successful applicant will also receive paid vacation, continuing education reimbursement, indemnification, sick leave, retirement (PERS), and full health benefits. Individuals may apply by sending a copy of their curriculum vitae with cover letter.

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CRIMINALIST I/II - DNA ANALYSIS
The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department is seeking applicants for the position of Criminalist I/II - DNA Analysis. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in criminalistics, forensic science, chemistry, biology, or a related field. Must meet the education requirements for analyst as established in The Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories and Convicted Offender DNA Databasing Laboratories issued by the FBI Director. Responsibilities include performing a variety of scientific laboratory analyses on physical evidence in the DNA specialty area, providing scientific consultation, interpreting test results and forming conclusions, preparing reports, and testifying as an expert witness. Criminalist I Salary: $51,640/annually. Criminalist II Salary: $57,000 - $69,349/annually. Application deadline: December 29, 2004. To receive application packet, call (702) 229-3497.

DIRECTOR OF LABORATORIES
The Chemistry Department at Loyola University-New Orleans is seeking applicants for a 12 month Director of Laboratories position, beginning January 2005. Qualifications include a master's degree or PhD in chemistry or a related field. Experience in a forensic science area will be preferred. The successful candidate will be responsible for teaching one undergraduate course per semester during the academic year and will have the opportunity to participate in our growing Forensic Chemistry program. An exceptional benefits package includes tuition remission. Loyola University is a highly selective Jesuit liberal arts university with an ACS-accredited program. Applicants should send a curriculum vitae, undergraduate and graduate transcripts (photocopies are acceptable) and a list of three references. Application deadline: November 30, 2004. Application review will begin immediately and continue until a suitable candidate is identified.

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VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES OR CHEMISTRY
The Departments of Chemistry and Biological Sciences at Bowling Green State University are seeking applicants for the position of Assistant Professor beginning August 2005. Applicants are expected to teach forensic science courses to both non-science majors and science majors. The successful candidate will hold a PhD or equivalent in an area of biology or chemistry with demonstrated expertise in forensic science. Applicants must send a curriculum vitae, statement of expertise and teaching interests, and three letters of reference. Application deadline: January 28, 2005.

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ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the level of Assistant/Associate Professor in Forensic & Investigative Science starting Fall 2005. The successful candidate will be involved in an interdisciplinary BS degree program in Forensic and Investigative Science within the School of Science, maintain an externally funded research program, and develop and teach courses in forensic science at the undergraduate level. Interactions with the Indiana State Police Crime Lab and the Indianapolis-Marion County Forensic Services Agency are expected. The area of interest for this position is forensic biology with an emphasis on DNA analysis. A PhD in a biological science and evidence of research and publication are required. Experience in forensic science is preferred. Interested individuals should send a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, a statement of research and teaching interests, and three letters of recommendation. Evaluation of applications will begin November 30, 2004, and continue until the position is filled.

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FULL-TIME TENURE-TRACK FORENSIC SCIENCE POSITION
The College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University is seeking applicants for a full-time tenure-track science position to be filled by the fall semester 2005. Applicants must be capable of developing and teaching courses in the College’s master’s degree program in forensic science and are expected to actively participate in the development of the anticipated PhD program in forensic science. Candidates must have a terminal degree in chemistry, biology, toxicology, or related field; a record of scholarship in their field; and relevant operational and academic experience. Preference will also be given to applicants with a demonstrable track record of securing research funds and publication of scholarly research. Letters of interest should include a current vitae, examples of scholarship and publications, and a minimum of three references. The screening process will begin on January 3, 2005. The College of Criminal Justice is one of the oldest and largest criminal justice programs in the nation and boasts an eclectic faculty of 31 professionals with specialties in psychology, law, criminal justice, sociology, criminology, history, social work, forensic science, and education. In addition to the PhD in Criminal Justice, the College offers the MA, MS, BA, and BS degrees in criminal justice and forensic science. Applicants are expected to be dedicated teachers, productive researchers, and professionals prepared to actively engage in the diverse programs administered by the College.

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LECTURER, NON-TENURE TRACK
FORENSIC SCIENCE POSITION

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Baylor University is seeking applicants for the full-time faculty position of Lecturer. Qualifications include a master's degree in forensic science or closely related field. A diverse background with extensive field experience is highly desirable. Responsibilities include teaching undergraduate level courses with a concentration in a multitude of specialty areas. Baylor is a Baptist university affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. As an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer, Baylor encourages minorities, women, veterans, and persons with disabilities to apply. Please submit a letter of application, current curriculum transcripts, and a statement describing interests and goals in seeking this position. Applicants should arrange to have at least three recent letters of reference sent directly to the committee. Please include names, addresses, and phone numbers of three individuals you have requested letters of recommendation. Applications will be reviewed beginning November 15, 2004 and will be accepted until the position is filled. To ensure full consideration, your application must be completed by December 1, 2004.

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT POSITION

Great Lakes Labs is seeking applicants for a Research and Development position. Qualifications include a PhD in chemistry, biochemistry, toxicology, or pharmaceutical sciences. Responsibilities include assisting the laboratory technical director in revamping forensic methods utilizing instrumentation to include, but not limited to, GC, GCMS, and LCMS. Application deadline: December 15, 2004.

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