In the July issue of Academy News I filled you in on some of the events that I had been involved in since our meeting in Dallas. Since this will be my last column as your President, I thought I’d bring you up to date on what I’ve been doing since that time.

During July, I participated in the fifth Forensic Science Educational Conference, in St. Louis, MO. This conference, sponsored by the AAFS, the Saigh Foundation, and St. Louis University School of Medicine, was the second to be held in St. Louis, and included both introductory and advanced sessions. In addition to offering welcoming remarks on behalf of the Academy, I also presented a lecture on firearms examination. Many thanks are due to AAFS Past President Mary Fran Ernst, her steering committee, and all AAFS members who participated in what turned out to be yet another highly successful conference.

In August, the Executive Committee held its midyear meeting at the Hyatt Hotel in New Orleans, the site of next month’s annual meeting. Over the course of a day and a half, the Committee approved the proposed budget for 2005, received updates from various committees and had a chance to meet with hotel staff regarding the logistics for the annual meeting. A number of issues were discussed which will require action of the full Board of Directors in February; you will be receiving information about these at your annual business meetings.

Anyone who has attended one of our past meetings in New Orleans knows how much fun they can be, particularly when combined with the excellent program that our Program Committee has assembled. This year, our Saturday program includes four section sessions (one with two concurrent programs) and three breakfast seminars. In addition, I note that several sections are running concurrent sessions on Thursday and Friday. I’m looking forward to a record attendance. For those of you interested in the “nontechnical” aspects of the city, a number of tours have been planned, and the New Orleans Hornets, the city’s NBA franchise, will be playing a home game against the Seattle Super Sonics on Wednesday night,

February 23. Their stadium is actually connected to the hotel property.

During September, the AAFS sponsored a Regional Workshop at the joint meeting of the Southern Association of Forensic Scientists, the Canadian Society of Forensic Science, and the Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists held in Orlando, FL. Regional workshops such as this provide an opportunity for forensic scientists unable to attend our annual meeting to benefit in some way from our members’ collective knowledge and experience. In addition, they serve to publicize the organization and hopefully attract new members. Thanks to Program CoChair Joe Bono and to the entire workshop faculty for their work in organizing and presenting the event.

Also during September, Executive Director Anne Warren, Director of Development Jim Hurley, AAFS Fellow José Lorente, and I traveled to Santiago, Chile, and Buenos Aires, Argentina, to make the initial contacts for the upcoming AAFS sponsored trip to South America. To say that the forensic communities in these cities are passionate about their profession is an understatement. They are also very anxious to strengthen the ties between our respective groups, and are looking forward to the networking opportunities that this trip will provide. Those of you lucky enough to have secured space on the tour will be well rewarded.

The final quarter of 2004 proved to be a very busy one – in October, after a brief visit to Colorado Springs where I met with the Academy staff regarding a number of issues, Executive Director Anne Warren and I attended the INTERPOL 14th International Forensic Science Symposium in Lyon, France. This meeting, held every three years, gathers together forensic scientists and investigators from INTERPOL member nations to review advances in forensic science that have taken place since the previous meeting. Meetings such as this are very important in that they increase our international presence; all of the AAFS membership applications that we brought with us were taken by the end of the first day.

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LAST CHANCE TO PRE-REGISTER!

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

New Orleans, LA  Seattle, WA  San Antonio, TX
Two important pieces of legislation passed the U.S. Congress recently: the Justice for All Act of 2004 (DNA legislation) and the 2005 Appropriations Bill which funds Justice related programs. I am pleased to report that through the efforts of the CFSO, and especially with the assistance of our consultant, Beth Lavach, we were able to make some major progress in this year’s legislative agenda.

The DNA legislation provides for approximately $150M to be used for a wide variety of DNA related programs, including backlog elimination, capacity building, research and training. For the first time, the legislation allows funds to be used for other forensic areas provided that the applicant lab certifies that a DNA backlog has been addressed. It is uncertain at this time how this portion of the bill will be interpreted.

Of major significance is the creation of a National Forensic Science Commission. The bill states:

“The Commission shall—

(1) assess the present and future resource needs of the forensic science community;
(2) make recommendations to the Attorney General for maximizing the use of forensic technologies and techniques to solve crimes and protect the public;
(3) identify potential scientific advances that may assist law enforcement in using forensic technologies and techniques to protect the public;
(4) make recommendations to the Attorney General for programs that will increase the number of qualified forensic scientists available to work in public crime laboratories;
(5) disseminate, through the National Institute of Justice, best practices concerning the collection and analyses of forensic evidence to help ensure quality and consistency in the use of forensic technologies and techniques to solve crimes and protect the public;
(6) examine additional issues pertaining to forensic science as requested by the Attorney General;
(7) examine Federal, State, and local privacy protection statutes, regulations, and practices relating to access to, or use of, stored DNA samples or DNA analyses, to determine whether such protections are sufficient;
(8) make specific recommendations to the Attorney General, as necessary, to enhance the protections described in paragraph (7) to ensure—
   (A) the appropriate use and dissemination of DNA information;
   (B) the accuracy, security, and confidentiality of DNA information;
   (C) the timely removal and destruction of obsolete, expunged, or inaccurate DNA information; and
   (D) that any other necessary measures are taken to protect privacy; and,
(9) provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of ideas and information in furtherance of the objectives described in paragraphs (1) through (8).”

The Appropriations language also contains some further good news for us. Coverdell funds were increased by 50% over last year to $15M. The Consortium worked for many hours with staffers on the Senate Appropriations Committee who recognized that our needs were legitimate and helped us to achieve this increased amount. We appreciate that assistance.

During the last year, we have worked cooperatively with the National Institute of Justice, and its Director, Sarah Hart, who plays a critical role in our efforts. Recently the International Association of Chiefs of Police created a forensic science committee co-chaired by Ann Talbot (Criminalistics). The IACP recognizes the importance forensic science plays in criminal investigations. Earlier I described the efforts of the American Bar Association concerning forensic science. It is encouraging to recognize that many of the forensic science stakeholders have recognized our importance to the justice system. And we have representatives from the entertainment industries who have also helped us out.

Working together with Congress, the Administration, other professional associations, and the media, we can help to advance the use of science, medicine and technology to further improve the quality of justice. I expect that the Forensic Science Commission will also make a lasting impact on the future of the forensic sciences and aid in developing sound forensic science public policy in the criminal justice system.
November saw another Forensic Science Educational Conference, our sixth, this time in Baton Rouge, LA, on the campus of Louisiana State University. AAFS Fellows Bob Barsley and Mary Manhein served as Program Chairs for the event, which was attended by over 110 high school and middle-school teachers from across the country. I’d like to thank LSU, Court TV, Bob and Mary for putting together another highly successful conference.

My final activity of the year came in December, when I was invited to represent the Academy at the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Program (ISPAC) International Conference on Organized Crime and Humanitarian Disasters. The purpose of the conference was to gain knowledge of the phenomenon of how organized crime can play a part in humanitarian disasters – both in natural catastrophes and in man-made disasters. I attended the conference as a guest of the Courmayeur Foundation, as did Past President Ken Melson last year. Once again, our presence at conferences such as this is an indication of our growing role in the international arena.

All in all, I’ve spent a very active and busy year as your President. In the column you’re reading now and the one that you read in the July issue, I’ve given you a brief look at some of the major activities that I’ve been involved in. What I haven’t reported to you is the day to day involvement that I’ve had in the organization, and I’d like to leave you with a couple of personal thoughts about being President of this organization. To paraphrase President Bush, it’s hard being President. You spend a great deal of time serving in various capacities, working toward becoming President (in my case, 24 years), and then before you know it, your year is over. During the year, I had the opportunity to interact with the wonderful staff in Colorado Springs on a daily basis; those interactions only confirmed what I had already discovered – that the continued success of this organization is due to the drive and dedication of each of those individuals. Anything that I needed to accomplish my tasks as President was quickly provided; they made sure that my deadlines were met, and in general kept me on the right path. Each of them works very hard to ensure that the Academy continues to prosper and grow. It has been a privilege to be able to work with them this year, and I want to thank them for all of their help. I’d also like to thank my boss AAFS Fellow Dr. Nizam Peerwani, Chief Medical Examiner of Tarrant County, TX, as well as my staff at the Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s Crime Laboratory for their patience and indulgence during this year.

It has also been a privilege and honor to serve as your President this year. During the year, I have attempted to broaden our international presence and our educational initiatives, and to explore new sources of revenue for the Academy in order to offer more to the membership without increasing our dues burden. You’ll be hearing more about the latter at the meeting in New Orleans.

I look forward to seeing all of you in February. As you can see from the Advance Program, this promises to be one of our best meetings ever.

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 American’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.
On-Site Evaluations for the five institutions selected for Round Two Accreditation by the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) took place in October. The following programs and institutions are under review for the 2004 Accreditation Cycle:

- Master of Science in Forensic Science - Arcadia University
- Master of Science in Forensic Science - Marshall University
- Bachelor of Science in Forensic Chemistry - The University of Mississippi
- Bachelor of Science in Forensic Chemistry - West Chester University
- Bachelor of Science/Forensic and Investigative Science - West Virginia University

The Commission meets January 15 and 16, 2005, to evaluate the findings of the On-Site Review teams and to make decisions regarding accreditation status for each university. Moreover, annual reports from the five institutions that participated in the 2003 Pilot Accreditation, including award designations, will be examined per the FEPAC policy and procedures. Announcements regarding decisions by the Commission will be posted on the AAFS website by the end of January. In addition, accreditation decisions will be forwarded to the AAFS President and Board of Directors for acceptance at the annual meeting in New Orleans in February.

A Special Discussion entitled “Accreditation of Forensic Science Academic Programs Through the AAFS FEPAC,” will take place at the 57th Annual Meeting in New Orleans on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). The objectives of the one-day session are (1) to provide pertinent instruction relating to the process of accreditation through the AAFS/FEPAC mechanism, and (2) to prepare potential reviewers for future on-site evaluations of academic programs. Successful completion of the special discussion will qualify participants for consideration to serve as on-site evaluators for FEPAC. Further information and details about the Special Discussion may be found on Page 31 of the Advance Program 2005.

Applications for both institutional accreditation and for on-site evaluators are also posted on the website (www.aafs.org). Deadline for submissions is May 1, 2005. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further needs or questions (jhurley@aafs.org).

One hundred ten middle- and high school science teachers attended the FSEC/LSU in Baton Rouge, LA, November 5-7, 2004. Much credit for the success of the FSEC/LSU goes to Mary Manhein (Physical Anthropology) for her tireless efforts to promote the event to teachers in all the parishes in her state. Mary’s colleagues, Robert Barsley (Odontology), oversight chair of the conference, and Giness Listi and Helen “Beth” Bassett (both Members in Physical Anthropology), deserve the gratitude from all for their contributions which were ever present from the very first organizational meeting all the way to the execution of the FSEC/LSU. Other Academy members also gave their talents, time, and commitment to the conference: C. Adam Becnel (Criminalistics), Tom Bevel (General), Anthony Buras (General), Jason Byrd (Pathology/Biology), Kim Colomb (Criminalistics), Haskell Pitluck, (Jurisprudence), Patricia Pizzo (Toxicology), Karen F. Ross (Pathology/Biology), George Schiro (Criminalistics), and Eugene Tims (Engineering Sciences). The opening ceremonies included words of welcome and encouragement from AAFS President Ronald Singer and Risa Palm, Executive Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost of Louisiana State University. Moreover, Court TV’s marketing manager, John Domesick, and Las Vegas High School science teacher Kevin Jones, were on hand throughout the conference to provide information about the Forensics In The Classroom (FIC) lessons developed by Court TV with the technical and textual assistance of the AAFS. Teacher evaluations have indicated much satisfaction with the FIC lessons which are an excellent complement to the lectures and hands-on workshops provided by Academy forensic scientists. The following photos capture highlights of the event.

Opening-day registration at the FSEC/LSU

FSEC/LSU Steering Committee teacher Don Comeaux and his students from John Ehret High School (LA), wonderful and energetic helpers
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FSEC/LSU

Teacherson preparing for the opening ceremonies

Mary Manhein welcoming FSEC/LSU attendees

George Schiro, Haskell Pitluck, and Eugene Tims taking a moment from their lectures

Patricia Pizzo responding to questions during her lecture on the "Wonderful World of Forensic Toxicology"

Exhibitors—an opportunity for teachers to look at resources for their classrooms

Dr. Robert Barsley showing how even the smallest particle of a tooth may provide the needed evidence
Teachers examining evidence at crime scene

Teachers examining tread of a tire during crime scene laboratory session

To the microscope for a better view of the evidence

Dr. Jason Byrd discussing the role of the entomologist at Laboratory Session 2

Teachers passing through three concurrent laboratory sessions

Teachers examining evidence at crime scene

Kevin Jones (Las Vegas High School), John Domesick (Court TV), and AAFS President Ronald Singer meeting again for a third FSEC

Kim Colomb, FSEC/LSU Steering Committee member and presenter at crime-scene segment

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A WORD FROM YOUR 2005 PROGRAM CO-CHAIR

Tracey S. Corey, MD

It's almost here! The 57th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences is now only a month away! The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency in the alluring "Crescent City" - New Orleans, LA - home to great food, terrific art galleries, and true Southern hospitality. By now, you've received your Advance Program (don't forget that you can register online at www.aafs.org). An interesting and diverse program has been assembled by the Program Committee with this year's theme, 21st Century Crime - 21st Century Forensic Science. Please remember that you must pre-register for workshops, breakfasts, and luncheons.

