

**TEXAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTEGRITY UNIT &
TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION
JOINT CONFERENCE ON FORENSIC SCIENCE: JUNE 4-5, 2012**

AGENDA: DAY ONE (JUNE 4)

TIME	TITLE	PRESENTER	LOCATION
7:30AM	Registration (Coffee)		Foyer
8:00AM	Welcome	Judge Barbara Hervey (TCJIU) Dr. Nizam Peerwani (TFSC) Senator Juan C. Hinojosa	Auditorium
8:20AM	Brief TFSC Update	Lynn Robitaille (TFSC)	Auditorium
8:45AM	Update on Legal Standards for