For all platform presentations, please remember that slide projectors are no longer provided as standard equipment; rather, each scientific session will be provided with a data projector. Many, but not necessarily all, scientific sessions will have laptops available as well. Please be sure to check with your Section Program Chair if you are unsure about what equipment will be available in your particular scientific session. If you haven't already done so, now is the time to get your travel arrangements in order. The deadlines for hotel reservations and advance meeting registration are quickly approaching, so make your reservations today!

Prepare to bring your scientific curiosity and your sense of adventure as you meet new colleagues and re-acquaint with old friends amid the Garden District and the French Quarter in New Orleans, February 21-26.

2005 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting of the Fellows and Members of AAFS will be held Wednesday, February 23, at 4:15 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans, LA. All Fellows and Members are encouraged to attend this very important meeting. Agenda items include the election of 2005-06 Officers and recognition of all Members being promoted to Fellow status. You will be briefed on AAFS activities during the past year and plans for the future.

The Section Business Meetings will also be held on Wednesday, February 23. Please consult the Advance Program for specific times. Attendance at your Section's Business Meeting is strongly encouraged.

The AAFS Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, February 21, at 8:00 a.m.

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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.
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES  
57TH ANNUAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21-26, 2005  

**HOTEL RESERVATION FORM**

**ONLY ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER ROOM & HOTEL**, filled in completely with all information. MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Diners Club & Discover are accepted for guarantee. If room is cancelled within seventy-two (72) hours of arrival date, credit card will be charged the appropriate room rate. All reservations are available on a first come, first served basis.

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January 26, 2005  
January 20, 2005  
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OFFICIAL AIRLINE SELECTED

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.

OFFICIAL CAR RENTAL AGENCY SELECTED

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.

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.

CYBER CAFE

While at the meeting, do you need to access the Web or check your email in between scientific sessions? Looking for another meeting attendee? Trying to meet for lunch? Can’t find your spouse? Want to take the AAFS Online Member Survey? Visit the AAFS Cyber Café which will be located on the 2nd level of the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. For your convenience, there will be five cyber café kiosks available Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., of the meeting week to keep you connected free of charge.

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

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

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

Attendance reports are supplied to the appropriate state or national agency, as required. All continuing education credit recipients will be issued a “Certificate of Attendance.”

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

Dental: The American Academy of Forensic Sciences is designated as an Approved PACE Program Provider by the Academy of General Dentistry. The formal continuing education programs of this program provider are accepted by AGD for Fellowship, Mastership, and membership maintenance credit. Approval does not imply acceptance by a state or provincial board of dentistry. The current term of approval extends from 12/01/1989 to 12/21/2004. AAFS has submitted the required application for continued approval beyond the current term. Awarded credit will be filed with AGD following the meeting. Credit for FAGD/MAGD credit and the California Board of Dental Examiners will be awarded on an hour-for-hour basis.

Legal: Continuing Legal Education credits are being sought from only Colorado and Louisiana. Credit will be awarded on an hour-for-hour basis. Please contact the AAFS Continuing Education Coordinator before January 1 if you are licensed in the states of Ohio or Delaware and would like AAFS to apply for approval as a sponsor of continuing legal education.

Medical: The American Academy of Forensic Sciences is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The American Academy of Forensic Sciences designates this educational activity for a maximum of 50 hours in category 1 credit toward the AMA Physician’s Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the activity.

Psychology: The American Academy of Forensic Sciences is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. The AAFS maintains responsibility for the program. Credit will be awarded on an hour-for-hour basis.

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CE HELPFUL HINTS

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

- If you would like to receive CE credits for medical, legal, psychology, chemistry, or general attendance, please remember to check one of the boxes in Box 4 on your 57th AAFS Annual Meeting Registration Form. Only registered attendees may request continuing education credits.

- Continuing education materials will automatically be placed in the registration packets of all registrants who have a DDS or DMD degree in order to obtain dental credits. If you possess a DDS or DMD, do not check one of the boxes in Box 4 on the registration form.

- The Continuing Education Packet must be completed and returned to AAFS by March 15, 2005.

- In order to comply with the various accrediting agencies, AAFS now requires completion of evaluation forms to obtain CE credit.

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

GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTATIONS USING AN LCD PROJECTOR

Computers will not be provided by the AAFS. It is your responsibility to provide the laptop computer for your presentation. However, your section may coordinate this effort and have a computer available for your use at the meeting. A LCD projection unit will be available in the speaker ready room for testing and practice purposes.

Preparing your presentation:

- Microsoft PowerPoint® 2000 or higher is highly recommended. Other versions of PowerPoint and programs may be difficult to support at the conference.
- Dark background and light text provide acceptable contrast and display well in the darkened meeting room. Avoid distracting or otherwise hard to read color combinations such as red and blue, and yellow and green.
- Arial, Times New Roman, or Helvetica are the recommended font styles. Avoid using fonts that project poorly. Unusual or custom fonts may not be available on the host computer.
- Use as large a font as possible and fill the screen. Anything less than 24 is too small. Suggested font sizes are Titles: 48-54, Main text titles: 32, Smallest text lines: 24.
- Keep your presentation simple. Do not crowd the frame. Limit the number of text lines per frame to a maximum of seven lines, with no more than 30 characters per line.
- Use simple graphs and illustrations with a minimum of captions. Avoid using thin lines, dots, dashes, or other specialty lines.
- Verify your computer resolution by going to your computer's control panel, selecting “Display” then “Settings.” The recommended resolution is 1024 x 768.
- Avoid the use of commercial messages (e.g., logo), and video and audio clips.
- Save your presentation on a CD. Other media such as zip cartridges and memory sticks may be supported; please contact your Program Chair for these details. Always test your presentation on another host computer to verify file compatibility, layout, and style.

If you plan to use an LCD Projector at the meeting:

- You must report to your assigned room at least 30 minutes before the session is scheduled to begin (not your scheduled presentation time). Introduce yourself to the session moderators. You may be contacted by a moderator prior to the February meeting and asked to submit your presentation electronically.
- Bring your presentation on a CD that is clearly labeled with your name. Other media such as zip cartridges and memory sticks may be supported. Please contact your Program Chair for these details.
- You will be given instructions on how and when to connect to the LCD projection unit; or, your presentation will be loaded onto a laptop computer if provided by the section.
- If technical problems occur, you may be asked to present without visual aids.
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.

BYOS PROGRAM FORM

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):

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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: ___________________
GRADWOHL LAUREATE AND DISTINGUISHED FELLOW HONOREES

The RBH Gradwohl Laureate Medallion and the Distinguished Fellow Awards will be presented on Wednesday, February 23, at the end of the AAFS Annual Business Meeting. Join us in acknowledging your most distinguished colleagues as they are presented with these prestigious awards.

RBH Gradwohl Laureate Medallion Honoree

Joseph H. Davis, MD

Distinguished Fellow Honorees

Michael Finnegan, PhD ~ Andre A. Moenssens, JD, LLM

2005 SECTION AWARD HONOREES

Plan to attend your Section’s Business Meeting. You won’t want to miss the presentation of your section’s award(s) and the opportunity to congratulate your colleague(s).

Criminalistics Section’s
Mary E. Cowan Outstanding Service Award
Paul L. Kirk Award
Susan H. Johns, MA
Jay A. Siegel, PhD

Engineering Sciences Section’s
Andrew H. Payne, Jr., Special Achievement Award
Founder’s Award
Thomas L. Bohan, PhD, JD
Robert N. Anderson, PhD, PE

General Section’s
Achievement Award
John R. Hunt Award
Paul W. Kehres Meritorious Service Award
Gary S. Deegear, MD
Robert A. Freed, BS
Paul E. Kish, MS

Odontology Section’s
Lester Luntz Award
Reidar Sognnaes Award of Excellence
Robert B.J. Dorion, DDS
Richard R. Souviron, DDS

Pathology/Biology Section’s
Milton Helpern Award
2004 Best Resident Paper Award - Honorable Mention
John E. Pless, MD
Nicholas I. Batalis, MD; Reade A. Quinton, MD

Physical Anthropology Section’s
T. Dale Stewart Award
J. Lawrence Angel Award
Ted A. Rathbun, PhD
Laurel Freas, BA; Anne Kroman, MA

Toxicology Section’s
Alexander O. Gettler Award
Rolla N. Harger Award
Irving Sunshine Award
Christine M. Moore, PhD
Marilyn A. Huestis, PhD
Laureen Marinetti, PhD

2005 Regional Award Honorees

Presented on Wednesday, February 23, at the end of the AAFS Annual Business Meeting
Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists Award
Guy W. Nutter, BS

FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award Honoree

Presented on Wednesday, February 23, at the end of the AAFS Annual Business Meeting
Jeannette M. Perr, BS
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pick up from page 25 of
November 2004 issue
Recently, I've been concerned about the number of young criminalists, educated, energetic and well-trained, who are choosing to leave the profession after only two or three years. Many of them explain that the lab work is formulaic, repetitive and boring. It is just a “technician” job with no challenge, variety or room for curiosity or problem-solving. “It is not at all like on TV.” My first reaction was, “No, I'm sure it's not.” There are very few “hot pursuits” and no fistfights or gunfights with the suspects (at least for the criminalists). (The risk of cross-contamination of trace evidence contact alone should be enough to keep a lot of distance between criminalist and suspect, let alone the possibilities of bias or preconception.) My next reaction was, “Why, of course there’s variety and challenge.” Every case is different, with different evidence at hand, questions raised, and issues resolved. But nearly every criminalist once started with blood alcohol or solid dosage drug cases, because the techniques were largely standardized, could be taught and mastered easily, identifications subject to cross-check, the “samples” large, and the chances for loss or misidentification were very small. Yes, after a while those became pretty routine (I thought I’d scream the next time I had to identify another secobarb capsule or marijuana cigarette). But even then, visual “identifications” could be risky, for appearance was only the first clue, and it could be misleading. When counterfeit tablets, look-alike capsules, and then chemical analogs came along, the attention had to be really focused to be sure the right answer was reached, especially when additional or non-routine tests were needed to get that answer. It became a challenging game of druggie innovation v. criminalist cleverness and determination. Now DNA analysis, once the forefront of progress, has become routine and humdrum in most labs. Burnout is becoming more likely.

When trace evidence was the focus, the samples were smaller, contamination or loss could be issues, and the techniques were more wide-ranging due to the variety of subject materials – paint, soils, glass, fibers, arson accelerants, inks, explosives, oils, greases, and more. Depending on the resources of the lab and the skill and dedication of the criminalist, suitable techniques could be found for detecting, identifying or comparing most evidentiary materials. When faced with novel issues, we scoured the literature for techniques published by others; then tested, evaluated, and (sometimes) adapted those techniques to our own case needs. We looked for data or created our own databases to define the limits of the techniques. We reached decisions based on our knowledge of the scientific method and our own integrity as scientists. Was it perfect? No. Were accurate conclusions always reached? No. Did some misrepresent the significance of their findings? Yes. Did poor science (or more often, biased interpretation) end up presented in courts as “evidence”? Yes.

In a well-meaning attempt to prevent such occurrences, about 25 years ago the criminalistics profession started on a course of personal professional certification and laboratory accreditation. The certification process has worked well, encouraging personal development of both expertise and knowledge bases that dissuades those who are tempted to over-reach their interpretations. (The professional ethics policies of organizations such as the California Association of Criminalists also act as professional standards of conduct.) The laboratory accreditation process has had great impact on guiding crime laboratories to a uniform “standard of care.” But this process has come to rely on requiring strict adherence to protocols and procedures manuals. Such protocols often specify what tests can be done, with a few options left to the criminalist; others preclude using any test that has not been documented, published, verified and internally reviewed for acceptability. This latter rationale has led to the stuffication of the scientific analysis of evidence, reducing it to a cookbook of “acceptable” tests. This approach completely ignores the awesome variety of physical evidence and the forensic questions that can be derived from it. The investigative world is far too complex to expect all answers to be found in a cookbook (no matter how comprehensive that cookbook can be made). (Unless the answer to all forensic questions is “42.”) Investigators are becoming increasingly frustrated because they hear, “Sorry, can’t identify that; we don’t have a prescribed ‘method’,” all too often.

Have you heard the one about the criminalist who asked how to identify an unknown bulk powder as an incendiary? I described the “Ignition Susceptibility Test” – wrapping it in a twist of paper, setting a match to it and observing the flash of light and heat. He asked if that was an ASTM test. “No, it has been used for decades in forensic labs as a confirmatory test but never published by ASTM.” “Oh, then I can’t use it, because our lab protocols only include approved methods.”

What was happening here? As a professional scientist, I should be able to apply the scientific method to each problem – define it, collect data, analyze it and test the hypotheses until I reach a defensible conclusion. I would hate to think of all the “connections” I made in thirty-plus years that would not have been made if the only tools I could use were ASTM methods.

Have we somehow misplaced the “science” in forensic science? As scientists, aren’t we supposed to apply a systematic (but not dogmatic) series of tests to solve a puzzle or find an answer based on our education, training, and experience? There is a tradition of independence to science – defying tradition, authority and established “knowledge” – to seek the truth (as least to the limit the current paradigm would permit). It was this independence that was at the heart of the promise of “scientific crime investigation” to allow evidence to testify in the face of bias, misjudgment and other human failings. As professional scientists, we must demonstrate the reliability and accuracy of any method we use, but that is part of the science (and a part that is expected today by the courts). We must acknowledge this trend of over-regulation as foolishly counterproductive to the whole intent of forensic science and redirect our energies to ensuring accurate and fair answers to all the questions posed, not just the ones the “gray box” on the lab bench can answer using approved cookbook methods. Maybe by bringing the science and its compelling curiosity back to criminalistics, we can retain the new generations of criminalists becoming disenchanted today, and improve our true service to the justice community at the same time.

I hope my thoughts provide some avenue for discussion. If not, then come to the annual meeting in New Orleans and attend the Criminalistics Section scientific sessions.
Source: Robert N. Anderson, PhD, Section Chair

All Engineering Sciences Section members are encouraged to attend the AAFS Annual Meeting in New Orleans in next month. It promises to be an excellent meeting.

Program Chair Peter Alexander has put together a program of 70 technical papers that will be presented all day Thursday and Friday, February 24 and 25. There also will be two workshops on Monday, February 21, conducted by members of the section: Richard McLay will present a workshop, entitled “Tutorial and Panel on Engineering Evidence and Lay Testimony.” Section Secretary Zeno Geradts will present a workshop on “Forensic Image and Video Processing.”

Please plan to attend the section’s luncheon and business meeting on Wednesday, February 23. It is a time to meet old friends and make new ones, as well as get involved in the section’s operation. If you have any items that you would like to include in the business meeting agenda, please contact Section Chair Bob Anderson (robertna@aol.com). A number of requests for agenda items have already been submitted.

Peter Alexander would like to remind the presenters that unless special arrangements have been made with him, all visual aids must be compatible with an LCD projector coupled to a laptop computer. One laptop will be available in each presentation room. Contact Peter if you have questions about the presentation logistics.

See you in New Orleans in February! And a special thanks to everyone who submitted abstracts for the 2005 meeting and who have helped in other ways throughout the year.

GENERAL

Source: John E. Gerns, MFS, Section Secretary

The holidays are behind us and 2005 is now ahead of us. Final arrangements are now being made for the New Orleans meeting. We are all looking forward to an excellent General Section program comprised of numerous professional scientific presentations which will be both educational and enlightening. Once again, many thanks to Bob Gaffney and Ned Tamburini for their hard work in organizing the General Section Program for New Orleans.

Section Program Chair Jim Adcock and Section Secretary John Gerns continue reviewing General Section applicants as well as those applying for promotion within the section. Thus far, over 225 applicant and promotion packages have been reviewed.

The positions of Director, General Section Chair, and Secretary for the year 2005 are open for election during the 2005 General Section Business meeting that will be held on Wednesday, February 23. The General Section Nominating Committee, chaired by Mary Fran Ernst, received no petitions to place individuals on the ballot for any of the Section Officer positions. Consequently, the Committee has nominated Jim Adcock for Board of Directors Representative, John Gerns for Section Chair, and Paul Kish for Section Secretary.

A brief resumé from each candidate nominated by the Committee will be mailed to section members before the business meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the business meeting. To be eligible for nomination, an individual must be a Fellow in good standing in the General Section.

SECTION & PROGRAM NEWS

JURISPRUDENCE

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

In keeping with the theme of the 2005 Annual Meeting, Joseph Maltese and Charles Dold have planned an interesting and informative program emphasizing the use of and challenges to forensic technologies in the courtroom including ethical and privacy issues and covering topics such as digital evidence, DNA, drugs wars, identity theft, forensic science and the media, etc. Plan to come to New Orleans in February to soak up the knowledge and fellowship with colleagues.

John Tarantino was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He also has been named in Best Lawyers in America in the areas of criminal defense, personal injury defense and business litigation. John received the "Exceptional Performance Citation” from The Defense Research Institute for his work as the President of Defense Counsel to Rhode Island. The award is given for supporting and improving the standards and education of the defense bar and for contributing to the improvement of the administration of justice in the public interest.

Roderick Kennedy was retained in office on the New Mexico Court of Appeals for an eight-year term. He is the first Republican appellate judge in New Mexico’s history to be appointed, elected and retained.

Congratulations to both John and Roderick!

ODONTOLOGY

Source: Harvey A. Silverstein, DDS, Section Program Chair

It is hard to believe that it is 2005, and that we are preparing for another AAFS Annual Meeting, this year in New Orleans. Those of you who have never been there will have a great time at the meeting and in the French Quarter.

The Odontology Section has another great selection of interesting and informative papers, thanks to all who contributed. All who attend will be very delighted to hear papers given by long-term members and from some of the newer members who are just starting out in the field. It will also be wonderful to see friends we haven’t seen in a year and get reacquainted.

Don’t miss the annual Tom Krauss Memorial Bite Mark Breakfast Seminar on Friday, February 25. Yolanda Rudich, Bureau Chief of the Sex Crimes and Family Crimes Division of
the Staten Island District Attorney’s Office, will be speaking. She has been in that position for many years, and was even held over in an administration change involving different political parties. Yolanda also helped write the stalking laws that are in effect in Staten Island. You won’t want to miss this breakfast, so be sure to pre-register by the January 26 deadline. See you in New Orleans! Between the educational opportunities and the fellowship, it will be well worth the trip.

**PATHOLOGY/BIOLOGY**

Source: Karen F. Ross, MD, Section Secretary

Applications for membership and promotion have been 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 application 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 annual meetings of the AAFS and Pathology/Biology Section. Clarification of the language regarding attendance will be discussed at the business meeting this year, so remember to attend the section business meeting on Wednesday, just prior to the Academy business meeting. John Hunsaker is soliciting nominations for two members to serve as Ex-Officio Sergeant at Arms during the section business meeting to ensure that Members and Fellows sign the attendance record for the meeting.

Regrettably it appears unlikely at this time that the 2005 Pathology/Biology reception will be held off site as hoped due to cost constraints. The reception will most likely occur in the hotel on Thursday as in previous years. Check the calendar of events you receive upon registration for the final details.

Check out the meeting information on the AAFS website. Program Chair Andy Baker has prepared an outstanding program for the section and several members are participating in workshops, workshorts, the Last Word Society, luncheons, breakfast seminars, and the Plenary Session. Thanks also to Tracey Corey for all her work in planning this meeting with Program Co-Chair Joe Bono.

Finally, congratulations to John Pless on receiving the Pathology/Biology Section’s Milton Helpern Award. Dr. Pless will be recognized at the Academy business meeting after receiving his award at the section meeting.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in New Orleans!

**PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

Source: Paul S. Sledzik, MS, Section Secretary

The Physical Anthropology Section is looking forward to an intriguing scientific program in New Orleans. Program chair Todd Fenton (fentont@msu.edu) has crafted a full schedule of events. Poster sessions begin Wednesday afternoon and conclude Friday. Presented papers begin Thursday morning and continue through Saturday at noon. In addition, several section members are holding workshops this year. Bone histology, the use of statistics and FORDISC, and quality assurance in forensic anthropology are the topics. Complement your continuing education by attending these workshops.

The section business meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23. Section Secretary Paul Sledzik is still accepting agenda items (paul.sledzik@ntsb.gov). Paul and Section Chair Marilyn London have reviewed over 75 applications for membership.

Elizabeth Murray recently received the Sister Adele Clifford Excellence in Teaching Award from the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati. Beth, who also received this award in 1991, was recognized for her knowledge, expertise, and enthusiasm for teaching.

The section learned recently of the death of former member Susan Loth in September of 2002. Susan’s work included several publications on sexual dimorphism in long bones and the mandible. In a series of several publications, she and M. Yasar Iscan detailed the use of the fourth rib in age determination. Before her death she was a Senior Lecturer at the University of Pretoria.

About 50 people attended the 20th Anniversary Meeting of the North Eastern Forensic Anthropology Association in Ithaca, NY, November 5-7. Kenneth A. R. Kennedy hosted the meeting at Cornell University. Presentations featured taphonomy, two-dimensional facial reproduction, comparisons of child abuse and bone disease evidence, career planning, and several case studies. The NEFAA meeting will be held in the Washington, DC area in 2005.

**PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE**

Source: Daniel A. Martell, PhD, Section Secretary

**Membership Drive’s Handsome Reward Credit:**

All section members who recruited new applicants to join the section are encouraged to write AAFS or e-mail section secretary Dan Martell (damartell@aol.com) with the names of the individuals they recruited, in order to determine the winner of the Handsome Reward at the annual meeting in New Orleans. This is necessary in light of the fact that new applicants are not required to provide references, hence we may not be aware of who referred whom.

**Members of AAFS to speak at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law:**

Physical Anthropology, Odontology, Pathology/Biology, and Psychiatry make unique and critical contributions to efforts in preventing and responding to acts of terrorism. The work of each of these fields was illustrated by presenters on the panel “Terrorism: A Forensic Sampler” at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL), October 21, 2004, in Scottsdale, AZ. Offered by the Liaison with Forensic Sciences Committee, the panel consisted of recognized speakers representing each of four sections and scientific disciplines in the American Academy of Forensic
Sciences. Douglas Ubelaker, a skeletal biologist, explained the issues to be addressed in analyzing skeletons of potential victims of terrorism and the improving investigative technologies available today. Questions answerable by forensic dentists were discussed, with visual examples, by Robert Barsley, who emphasized the importance of forensic odontologists in identifying victims of the 9/11 disaster. In explaining the roles of forensic pathologists in combating terrorism, Julia Goodin categorized, according to their potential danger as terroristic weapons, a wide variety of biological and chemical weapons. Mental disorders have virtually nothing to do with motivations to participate in global terror, according to William Reid. After outlining several measures to reduce the incentives and opportunities to commit acts of terror, Dr. Reid suggested the primary value of mental health professionals is in treating direct and indirect victims of terrorism. The panel was organized and moderated by Robert Weinstock and Alan Felthous.

The forensic sampler proposed for next year’s AAPL meeting will be on suicide, an important issue for many forensic psychiatrists. Daniel Isenschmid will explain the toxicologist’s role in suspected suicide by drug overdose or self-poisoning. Julia Goodin will illustrate how pathologists determine the cause and manner of death. Danielle Ruttman will discuss legal aspects of litigating claims of negligence, with special emphasis on suicide by jumping in front of buses and subways. Finally, Stephen Billick will explain clinical and forensic aspects of suicide in children and adolescents.

Section Members invited to attend Tri-State AAPL Conference:

The Annual Tri-State AAPL Conference entitled, *Addiction Psychiatry for Forensic Psychiatrists,* is scheduled to be held on January 22, 2005, in New York City.

The Tri-State group would like to invite interested section members to attend this upcoming CME event. For more information, contact Program Chair Marjorie Blieka at drblieka@hotmail.com.

QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS

Source: Sandra Ramsey Lines, BA, Section Secretary

The November 2004 issue of *Academy News* contained the Pre-Registration form for the New Orleans meeting, which must be received by January 26, 2005. Program Chairs William J. Farrell, Jr. and Troy Eberhardt have promised an informative and fun program. There will be two workshops on Tuesday — one titled “Exams by Video Spectral Comparator” and a second on “Identifying Printmaking Techniques.” Please register early if you plan on attending one or both of these workshops as they will have limited seating.

On a sad note, Bob Muehlberger has reported that James Dibowski, Retired Fellow of the Questioned Document Section, passed away in October. Mr. Dibowski was 93 years old. He was a former director of the Postal Inspection Service Crime Laboratory at Cincinnati, OH.

May all of you have a safe and Happy New Year!

TOXICOLGY

Source: Adam Negrusz, PhD, Section Program Chair

The 57th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences is approaching unbelievable quickly. The dates, as you all know, are February 21-26, 2005, and the meeting will take place in Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans, LA. The meeting theme is “21st Century Crime - 21st Century Forensic Science.” For more details please visit the Academy web page at www.aafs.org.

The scientific program of the Toxicology Section has been finalized. Thanks to Rob Middleberg, 2005 Workshop Chair, the Toxicology Section will be offering four great workshops. Laurel Farrel and Dennis Crouch did a tremendous job in putting together a whole-day workshop on drugs and driving. Diana Garside and Jeri Ropero-Miller will also be chairing a one-day workshop dedicated to anatomical, pathological, and physiological foundations of toxicity. In addition, we have one-day joint workshop with the Pathology/Biology Section chaired by Paul Fornes and Barry Logan. The workshop will be discussing the issue of interpreting post-mortem toxicology in the light of pathologic findings. One half-day workshop on solid phase extraction will be chaired by Max Erwin from Varian. It is also a great pleasure to let you know that our section received 41 scientific abstracts, out of which 20 will be presented as posters after the Awardees Recognition Reception on Wednesday, and 31 abstracts presented during podium sessions. I would like to encourage our section members to attend that special reception to recognize and congratulate 2005 awardees whose names were published in the previous issue. My special thanks go to Matt Juhascik who did a great job in editing and correcting all abstracts. In addition to Rob Middleberg’s special session in Pediatric Toxicology on Friday, Christine Moore prepared a special session on Thursday dedicated to what is new in oral fluid testing. Finally, it is my pleasure to announce that Andrew Baker, Pathology Section Program Chair, and I put together a joint plenary session of both sections on Friday morning. As it became a great tradition of the section, on Friday afternoon we will also have an Annual Lectureship in Toxicology. The lecture will be given by Michael Johnson who is a leading scientist in the area of anthrax research and he will be talking about anthrax and biodefense - a biomolecular perspective. Please plan to attend.

As I stated before, the quality of each meeting totally depends on quality of science in forensic toxicology presented by you. I would like to thank all who participated in creating a next year’s scientific program. Special thanks again go to Pat Pizzo who organized a SOFT Night. I look forward to seeing all of you in New Orleans.
The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) is proud to announce the winners of the “Annual Meeting Travel Grant for Students” essay contest. This Travel Grant will assist with travel expenses in attending the 2005 American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

The FSF Board of Trustees is able to approve the expenses, not to exceed $600 per student, for up to five (5) students per year. A complimentary meeting registration is included with the $600 grant for travel expenses. It is hoped more student support will become available in the future.

Applications were judged by the FSF Travel Grant Task Force on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being outstanding) based on the documents submitted. This is the first year the Foundation has offered this award, and the Task Force decided to award a “first place tie” out of the 20 essays that were received. This year’s winners are Kate Spradley, MA, and Katie L. Coy, BS. Their essays follow.

**Kate Spradley, MA**, is currently a doctoral student in anthropology at The University of Tennessee. She received a BA and MA in anthropology from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Kate is a graduate research assistant for the Forensic Anthropology Center where her duties include data collection and maintenance of metric, non-metric, and spatial data for the Forensic Anthropology Data Bank. She is also involved with scene recovery, analysis, and report writing. Kate’s interests include identification criteria in forensic anthropology, skeletal biology, human variation, and secular change. Kate has traveled to Spain, Austria, Czech Republic, England, and Guatemala to collect data for the Forensic Anthropology Center.

**Forensic Sciences Foundation Student Travel Grant Award Essay**

I am a PhD student in Forensic Anthropology at The University of Tennessee in Knoxville and a member of the Physical Anthropology Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. I will be presenting a paper in a symposium dealing with quantitative methods in forensic anthropology, and I will also be an instructor for the "Fordisc 3.0" workshop and wish to apply for the FSF travel grant. Attending the AAFS meeting each year provides an excellent environment for meeting people within the forensic anthropological community. Making connections and establishing professional relationships that will last throughout my career is an important aspect of attending this conference. Additionally, I am able to forge relationships with scientists outside my discipline, which produces the multidisciplinary approach required in the forensic sciences. Also, attending the conference allows me to become familiar with any new research going on within my field.

Upon completion of my PhD, I would like to enter the academic world while still practicing forensic anthropology. My interests include the determination of sex and ancestry from the human skeleton. Methods that yield inaccurate estimates of sex and ancestry may lead law enforcement down the wrong path when searching through missing person files and time is of the essence when trying to identify an unknown individual. Without appropriate, sample specific methods, making a positive identification will become difficult. Many methods that exist today for determining age, sex, ancestry and stature are based on samples that are no longer representative of the current U.S. population. According to the 2003 US Census, more than 1 in 8 people are of Hispanic origin, yet there are only a few identification standards based on Hispanic samples.

As the country grows and diversifies it is important that forensic anthropology do the same. It is imperative to re-evaluate previous methods in order to make them appropriate for our current, diverse population. The paper I am presenting deals with creating new standards that correctly identify "Hispanic" crania in a forensic context. This paper will attempt to show that craniometric data from different geographic areas in Latin America and Mexico could aid in the determination of the geographic origin of unknown individuals identified as Hispanic. Currently, individuals who die in U.S. border crossings are often considered "Hispanic" by forensic anthropologists and many border crossings remain unidentified. The term "Hispanic," in the United States, refers to individuals originating from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, South or Central America, or other Hispanic/Latino origin (U.S. Census Bureau 2003). This is too broad of a category to properly identify individuals. Having samples from different geographic regions could help determine a specific geographic location the individual is from and lead to a positive identification. The impact of this research can aid in the development of better craniometric standards for use in ancestry identification on an international level.

In the Fordisc 3.0 workshop, I will be discussing proper measurement techniques and new ways of collecting craniometric data, including 3-dimensional digitizing. One goal of the workshop is to encourage people to collect metric data that can be used to aid in the identification of unknown individuals in a forensic context.

Attending the AAFS annual meeting will help me further my career goals by presenting my research in front of the forensic anthropological community. Additionally, my participation in the workshop aims to encourage researchers to collect standard data on every forensic case that enters their laboratory so that current, applicable methods can be created to aid in the identification of unknown individuals. Thank you for your consideration.
Katie L. Coy, BS, is a native of Pennsylvania, but moved to Richmond, VA, in the fall of 2002, to finish her undergraduate career. She recently graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in May of 2004, receiving her BS in forensic science with a concentration in forensic biology. During her undergraduate experience at VCU, Katie was an active member of the Forensic Science Student Club, a magna cum laude graduate, and was the recipient of the Forensic Science Award for Academic Excellence. In addition, she began work as an independent study student on a research project concerning the correlation of confirmatory test results with subsequent STR DNA analysis from typical case samples. Katie recently finished this project and has written and submitted this work for manuscript publication. This work has also been accepted for a poster presentation at the 2005 AAFS meeting. Currently, Katie is continuing her education at VCU by pursuing a master's degree, also in the forensic science program. In the future, Katie hopes to continue working in the area of forensic DNA analysis, either in a research or casework setting.

Forensic Sciences Foundation Student Travel Grant Award Essay

Learning is an opportunity that should not be taken for granted. Going places and seeing things first hand is often an invaluable experience, especially for someone who is in the beginning stages of planning a career. By attending a national conference, such as the American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting, I will be able to see and hear information pertaining to cutting edge forensic science research. Throughout the past year, I have been studying the effects of washing and denaturants on obtaining DNA profiles from bloodstained cloth. I am hoping to present what I have discovered at this annual meeting, but whether or not I am chosen, the process leading up to a presentation will be a valuable learning experience for me. I look forward to the opportunity of preparing for this presentation, as well as feedback from others as to what I may be able to improve with my study.

By experiencing such a broad range of topics at this conference, I will be able to see areas of forensic science that I might not be exposed to through my coursework. I think it is important for forensic scientists to be aware of what their colleagues are studying so that they are educated in other areas beyond their specific specialty. As someone who recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in forensic science, I am well aware of the many sub-specialties available to me when deciding on a career. At this point, I would like to focus on forensic biology; however, I enjoy learning about many other areas in this diverse field, including anthropology, bloodspatter analysis, and pathology. This field has limitless options, and now as a forensic science graduate student, I hope to not only explore my main area of interest, but others as well. When I become introduced to the basics of many different areas of forensic science, I will be able to confirm that forensic biology is indeed what I want to do, or perhaps another topic will spark my interest. Either way, I am sure that meeting new people and hearing what they have accomplished with their careers will be a major influence on future decisions that I may make, as well as inform me about the options available to me after receiving a Master's degree. After attending this conference, I hope to have an understanding of the current research being conducted by forensic scientists across the nation and how this research impacts the world. In addition, I hope to meet fellow students, faculty, and researchers who share my passion and enthusiasm for this field.

Four Acorn Grants totaling $1,933 will be awarded in February for the following proposals:

Helena Soomer, DDS, PhD — $433 for Worldwide Dental Record Keeping and Its Impact Upon Victim Identification — A Delphi Study
Joseph T. Hefner, MA; Ronald L. Wright, BS; Michael W. Warren, PhD — $500 for Elliptical Fourier Analysis of Post-Bregmatic Depression
Laurel Freas, BA — $500 for Scanning Electron Microscopy of Kerf Walls
Kristen M. Hartnett, MA — $500 for A Re-evaluation of Public Symphyseal and Sternal Rib End Aging Techniques

In addition, the following two Douglas M. Lucas Grants will be awarded, totaling $8,067:

Margaret M. Wallace, PhD — $4,067 for The Effects of 1,2-Indanedione on PCR-STR DNA Typing
Chelsey Juarez — $4,000 for Stable Isotopes and Geolocation: A Pathway to Identification for Mexican UDAs

Congratulations to all the 2004-05 FSF Grant recipients! The 2004-05 FSF Research Committee is comprised of Robert Thibault (Chair), Gil Brogdon, John Pless, and Norman Sauer. The deadline for all FSF Research Grant submissions is June 15.
The Forensic Sciences Foundation, Inc., gratefully acknowledges the generous contributions made to the Foundation and its Endowment Fund. Please accept our apologies if your name has been inadvertently omitted and contact the AAFS office as soon as possible with the correction. This listing reflects contributions received from 08/01/04 through 12/01/04.

*The Fund’s balance through 12/01/04 was $387,725. Additionally, the Endowment has provided $56,912 in awards and grants since its inception in 1990.*
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Some crimes are so unlikely, so utterly implausible that they are more the stuff of fiction than of fact. A revenge-suicide is one of those most improbable occurrences. (suicide is not a crime since it is no longer defined in criminal codes as criminal conduct, nor, if successful, can a punishment be imposed on the deceased.)

The fobbing-off of a suicide as an accident is a commonplace event. Why? Simply because a suicide, if conceded to be such, is not only a mark of distress but of disgrace, certainly to surviving relatives of the deceased. More to the modern point, a suicide can be hazardous to the survivor’s financial health. Life insurance companies do not take kindly to claims based on an insured’s suicide.

But the revenge-suicide is a cut apart from other suicides, even though still a cri de coeur by the deceased, because its planning must be calculated and its design must be eidolonic, to create the illusion of being not a suicide, but a homicide.

Maria Gibson, the cuckolded wife in A Conan Doyle’s Sherlock Holmes adventure “The Problem of Thor Bridge,” died from a single gunshot wound to her head at Thor bridge in Hampshire, U.K. From all outward appearances her death was a homicide or so it seemed to the constabulary. Her wealthy American gold mining husband had taken up with their governess, Grace Dunbar, providing an adequate motive for making the suicide appear to be a homicide. Also absent from the death scene was the gun used to kill Gibson. Both her husband and his amour were immediately targeted as the culprits.

But Sherlock Holmes was of a different mind, proving that Mrs. Gibson could easily have staged her own death as a homicide when in fact she had cannily arranged for the death-dealing gun to disappear out of sight into the river below the bridge after she fired it. The apparent homicide death-dealing gun to disappear out of sight into the river when in fact she had cannily arranged for the Mrs. Gibson could easily have staged her own death as a homicide.

Her wealthy American tycoon, was not murdered. His death was a homicide when in fact she had cannily arranged for the death-dealing gun to disappear out of sight into the river below the bridge after she fired it. The apparent homicide. Also absent from the death scene was the gun used to kill Gibson. Both her husband and his amour were immediately targeted as the culprits.

But Sherlock Holmes was of a different mind, proving that Mrs. Gibson could easily have staged her own death as a homicide when in fact she had cannily arranged for the death-dealing gun to disappear out of sight into the river below the bridge after she fired it. The apparent homicide became a genuine revenge-suicide through Holmes’ omniscient sleuthing.

E.C. Bentley, in his 1913 classic Trent’s Last Case, employed the same revenge-suicide theme to throw his detective Philip Trent entirely off the scent. The victim, an American tycoon, was not murdered. His death was a revenge-suicide parading as a homicide resulting from intense matrimonial discord.

Mystery stories, being what they are, just mystery stories, are prone to be exaggerated portrayals of the real world of crime. And yet the mystery storyline does occasionally intrude into the real world of crime.

My thanks to John Trestrail of the Blodgett Poison Center for directing my attention to the prosecution of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania’s Joanne Curley for the poisoning death of her husband, Robert. Curley pleaded guilty in the mid-1990s to having put thallium in her husband’s food and iced tea in order to collect his $300,000 life insurance. She sought to put the death investigators on the wrong trail by giving some thallium to herself and her daughter without, of course, the same fatal results that the thallium produced in her husband. Trestrail terms this a rare instance of a “camouflage” poisoning of the perpetrator as well as her daughter. It could just as well be called a “for profit attempted suicide,” a subset of a revenge-suicide.

From the land down under comes an 1895 prosecution in New South Wales of a husband, George Dean, for the attempted murder of his wife by poisoning which presented a perplexing and intricate tapestry of cunning deceit and devious exploitation of the legal system, with a revenge-suicide theme taking a prominent role.

George Dean, at 29 years of age, was a man of unblemished good character which was well-known to the public in Sydney. Dean had been a ferry boat captain employed in the Sydney harbor for eleven years when, in 1895, he came acropper. Over those eleven years he had made a name for himself in the hearts of the locals by gallantly swimming to the rescue of persons who would otherwise have drowned. And he did so not once but at least four times.

It came as more than a shock therefore to the public at large when Dean, the public’s fair haired boy, was brought to trial on the capital charge of attempting to kill his wife of one year with poison, specifically arsenic and strychnine. And at the trial the evidence made it crystal clear that the lemon syrup and tea that he had prepared for his wife was loaded with arsenic and strychnine. Fortunately for his wife her suspicions had been aroused to such a degree that she did not drink the lemon syrup and tea. But she had imbibed non-fatal doses of the same poisons on numerous previous occasions.

When it became known that 24-year-old Mary Dean and her husband had quarreled regularly and boisterously for much of their short one year marriage it seemed that the motive for the purported poisoning had been established. But, on the other hand, how could such a local hero have been so debased as to poison his wife who was then nursing their three month old child? The scales seemed to be in equipoise between Dean’s innocence or guilt until Mrs. Seymour came on the scene. She was Mary Dean’s mother whose unequivocal statements to the police gave significant support to Mary’s claim to have been poisoned by her husband, George. And yet Mrs. Seymour’s past was a sorry and sordid one with frequent encounters with the police having plighted her. Her reputation and, consequently, her credibility were in rags. She had done jail time for larceny, after which she was frequenter of the haunts of Sydney’s lowly criminal larrikins. She was seen to be a pimp for prostitutes and was said to be a silent part owner of one of Sydney’s most notorious brothels. All in all a woman whose past made her evidence past believing and so it was viewed by the Sydney-folk at Dean’s trial.

But what of the hard, uncontroverted chemical evidence that Mary Dean had been poisoned just short of killing her. How was Dean’s attorney Richard Denis Meagher, of the firm
of Crick and Meagher, to explain the prior attempts by poison to kill his client’s wife, other than that Dean did it for some excusable reason?

Meagher and his associate Paddy Crick were old school trial lawyers full of rhetoric and verbal invective sure to please the lower elements of Sydney’s populace. At that time, in 1895, the criminal element was a sizeable one in Sydney and appealing to them could give Meagher much undeserved political clout which would apparently slake his appetite for advancement – for a time anyway.

When Dean’s trial commenced in 1895 it was the subject of much frenzied local news, having been out-bidden for wider notoriety. The Tichborne claimant still marched through the pages of the English-language press while Oscar Wilde was stirring up a royal linguistic brew at his trial at the Old Bailey in London. Dean’s trial was clearly of lesser newsworthiness than these celebrated cases.

With the incriminating evidence of Mary Dean and her mother, Mrs. Seymour, confronting him what was Meagher to do in defense of his client? Should he have his client throw himself on the mercy of the court, chancing a death penalty? Should he strike hard blows at the deficiencies in the prosecution’s case? Not only was Mrs. Seymour’s credibility ripe for snipping with Meagher’s reputed rapier-like cross-examination but the merchant who had sold the arsenic and strychnine to Dean or to some other poisoner had not been discovered – yet. Should Meagher completely disparage the prosecution’s case by arguing for the innocence of his client and, concomitantly, for the guilt of Dean’s wife and mother as co-conspirators in a fabricated scheme to fake Dean’s guilt while hazarding the life of Mary Dean in the doing?

Meagher’s choice was plain, in light of his client’s staunch and unyielding protestations of innocence. The theme of the defense would be that with revenge for his unsubstantiated mistreatment of his wife in their minds the pair, Mary and her mother, had deliberately and riskily acted out a revenge motivated poisoning which would put Mary’s life in jeopardy but dispatch George to prison or, better yet, to the gallows. According to the direction of Meagher’s defense Mary Dean’s detestation of her husband was greater even than her taking the poisons that might have had the untoward and undesired consequence of killing her.

That, as it turned out, was the defense promoted by Meagher throughout the short three day trial before Sir William Windeyer who was known to be a knowledgeable but stern jurist. Even though the trial has been said to be one that “divided all Australia into warring factions” and “nearly caused the downfall of a colonial government” it was not a lengthy one, on the order of other causes celebre.

And yet the jury tarried in its deliberations. Judge Windeyer, being concerned over the delay in the jury’s reaching a verdict, summoned the jurors before him to express his puzzlement over their hesitation in a case where the facts of the accused’s guilt were plain, certainly to him. He hinted quite strongly that they might recommend mercy for Dean and he implied that such a recommendation would save Dean from being executed. This strong-arming of the jury bordered on, if it did not establish, a case of judicial impropriety, but not nearly as much as post-trial developments would reveal.

Less than one half hour after Judge Windeyer’s remonstrance with the jury over its delay in returning a verdict, the jury announced its verdict. Dean was convicted of the capital crime of attempting to murder his wife by poison. But the jury also presented a forceful recommendation that the punishment meted out to Dean should spare his life. But Judge Windeyer was unremittent in the words he expressed in passing the sentence of death on Dean. He termed Dean’s crime both “abominable” and “horrible” while admonishing him “to repent before God.” Although the judge did pass on to the Executive the jury’s recommendation of mercy, his words were public proof of his stand against Dean and the likelihood that it had contaminated the entire trial.

Although the judge accepted the jury’s verdict, the public did not. The uproar supportive of Dean was vociferous and sustained. Now it was Meagher’s partner, Paddy Crick’s, turn to get involved. He moved in the legislature for the appointment of a Royal Commission to review the evidence. Just a month later the Premier appointed such a Commission even though it constituted an end-run around the normal course of appeals from a verdict of guilt.

Thus far, with only minor departures from the norm, Dean’s trial had proceeded according to the usual course. Mary Dean had been an unimpeachable witness for the prosecution. Mrs. Seymour’s cross-examination had left her in shambles, to be mocked in the streets of Sydney as “the old poisoner.” Dean had defended his innocence on the witness stand without giving ground. And the fact of the attempted poisoning had been proved by the arsenic and strychnine in the fluids Mary Dean had balked at drinking as well as her many sicknesses, symptomatic of her having been poisoned.

But with the advent of the Royal Commission the veneer, more the tapestry, of justice was torn, uprooted and shredded irretrievably, certainly as to the trial of George Dean. In the first place the Commission was poorly constituted. Of its three members only one, the chairman, was a lawyer, the other two, in spite of the dearth of medical evidence at the trial were medical personnel. The hearings before the Commission lasted for nearly a month and were replete with hearsay, gossip and other irrelevancies.

Although George Dean and Mrs. Seymour were never called to testify, Mrs. Seymour was lambasted for her criminal past life even to the point that she was said, quite falsely, to have tried to poison her husband with arsenic some years before. The rules of evidence, being non-binding on the Commission, all manner of wild and scurrilous evidence found its way to the Commission’s hearing.

The upshot was that the Commission voted in favor of Dean’s request for a pardon, with the lawyer chairman dissenting and the two medical members deciding Dean’s guilt had not been proven. The pardon was granted amid the loud rejoicing of Dean’s supporters, including most prominently his trial lawyer Mr. Meagher.

For a while the matter was on hold, slipping quietly into obscurity, or so it seemed. But rumblings of nefarious dealings surfaced in the Legislature when the Attorney-General was asked pointedly whether he had any knowledge of Dean’s guilt or innocence. His answer was evasive, but nonetheless intimated that he had information supporting Dean’s guilt.

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With this revelation, regardless of its ambiguity, the tide seemed to be turning against Dean as no longer a popular hero but a guilty man who had unjustifiably “walked.” For some inexplicable reason Dean decided to take steps to stem the tide that was rising against him. He petitioned the Legislature for an inquiry to put to rest the insinuations resulting from the Attorney-General’s reply. Little did Dean realize that his petition to reopen the whole kit and caboodle would be his undoing.

Now it was the time for Sir Julian Salomons to take a leading role in this continuing drama. He had previously had a part as a bit player during the Royal Commission’s hearings in which he represented the government. But he now was in a position of overriding prominence.

Sir Julian, a lawyer of considerable standing, addressed the Legislature explaining that he considered the veil of lawyer-client confidentiality had been lifted from him by Dean’s petition which was before the Legislature. He recounted that he had been approached by Meagher with a professional inquiry at the same time that Meagher was a candidate for a seat in the Legislature.

As Sir Julian recalled his meeting with Meagher, Meagher was in a legal quandary over whether to sue a local newspaper and its reporter for libel. The newspaper report had cast doubts on his candidacy since the conviction and subsequent pardon granted to Dean seemed to prove that his irresponsible lawyering had resulted in the conviction of an innocent man whom his blundering had almost consigned to his death.

Sir Julian responded that Meagher could hardly sue for libel unless he could demonstrate that Dean was in fact guilty. Whereupon Meagher said “with a smile of vanity on his face,” “Dean was guilty all right.”

With that stunning admission the floodgates holding back the truth suddenly parted. Meagher went on to explain that at the insistence of his legal partner Paddy Crick who was skeptical of seeking a pardon for Dean before the Royal Commission, Meagher had tricked Dean into telling the truth concerning his involvement in the poisoning of his wife.

Meagher had visited the convicted poisoner in prison where he told Dean that the chemist who had provided him with the poisons had been found by the police. Dean, in a state of disarray at hearing this startling news, confessed his sole and entire guilt. Meagher’s trick had worked to unethical perfection.

Sir Julian was dumbstruck by this disclosure from the mouth of Meagher. But his obligation of confidentiality to Meagher, as his client, prohibited him from laying bare before the public Meagher’s shameful duplicity and Dean’s guilt, that is, until Dean filed his petition for review with the Legislature. That filing Sir Julian considered to be a waiver of any confidential relation binding upon him to Meagher. So he went public with his knowledge.

But Meagher refused to fess up to his ignominious lawyering. Both he and Crick castigated and demeaned Sir Julian’s pronouncement as “the concoction of a diseased brain.” They continued to do so until the chemist from whom Dean had truly obtained the poisons came forward and confessed to having been an unwitting party to Dean’s perfidy.

With that disclosure both Dean and Meagher were unmasked. Meagher promptly resigned his seat in the Legislature while promising “to atone” for “this awful lesson of my life … in another clime.” Meagher’s confession was like the character of the man himself – a breast-pounding, self-serving lie.

Events now proceeded rapidly to a denouement. Dean was re-indicted for perjury at his trial and for false swearing in a declaration at post-trial. He was convicted on both charges, sentenced to fourteen years in prison, which he duly served, being released in 1907.

Crick and Meagher were tried for conspiracy. Crick was discharged without being found guilty while Meagher was convicted. However, with the luck of the Irish protecting him, Meagher’s conviction was dismissed on technical grounds on his appeal to the full Court of New South Wales.

With the reversal of his conviction Meagher’s future brightened. He was shortly re-elected to the Legislature where his being held in high esteem resulted in his being elected to the post of Deputy Speaker and then to that of Speaker. His political career culminated with his election in two consecutive years as Lord Mayor of Sydney. Either the electorate had a short memory or he had somehow redeemed himself in their eyes even without fulfilling his promise “to atone… in another clime.”

Meagher’s many applications for re-instatement of his license to practice law, which had been revoked, were all denied until in 1909 he was re-admitted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales, with three judges dissenting. That readmission was reversed by the High Court of Australia which was troubled by Meagher’s participation in a scandal involving the granting of leases by the Minister of Lands who just happened to be Meagher’s former law partner, Paddy Crick. It seemed that Meagher’s Irish luck had run its course.

But au contraire for Meagher was a past master at negotiating through narrowing passageways. Not having prevailed in the courts in seeking to regain his law license Meagher went to his friends in the Legislature. In 1920 by an Act of Parliament Meagher’s license to practice law was restored.

Meagher successfully and uneventfully practiced law in the criminal courts of Sydney for another eleven years until he died in 1931, leaving a legacy of contention and corruption of the legal system.

But, as Paul Harvey says, “that is not the end of the story.” Among the many gleanings following Dean’s trial and pardon it came to be known that the trial judge, Sir William Windeyer was not without stain although surely he would not admit to that. Two years after Dean’s trial Sir William, then retired and living in London, England, told a reporter for the Melbourne Argus of an incident occurring while Dean’s jury was deliberating.

The brother of the jury’s foreman informed a court official that the foreman’s twelve year-old-son had suddenly

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died. The boy’s father was said to be needed to arrange for his son’s burial. Judge Windeyer was informed, forcing him to choose among limited and unpleasant choices.

The judge’s dilemma was compounded by the fact that if the jury did not reach its verdict by midnight it would have to be locked up until another day. Rather than delaying the proceedings to the added bereavement of the jury’s foreman, the judge called the jury back to the courtroom where he exhorted them in no uncertain terms to come to a decision promptly. Better that Dean should suffer the consequences of a quickened verdict than that the jury’s foreman should be kept from the bier of his son. The jury took heed of the judge’s message and the trial ended satisfactorily, at least from the judge’s point of view. It was a trial and an aftermath where the legal rules seemed to be made to be bent, sometimes out of shape, all to suit the temperament, attitudes and predilections of the participants.

Now that is the rest of the story.

And the moral of this protean tale? The reader can pick and choose for him/herself. For me that which is most striking is the misconduct of defense attorney Meagher. Although there is no Hippocratic oath governing the behavior of defense attorneys, the pledge of confidentiality between attorney and client is more than the figment of an attorney’s imagination to be discarded when and if he/she chooses. That pledge embraces the obligation to stand down when an attorney’s mores are likely to be compromised and to stand up, responsibly, for the innocent and the guilty alike. Certainly wantonly to pillory an innocent third person through a spurious defense of a revenge-suicide should be no part of an attorney’s obligations to his client.


The AAFS would like to extend its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of William J. Cowlin, JD, who passed away October 23, 2004, at the age of 72.

Mr. Cowlin graduated from the University of Michigan School of Business Administration in 1953, and from the University of Michigan School of Law in 1956. He practiced law in McHenry County from 1958 until his death. He was elected state’s attorney of McHenry County in 1968, 1972, and 1976, and served until 1979. He served as a director of the McHenry State Bank from 1964 through 1997. He was also a director emeritus of First Midwest Bancorp.

During his years as McHenry County’s first full-time state’s attorney, he was well-known for his feisty personality and flair in the courtroom.

Mr. Cowlin served as the AAFS Jurisprudence Section Secretary from 1975-76, and the Section Chair from 1976-77.

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The year is 1997. It is my first AAFS meeting in NYC. Luckily, I am from NYC and I am attending the meeting with my wonderful mentor and friend. I wish then I knew about the YFSF, but I was gracious to be able to meet forensic scientists and learn more about the field. Fast forward to Reno, Nevada 2000—the first YFSF BYOS Session and I am a part of this historical moment with a total of three presenters! Seattle 2001 saw the emergence of discussion panels with distinguished forensic scientists getting involved and revealing the expectations and realities in our field. Dallas 2004—we have more sponsors, our first Poster Session, and a sponsored sit-down lunch with silverware!

It is now January 2005, a few BYOS presentations, panel discussions, planning meetings, and many articles later, my term is over. I have been with the YFSF for five years! According to our bylaws, I must move on. But, where does one go from here? Where are the past YFSF officers and what are they doing now? Is there a transitional phase? A colleague of mine remarked, "Does that make you part of the OFSF now?" No it doesn't. I plan to continue my involvement with the YFSF and the Academy with my focus on sponsorship for the YFSF and also the continued improvement and development of the forensic sciences especially in an area which is near and dear to me—DNA and Missing Persons.

As the Editor, it is my job to make it short and sweet. So, I echo the words of our President and my good friend Claire Shepard and I thank all of you who have guided us, supported us both mentally and financially with our organization, and to those who will continue to see the YFSF grow and mature.

— Sheila Estacio Dennis, MS  
YFSF Secretary  
smedennis@yahoo.com

Claire Shepard and Sheila Estacio Dennis  
at Rockefeller Center, New York City

As the annual AAFS meeting quickly approaches, I began to think about the next phase of my life, as the one with the YFSF comes to an end. Almost six years ago, while I was in graduate school, I attended my first AAFS meeting and YFSF Special Session. Before I arrived at the meeting I knew that I wanted to be a part of this organization and work with the YFSF. After attending the meeting, I did everything I could to get involved. As a committee member and officer, through the years I have accomplished the goals I set for myself and the YFSF, with the assistance of my colleagues. Together we have built a larger, more involved, more organized, and more recognized YFSF.

In the beginning, I felt like it was difficult to get involved in this organization, therefore one of my goals was to include as many people as possible in planning the meeting, writing for the newsletter, answering emails, and organizing special projects. Not only was this one of my goals, it was also a necessity as our special session attendance grew from a few dozen to over one hundred people. While the YFSF formerly consisted of a President and Secretary, we now have over seven officers and committee members and a large number of students and professionals answering emails and writing for the newsletter. As we continue to grow, there are many ways to get involved with the organization and I hope that if you want to get involved with YFSF you will have that opportunity.

Another goal I had developed out of greeting the YFSF attendees and standing in line for lunch at the Atlanta meeting. Sometimes the most seemingly insignificant acts end up being the most important. That morning a young international student checked in for the meeting and her escort asked if we served lunch. I stated that lunch was "on your own" but there were options in the hotel. I could
tell this really put a kink in their day. I got the feeling this student had made tremendous strides to be at the meeting, and while we were advertising that our purpose was to provide a smooth transition into the Academy, we simply did not provide any resources for lunch. As my friend and fellow YFSF officer, Sheila Estacio Dennis, were standing in line at the hotel lunch counter, we thought how much better it would be to be able to have lunch with everyone at the special session. Not only would this give the participants somewhere to go for lunch, it would also give them a more relaxed setting to ask questions, network, and get to know their peers. The next year we accomplished that goal, with the help of generous donations from our sponsors, and we were able to serve our attendees lunch. We hope to continue this tradition and believe that the opportunity to get to know the officers, speakers, and your peers in a relaxed setting accomplishes the core mission of the YFSF.

As I took care of the so called little things like the lunch, getting more people involved, and planning the meeting, I began to see a need for some big things to happen. While I began my career with the YFSF by writing for the newsletter and operating the slide projector at Bring Your Own Slides, I also worked as Program Coordinator, stood in for the President at two meetings, and finally had the opportunity to serve as President. Through my years of service I realized that many of the same questions surfaced year after year. Those two questions were "How do I become a member of YFSF?" and "Now that I have been appointed to (insert position here) what are my duties?". Therefore as President my main priority was to establish the YFSF Policies and Procedures. Once these have been approved by the AAFS Board of Directors, I hope there is no longer any confusion as to the duties of an officer or membership in the YFSF. Without boring you with the duties of the officers I would like to clarify that a member of the YFSF is defined as an officer or committee member appointed by the YFSF President. However, everyone that registers for the AAFS meeting and the YFSF Special Session is invited to attend all of the YFSF sponsored events at the annual meeting. In addition, anyone who is registered for the meeting is invited to attend the YFSF BYOS and the YFSF Poster Session.

With all that my colleagues and I have accomplished this farewell is still bittersweet. While I know that it is time for me to move on and let a much younger forensic scientist use their goals and dreams to better the organization, I still feel strong ties to the organization and dream about its continued success. Four and a half years out of graduate school I am not that young anymore and have paved the way for a smooth transition to the Academy. I have benefited greatly from the YFSF and its mission that was established by Past President Steven Batterman, and I generously thank him for recognizing the need for this organization. Without the YFSF I would probably still be lost at the AAFS meetings and definitely would not have met the many wonderful people with whom I have had the opportunity to work and play.

As you consider becoming a member of the YFSF, simply attending the special session, or supporting the YFSF in any way possible, I encourage you to do so. Being a part of the YFSF has allowed me to foster several great friendships with people I would have not met otherwise, it has given me experience planning a meeting, managing people, working with people, writing policies and procedures, and most of all it has provided me with a smooth transition from a lost student who had never attended a meeting to a AAFS member that feels right at home and has an wonderful time every February at the annual meeting.

I cannot sign off without some personal goodbyes and final thoughts. To Amy, I am so glad we had that impromptu meeting under the escalator in Atlanta. That meeting changed everything and allowed YFSF to be what it is today. To Marilyn, thanks for all your assistance over the years, whether lending your ear, promoting the special session, or coming up with great ideas your assistance has been appreciated. To Allison, you'll do a great job and I will be more than willing to help you anytime you need it. To Nancy, Thank you for your patience while putting up with us our naivety about what has to be done and our inexperience. To Dr. Batterman, I would not be writing this article if it was not for you. Thank you for seeing the need for this great organization and meeting with us in Chicago. That meeting clearly paved the way for some great changes. And finally to Sheila, I could not have done it without you. I cannot even begin to list all the ways to thank you. I'll chalk it up by simply saying, we work well together. Whether it's in my kitchen in Atlanta, over brunch in New York City, or over a cell phone, we compliment each other perfectly.

As I conclude this article I know there is still work to be done at the meeting in February, and I have several articles for the newsletter brewing in my head. This will not be the last time you hear from me. However I felt it was important to sign off in the final newsletter of my term. As I end I want all of you to know I have learned more from the YFSF and the members and staff of the AAFS than you could ever learn from me. Thank you and good luck!

— Claire Shepard, MS
YFSF President

Sheila Estacio Dennis and Claire Shepard taking time out to see the sights in Seattle during the 2001 AAFS Annual Meeting
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— Allison Curran, MS, Program Chair

YFSF Bring Your Own Slides Update

YFSF Bring Your Own Slides (BYOS) is an informal opportunity to give a presentation over any forensic topic. The YFSF BYOS will take place Wednesday, February 25, 2005, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. If you can't get into the BYOS session following, you are more than welcome to participate in the YFSF BYOS.

Feature presentations include:
- forensic nurse examination
- current academic progress in forensic science
- the identification of interesting trace evidence by Raman spectroscopy
- crime scene investigation
- the operation of the FBI laboratory

This is a great opportunity to network with other young forensic scientists, find out about different areas of forensics, and learn how to get that first interview or internship. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If you are interested or for more information, contact Jeannette Perr at jeannette.perr@fiu.edu.

YFSF Poster Session

Tuesday February 22, 2005, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

We are approaching our upcoming AAFS annual meeting in February. Requests for participation at our poster session have been ongoing since June, with requests sent to academic institutions active in forensic education. We have an outstanding group of participants for our poster session ranging from masters and PhD candidates to professionals in the field. Submissions prior to December 1st will be cataloged in the YFSF binder to be handed out at the YFSF day session. We can still take late submissions if you are interested in participating. Anyone participating in an AAFS poster, slide, conference or seminar session may present a poster or participate in the YFSF Bring Your Own Slides session (please contact jeannette.perr@fiu.edu for the YFSF BOYS session). The YFSF sessions are a great opportunity to present your ongoing academic research, case studies or experiences in the field in a cordial and educational environment. Students, educators and working professionals are welcome. Please contact me if you have any additional questions about the poster session or wish to participate. Look forward to seeing you all in New Orleans!

— Marrah E. Lachowicz, MFS, GCCP
Gradpath@aol.com

From The Editor

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17TH MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENCES CALL FOR PAPERS

The 17th Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS) will be held in Hong Kong, August 21-26, 2005. Dedicated to the advancement of forensic sciences, the IAFS has experienced tremendous growth in terms of participation as well as a diversity of topics and perspectives since its inception in 1957. Forensic sciences comprise virtually all scientific subjects. Being aware of the need to integrate forensic practitioners who specialize in a wide variety of disciplines, the IAFS 2005 Organizing Committee is committed to continue the momentum of organizing a quality world-wide meeting that will offer a rich and balanced professional program with stimulating workshops. Inspiring cultural and social events will also be organized for the participants.

The theme for the 2005 meeting is *Justice Through Science*. If you are interested in submitting an abstract centering on the topics of the program, please act NOW. The deadline by which to submit an abstract is March 31, 2005. Submission guidelines and forms are available at: www.iafs2005/eng/submission.php. For more information on scientific program topics, go to: www.iafs2005.com/eng/scientific.php.

Should you have any inquiries, please feel free to contact the Conference Secretariat at info@iafs2005.com.

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.

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Field Training Officer Development Course—To be held at the Midland County Sheriff’s Office in Midland, TX.
CONTACT: Forensic Training Services, Inc.
3650 Yellow Bank Road
Dunkirk, MD 20754
(301) 855-2439 Fax: (301) 855-2530
www.forensictraining.us

24-25
Command Staff Development Course—To be held at the Midland County Sheriff’s Office in Midland, TX.
CONTACT: Forensic Training Services Inc.
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www.forensictraining.us

24-26
Street Crimes Program 3-Day Seminar—To be held at the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department in Golden, CO.
CONTACT: John E. Reid and Associates
(800) 275-4915
www.reid.com

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.
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

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.
CONTACT: Pete Dreifuss
BATFE, National Laboratory Center
6000 Amendale Road
Amendale, MD 20705
(202) 264-1413
pete.dreifuss@atf.gov

FEBRUARY 2005

7-11
Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop—Hosted by the Miami-Dade Police Department Specialized Training Unit in Miami, FL.
CONTACT: Toby L. Wolson
Miami-Dade Police Department
Crime Laboratory Bureau
9105 Northwest 25th Street
Miami, FL 33172
(305) 471-3041 Fax: (305) 471-3350
twolson@mdpd.com

8-10
Transportation Disaster Response - Family Assistance Course—To be held at the NTSB Academy in Ashburn, VA.
CONTACT: NTSB Academy
45065 Riverside Parkway
Ashburn, VA 20147
(571) 223-3900
academy@ntsb.gov
www.ntsb.gov/academy

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22-26
9th Annual Conference and Workshops of the Biofeedback Foundation of Europe—To be held at the Provinciale Hogeschool Limburg in Hasselt, Belgium.
CONTACT: Danielle Matto
danielle.matto@bfe.org
www.bfe.org

MARCH 2005

4-6
The American College of Legal Medicine 45th Conference on Legal Medicine—To be held in San Diego, CA.
CONTACT: Sue O’Sullivan
American College of Legal Medicine
1111 N. Plaza Drive, Suite 550
Schaumburg, IL 60173
(847) 969-0283 Fax: (847) 517-7229
info@aclm.org
www.aclm.org

7-11
Sexual Assault Response Team Training Program—To be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bethesda, MD.
CONTACT: Ricky Giles
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
Washington, DC 20306-6000
(202) 782-2637
sutton@afip.osd.mil
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.
CONTACT: Tsgt. Stephen Huntington
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
Washington, DC 20306-6000
(202) 782-2637
sutton@afip.osd.mil
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29-April 2
International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association Conference and Expo—Hosted by the Chicago Police Department, the Chicago Office of the FBI, the Chicago Office of the DEA, the Arlington Heights Police Department, and the Schaumburg Police Department. To be held at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest in Arlington Heights, IL.
CONTACT: Ed Nowicki, Executive Director
ILEETA
PO Box 1003
Twin Lakes, WI 53181-1003
(262) 279-7879 Fax: (262) 279-5758
ed@ileeta.org
www.ileeta.org
11-13
20th Annual Center for Chemical Process Safety (CCPS) International Conference—
To be held at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, GA.
CONTACT: Karen Person
(212) 591-7319
karep@aiche.org
http://www.aiche.org/ccps/icw

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
mucps@northwestern.edu

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25-29
Introduction to the Technology of Explosives Course—To be held at the Casa Munras Garden Hotel in Monterey, CA.
CONTACT: Computational Mechanics Associates
PO Box 11314
Baltimore, MD 21239-0314
(410) 532-3260
compmechanics@verizon.net
www.compmechanics.com

MAY 2005
9-13
Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the Scottsdale Artists School in Scottsdale, AZ.
CONTACT: Betty Pat. Gatiff
SKULLpture Lab
1026 Leslie Lane
Norman, OK 73069
(405) 321-8706

16-20
Spring 2005 Bloodstain Evidence Institute—
To be held in Corning, NY.
CONTACT: Herbert Leon MacDonell, Director
Bloodstain Evidence Institute
PO Box 1111
Corning, NY 14830
(607) 962-6581 Fax: (607) 936-6936
forensiclub@stny.rr.com

16-20
Bugs, Bones, and Botany—Co-Sponsored by North Carolina State University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, and the Office of State Archaeology Research Center. To be held in Raleigh, NC.
CONTACT: Ann H. Ross, PhD
North Carolina State University
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Campus Box 8107
Raleigh, NC 27605-8107
(919) 515-9021 Fax: (919) 515-2610
ann_ross@ncsu.edu

23-28
Basic Forensic Pathology for Law Enforcement and Death Investigators—
To be held at Missouri Western University in Saint Joseph, MO.
CONTACT: Dr. Ed Waldrip
Executive Director | Southern Institute of Forensic Science
PO Box 15764
Hattiesburg, MS 39404
(601) 310-6531 Fax: (601) 794-1485
edwaldrip@msn.com
www.southernforensics.com

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.
CONTACT: Rita Zukauskiene, Ph.D.
Department of Psychology
Law University of Lithuania
Valakupiu str. 5, LT-10101 Vilnius LITHUANIA
Tel.: + 370 5 2768828
Fax: + 370 5 2740603
http://www.ltlu.lt/~ecpl/

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES
National & international meetings of interest to forensic scientists are included as space permits.
For a complete list, go to the AAFS website (www.aafs.org) and click on the “Meetings” link.

JULY 2005
5-7
Second International Fire & Arson Investigation Conference—To be held at the University of Teesside in Middlesbrough, United Kingdom.
CONTACT: International Fire & Arson Investigation Conference
School of Science & Technology
University of Teeside
Middlesbrough
Tees Valley TS1 3BA
United Kingdom
+44 (0) 1642 342427
Fax: +44 (0) 1642 342401
info@fireandarson.org
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.
CONTACT: Mary Fran Ernst or Julie Howe
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FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGIST
Western Carolina University is seeking applicants for a tenure-track Physical Anthropologist with a specialization in forensic anthropology at the Assistant or Associate Professor level. Qualifications include a PhD in anthropology from an accredited institution, experience in teaching, ABFA certified or certifiable within three years. Research specialization open but DNA experience is preferred. Responsibilities include teaching courses in forensic anthropology and physical anthropology at the undergraduate and master's degree graduate level.
Consideration of applications will begin on January 30th, 2005. Submit letter of application, curriculum vitae, and names and contact information of three references.
CONTACT: Dr. John A. Williams
Search Committee Chair
Department of Anthropology and Sociology
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, NC 28723
(828) 227-2430
jawilliams@email.wcu.edu

FORENSIC SCIENTIST 4
The Washington State Patrol, Human Resources Division, is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Scientist 4. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree in forensic science, natural science, or closely related field which includes a minimum of 20 semester hours or 30 quarter hours of chemistry and 5 semester or 8 quarter hours of physics. Must have five years of fingerprint classification and latent fingerprint experience. Additional fingerprint classification and latent fingerprint experience may substitute year for year for education. Responsibilities include training, scheduling, supervising, evaluating, and reviewing the activities of all forensic scientists assigned to the Latent Prints Lab.
Salary: $49,380 - $63,192/annually.
CONTACT: Cindy Holloway
Staffing Consultant
Applied Biosystems, Inc.
(503) 638-5363
(800) 831-6844 x5363
hollowck@appliedbiosystems.com
www.appliedbiosystems.com

FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGIST
The Bode Technology Group is seeking applicants for the position of DNA Technician. Qualifications include attention to detail and good organizational skills. A bachelor's degree in a natural science is preferred, but not required. Responsibilities include ordering reagents, ensuring lab equipment is in good working order, mixing reagents, and assisting with gel set-up. Salary: $29,000/annually.
CONTACT: Lisa Farr
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DNA TECHNICIAN
Applied Biosystems is seeking a training specialist, based in Foster City, CA, to provide technical customer training on Applied Biosystems forensic products. Qualifications include a BS/MS/PhD in biology, microbiology, biochemistry, or related field; 3-5 years of forensic laboratory experience, and extensive knowledge and hands-on expertise with a variety of molecular biology techniques, including DNA/RNA isolation, cloning and sequencing. Extensive PCR experience and a background working with Applied Biosystems DNA products, including Sequencing and Fragment Analysis, is strongly preferred, as is familiarity with Macintosh, and Windows operating systems. Experience in developing and presenting technical materials in written and verbal form is critical, as are excellent communication and organizational skills. Previous experience with customer service is desirable. Experience with real-time PCR systems (7700, 7000, 7300, 7500, 7900) is also preferred. Responsibilities include delivery of forensic technical customer classes; development of new forensic courses and materials; telephone technical support on an as needed basis; ability to act as liaison between in-house forensic product and marketing groups and Field Application Specialists; and coordination of technical training for the field. This position will require some travel in the United States and Canada.
Salary: $49,380 - $63,192/annually.
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TRACE EVIDENCE EXAMINER
The United States Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory (USACIL), located at Ft. Gillem, GA, is seeking applicants for laboratory examiner positions in the Trace Evidence Division of the laboratory. This division is responsible for examination of the following major evidence categories: textile fibers, paint, soil, glass, fire debris (arson), explosives, and gunshot residue. The USACIL is located in the Atlanta, GA.
The laboratory includes the following technical divisions: Drug Chemistry, Firearms & Toolmarks, Forensic Documents, Latent Prints, Imaging & Technical Support (which includes audio and video enhancement and computer crime), Serology/DNA, and Trace Evidence. There are currently two vacancies in the Trace Evidence Division.
It is anticipated that up to four additional examiner positions will be authorized. All three grade levels, GS11-13, require previous experience. Positions will be filled at levels commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the selected candidates. The GS11 and GS12 positions are developmental with a target grade of GS13. All major duties and responsibilities for the GS11 and GS12 levels are identical to those for the GS13 level with the exception that the examiner works under closer supervision at the lower grades. Qualified candidates are expected to use a holistic approach to the location, collection, preservation, and examination of evidence. At the GS13 level, examiners are expected to be able to analyze the most difficult samples requiring the most complicated interpretations. At all grade levels, examiners interpret and evaluate the results of examinations and prepare formal, comprehensive laboratory reports for use in legal proceedings. The examiner must be able to travel and testify world wide as an expert witness. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island). Resumes must address the selective placement factors designated above and include current salary. Include a daytime telephone number and email address.
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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
The Department of Criminology at Indiana State University invites applications for two tenure track positions in correctional treatment and forensics/criminalistics at the Assistant Professor level. Teaching responsibilities for the corrections position include institutional and community-based corrections, correctional treatment and counseling, and juvenile delinquency. Teaching responsibilities for the forensics/criminalistics position include criminalistics, criminal investigation, and other law enforcement courses. Both positions may involve teaching distance education courses. Previous teaching and practical experience is highly desirable. Applicants should have a PhD or equivalent degree in criminology, criminal justice, or a related discipline; ABAs with a completed date may be considered. A JD degree alone will not be considered. Both positions begin on August 17, 2005. Please send a letter of application, vita, three letters of recommendation, transcripts, and any other supporting materials. CONTACT: Dr. P. Shon
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pshon@indstate.edu
www.indstate.edu/crim

FORENSIC CHEMIST
The Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry at Ohio University is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Chemist. Qualifications include a PhD in chemistry or related discipline. Responsibilities include directing the undergradtute program in forensic chemistry; teaching DNA, physical methods, and chemical toxicology courses; running a nationally competitive graduate research program in the area of forensic chemistry. CONTACT: Hugh Richardson
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FORENSIC SCIENTIST III - FIREARMS
The Bexar County Crime Laboratory is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Scientist III - Firearms Section. Qualifications include graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in forensics or a natural/physical science and a minimum of four years as a firearms examiner. Responsibilities include performing routine analysis on firearms, interpreting test results, preparing reports on findings, and testifying in court as an expert witness. Salary: $39,400 - $48,000/ annually. Applicants must apply online at: www.bexar.org/civilservice. CONTACT: Bexar County
Civil Service Commission
(210) 335-2549

FORENSIC UNIT SUPERVISOR
The City of New Bern (NC) is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Unit Supervisor. Qualifications include any combination of education and experience equivalent to a bachelor's degree from an accredited college with major course work in forensic science, criminology, or related field; supplemented with three to five years of experience in criminal investigation and forensics. Responsibilities include performing complex forensic and intermediate administrative work; searching crime scenes; supervising and participating in collection, identifying, analyzing, preserving, and examining physical evidence; and performing related tasks. Salary: $37,986 - $59,819/ annually. CONTACT: Sharon B. Koprowski
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hrasstdir@newbern-nc.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, FORENSIC BIOLOGY
The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Department of Justice Sciences, is seeking applicants for the position of Assistant Professor, Forensic Biology. Qualifications include a PhD in biology, biochemistry, or related discipline. Experience in state crime lab or comparable setting a plus. A track record of funded research or evidence of the ability to procure funding to support research is expected. Responsibilities include teaching genetics, forensic bio-threat agents, and related courses at the graduate level; teaching a specialty course at the undergraduate level; and participating in department life; and working with ADFS. Joint/secondary appointments possible in other academic units. Position will be affiliated with the new Forensic Science Institute (scheduled to come online in Summer of 2005). Salary: $48,000 - $51,000/nine months. Application deadline: February 15, 2005. CONTACT: Dr. John J. Sloan III
Chairman of Search Committee
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101-OB15, 1530 3rd Avenue South
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QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS TRAINING INSTRUCTOR
The New York City Police Department Laboratory is seeking qualified individuals that possess the education and experience to deliver a full and complete Questioned Document training program on-site at the New York City Police Department Laboratory. The training can be delivered by a combination of both on-site instruction and distant learning through the Internet. It is expected that the instructor will be on-site for at least one week per module. It is also expected that the multi-module training will be ongoing for at least two years. A complete curriculum, identified reference materials, and competency examinations will be provided for each module. The training curriculum will include, but not be limited to the following modules: digital photography, handwriting, printed material, instrumentation, robbery and demand notes, miscellaneous examinations, and court room testimony. All interested applicants are encouraged to apply with letter of intent and resume via the Internet. CONTACT: W. Mark Dale, Laboratory Director
NYC Police Department Laboratory
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wdale@nypd.org

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DNA LABORATORY TECHNICAL LEADER
Marshall University, Forensic Science Center, is seeking applicants for the position of DNA Laboratory Technical Leader. Qualifications include a master's degree in biology, chemistry, or a forensic-related field, plus 12 credit hours in biochemistry, genetics, molecular biology and statistics. Three years of forensic DNA laboratory experience also required. This position is responsible for the technical aspects of the DNA laboratory which includes reviewing current documentation of laboratory operations required by QA system and overseeing the training, safety and proficiency testing in the lab.

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FORENSIC GENETICIST I
The Nassau County Office of the Medical Examiner, Department of Forensic Genetics, is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Geneticist I. Qualifications include a master's degree in forensic science, molecular biology, or genetics, including course work in biochemistry, genetics, molecular biology, statistics, and populations genetics, and one year of fluorescent STR experience; or a bachelor's degree and a minimum of 30 graduate credits including the courses described above and three years of forensic DNA experience, including two years of fluorescent STR experience related to forensic casework.

Responsibilities include performing DNA testing on biological samples; examining physical evidence using standard techniques; responding to crime scenes; participating in the documentation and collection of evidence; performing quality control functions; maintaining records to establish chain of custody; performing proficiency testing; interpreting DNA results and preparing reports reflecting the results of scientific analyses; using the national DNA database (CODIS) to provide investigative leads to law enforcement professionals; providing accurate and objective expert testimony, as required; providing lectures on areas of expertise at conferences, interagency meetings, and to the general public; performing analyses related to method validation, research, and database; and remaining abreast of new developments and issues within the field of DNA analysis. Salary: $63,490/annually.

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SENIOR STAFF SCIENTIST / STAFF SCIENTIST - FORENSIC SCIENCE
Applied Biosystems is seeking applicants for the position of Senior Staff Scientist / Staff Scientist - Forensic Science. Qualifications include a PhD in forensic or genetic science and 6-10 years of working experience in academic and commercial settings; a thorough understanding of forensic applications, genetics, and molecular biology; experience in assay development on electrophoresis, real time PCR, mass spectroscopy or protein detection platforms; a track record of publications in peer-reviewed genetics or forensics journals required, as well as excellent written and oral communication skills. Candidates must be skilled in working with marketing, manufacturing, software, and bio-informatics groups. Responsibilities include leading research efforts in applied genetics and forensic domains; developing STR, SNP, or biomarker based kits relevant to the forensic market; providing domain knowledge in genetics and forensic areas; and authoring scientific and validation papers for publication.

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CONTRACT SENIOR FORENSIC ADVISORS
The U.S. Department of Justice / ICITAP is seeking applicants for the position of Contract Senior Forensic Advisor (SFA). Qualifications include an extensive background in forensic science, with knowledge of a broad range of basic and advanced forensic science applications and techniques including disciplines such as legal medicine and forensic anthropology. Applicants must have a strong foundation in forensic laboratory management practices and must be willing and able to work closely with laboratory managers abroad to enhance their management skills, laboratory policies and procedures, etc. Candidates must be well-acquainted with internationally accepted forensic laboratory accreditation requirements and will ideally have management experience in an ASCLD/LAB and/or ISO 9000 accredited institution. Applicants must have flexible schedules and must be willing and able to work outside the United States in a culturally and ethnically diverse environment. Language skills are preferred, but not required; however, qualified applicants must be able to work in a non-English-speaking environment using language assistants. Prior international experience, particularly in developing countries, is desirable, thought not required. SFAs are required to travel to developing countries to provide advice and technical assistance to forensic and law enforcement professionals in order to enhance the host country's forensic capabilities.

Responsibilities include evaluating the training and equipment needs of the host country's forensic laboratory; assisting in the design and implementation of training programs; assisting in the development of laboratory policy and procedure manuals, quality assurance procedures, and safety and security guidelines; coordinating equipment donations; recommending laboratory changes and improvements; and providing advice and technical assistance to the laboratory staff. Required travel ranges from two weeks per quarter to a full-time posting abroad. SFAs are subcontractors to the U.S. Department of Justice's International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program. They are not employees of the U.S. Government. SFAs are needed for programs in the following countries: Armenia, Moldova, Pakistan, and Serbia. New programs are added on a routine basis.

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LAB SUPERVISOR
National Medical Services is seeking a highly skilled analytical chemist to supervise personnel and provide leadership for 8+ lab analysts whose primary responsibilities are the performance of therapeutic drug monitoring and drug screen analyses of patient specimens using gas chromatography instrumentation. A critical function in this role is to provide technical oversight and ensure that overall department operations remain optimized. This function includes, but is not limited to, instrument performance, proper functioning of methods currently in use, quality control, and development/validation of new and improved methods. This high-volume testing department operates across 2 shifts, 7 days a week and provides results that are critical to both clinical outcomes and forensic investigations. To qualify for this challenging opportunity, a bachelor’s degree in a chemical, physical, or biological science is required with 5 years of relevant experience including experience with gas chromatography and clinical, forensic or biochemical toxicology. Candidate must have excellent interpersonal and mentoring skills and 1 to 2 years of proven success in a management role. Familiarity with Agilent 6890 GC/5973 MSDs and Chemstation is a plus. Salary is commensurate with experience. To apply, send resume to hr@nmslab.com and type Lab Supervisor on subject line. For more details, go to: www.nmslab.com.

FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST
The Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s Office is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Pathologist. Qualifications include AP/CP certification and preferred certification in forensic pathology. Responsibilities include performing autopsies, consulting with investigators, and testifying in court. Holiday and weekend schedule is on a rotation basis shared by three other Medical Examiners. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s Office has a full service Forensic Laboratory System that includes Toxicology, DNA, Histology, and Human Identification Laboratories. Salary commensurate with experience.

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Chief Medical Examiner
Tarrant County
Medical Examiner’s Office
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(817) 920-5700 ext. 150

FORENSIC SCIENTIST II - DRUG CHEMISTRY
The DuPage County Sheriff’s Office Crime Laboratory is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Scientist II - Drug Chemistry. Qualifications include a bachelor’s degree and two years of full-time drug analysis experience. It is preferred that the applicant is accepted as an expert witness in the drug chemistry discipline and have court testimony experience. Responsibilities include performing microscopic, chemical, chromatographic, and spectrophotometric analysis of unknown substances; writing reports detailing the results of analysis; and testifying as an expert witness in judicial proceedings. Trainees will not be considered for this position. Salary: $37,700 - $56,500/annually.

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DuPage County Sheriff’s Office
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PATHOLOGIST ASSISTANT
St. Luke’s Hospital & Health Network is seeking a professional for a promising full-time opportunity to join two pathologist assistants and seven pathologists at the BETHLEHEM campus. Qualifications include a bachelor’s degree in a health science or related field and two years of experience as a pathologist assistant or successful completion of a formal pathologist assistant training program. AAPA certification or eligibility preferred. Under the direction of the pathologists, responsibilities include the description, dissection, and selection of tissues for microscopic examination; assisting with frozen sections; assisting with autopsies, photography and preparing conference materials. The ability to work independently a must.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TENURE-TRACK ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
The Department of Natural Sciences at Fayetteville State University invites applications for two tenure-track faculty positions: 1) Analytical Chemist 2) Physical/Organic Chemist. A PhD degree and training or expertise in forensic science is required for both positions. The successful candidates are expected to help develop and teach new courses in a newly established Forensic Science Program. One position is available to begin in spring 2005 and the second is available for fall 2005. Please send curriculum vitae, official undergraduate and graduate transcripts, research plans, and have three letters of reference sent.

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CRIMINALIST 2 - FIREARMS, TOOL MARK
The Miami-Dade Police Department Crime Lab is seeking applicants for the position of Criminalist 2 - Firearms, Tool Mark Examiner. Qualifications include a bachelor’s degree in a natural science, forensics, or related field; a minimum of five years of bench experience; and eligibility for AFTE certification. Responsibilities include the examination of firearms, bullets, casings, serial numbers, tool marks, footwear, tire impressions, powder residues, and related evidence. The candidate must be able to work independently and as a team, testify in court, write reports, and give presentations. Salary: $45,000/annually. Provide a one-page resume to include contact information, degrees, and pertinent experience. Include copies of college transcripts, diploma(s), and other supporting documents. Application deadline: March 1, 2005.

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MEDICAL EXAMINER
The Clark County (NV) Coroner’s Office is seeking applicants for the position of Medical Examiner. Qualifications include a minimum of one year of professional physician’s experience in a coroner or medical examiner’s office; must be licensed as a physician to practice medicine in the State of Nevada at time of appointment; must be a certified pathologist, board certified by the American Board of Pathology in pathologic anatomy, or eligible and obtain certification within 24 months of appointment; and must possess a valid Nevada Class C driver’s license at time of appointment. Responsibilities include the investigation of sudden, unexpected or violent deaths to include performing examinations of human bodies in order to determine the cause and manner of death through varied sources of information as well as the performance of autopsies; performing and supervising laboratory work; assisting law enforcement agencies in search operations, excavations, and recovery of bodies; examining scenes of death/crime; providing expert testimony in legal proceedings related to deaths; providing instruction to nurses, paramedics, law enforcement personnel, and professional development of staff; representing the County in various activities and meeting with the public in both public and private agencies, governmental entities, and the general public; assisting in directing emergency responses to disasters that require coroner services; contributing to the overall quality of the department’s service provision by developing and coordinating work teams and by reviewing, recommending, and implementing improved policies and procedures; and operating a motor vehicle to drive to crime scenes and disasters and to attend meetings. Salary: $105,599 - $163,673/annually.

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FORENSIC PRODUCT SPECIALIST - EAST COAST & WEST COAST
Myriad Genetic Laboratories is seeking candidates to fill the position of Forensic Product Specialist. Qualifications include a bachelor’s degree in forensic science or a related scientific discipline. Applicant should have significant experience performing DNA STR analysis and/or DNA casework. Strong skills in account management and in sales of a complex or technical nature are also desired. The primary role of this individual is to increase outsourcing relationships in the fields of Convicted Offender databasing and DNA casework services, and to maintain strong relationships with existing clients based on unparalleled quality and customer service. Additional duties include the identification of key contacts responsible for Convicted Offender databasing and DNA casework within each state crime lab; management of the contract-implementation process between the state and Myriad - ensuring that customer expectations are met or exceeded; identification of government funding initiatives on state and federal levels for CODIS data basing, DNA casework and future forensic market opportunities; identification, and provision of information to marketing team on new business opportunities in the field of forensic genetic identification; identification of sales/promotional tools that are needed from marketing; work with marketing to identify and/or update product requirements; direct all promotional and sales efforts at conventions. Travel within the assigned territory comprises 75% of job responsibility. Relocation is not required.

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www.myriadforensics.com

QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICER
The Harris County Medical Examiner’s Office is seeking applicants for the position of Quality Assurance Officer. Qualifications include a bachelor’s degree in forensic science, chemistry, biology, toxicology, or closely related field (PhD preferred); a minimum of five years experience in an accredited forensic laboratory; and certification as an inspector for a forensic organization. Five years in managerial/supervisory in quality assurance management is preferred, but not required. This position requires objectivity, a high degree of independent judgment, problem solving ability, and considerable technical knowledge. Must have good communication and organization skills. Certification by the American Board of Criminalistics (ABC) or the American Society of Quality (ASQ) is preferred. Responsibilities include the day-to-day management of the quality assurance program of the laboratory; insuring the laboratory remains in compliance with forensic science accreditation program guidelines and laboratory standard operating procedures; providing direction, management, and guidance to all laboratory personnel pertaining to Quality Assurance issues; conducting annual audits of the entire laboratory operation and making recommendations to improve the operation of the laboratory; investigating technical problems and initiating corrective action when problems are identified; maintaining and updating the procedures and policies of the quality assurance program; administering approved proficiency tests and evaluating test results; maintaining court testimony monitoring records of testifying laboratory personnel; maintaining a key log if laboratory personnel and keys assigned to each employee; maintaining personnel records needed for compliance with accreditation guidelines; reviewing, implementing, and inspecting laboratory security measures; overseeing purchasing and expenditures that pertain to QA/QC; managing open records requests for the laboratory; and reviewing workload and case tracking on a monthly basis with the Laboratory Director. Employment is contingent upon passing a criminal background check. Salary: $50,000 - $79,932/annually.

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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN FORENSIC GENETICS

The Department of Cell Biology and Genetics at the University of North Texas Health Science Center is seeking applicants for a state-support, tenure track faculty position at the level of Assistant Professor in the Forensic Genetics program. Qualifications include a doctoral degree with experience in bioinformatics, genomics, or microarray assays. The applicant will be expected to develop graduate courses in his/her specialty as well as assist in the teaching of ongoing courses in the Forensic Genetics program. The applicant will also be expected to obtain external grant/contract funding. The candidate’s area of interest may include the development of new and novel forensic test procedures and molecular markers for human and non-human subjects involving criminal investigations, identification of unknown remains and screening tests to be used to aid in the investigation of bio-terrorism and related activities. Consideration of applications will start immediately and the position will remain open until a suitable candidate is appointed. Applicants should submit curriculum vitae, a statement of teaching experience and/or interests, area of research interest, and three letters of reference.

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Professor and Chairman
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University of North Texas Health Science Center
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FIREARMS AND TOOLMARK EXAMINER

The Hamilton County Coroner’s Laboratory, a full service ASCLD/LAB accredited laboratory, is seeking an experienced, court qualified, Firearms and Toolmark Examiner. Applicants must meet the requirements for a firearms and toolmark examiner as stipulated in ASCLD/LAB Section 2.7. They must be able to perform casework independently and have been qualified as an expert witness in the disciplines of firearms and toolmark examinations. Training and experience with the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) and membership in AFTE is desirable. Major duties include the normal microscopic comparison of firearms evidence, operation of the NIBIN/IBIS terminal, toolmark comparisons, distance determinations, serial numbers restorations, function tests and delivering training lectures to law enforcement personnel. This position does not involve GSR analyses, footwear/tire-track comparisons, or crime scene searches. The examiner will join a staff of two other firearms examiners. The examiner will be required to comply with safety, quality control, and other administrative criteria of the ASCLD/LAB accreditation program. Salary: $42,619 - $74,360/annually.

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ADVANCED ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, FORENSIC CHEMISTRY

The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Department of Justice Sciences, is seeking applicants for the position of Advanced Assistant/Associate Professor, Forensic Chemistry. Qualifications include a PhD in chemistry, biochemistry or related discipline. Experience in state crime lab or comparable setting considered a plus. A track record of funded research or evidence of the ability to procure funding to support research is expected. Responsibilities include teaching forensic drug analysis, toxicology, and related courses at the graduate level; teaching Introduction to Forensic Science and specialty course at the undergraduate level; normal load is 2-2; mentoring graduating students; and serving as Graduate Program Director. Joint/secondary appointments possible in other academic units. Position will be affiliated with the new Forensic Science Institute (scheduled to come online in Summer of 2005). Salary: $51,000 - $65,000/nine months.


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SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

CRIMINALIST

Seeking position as Criminalist. Qualifications include a BS in forensic chemistry from Ohio University. Will obtain PhD degree in chemistry from Florida International University in July 2005. Experience includes internships within crime laboratories.

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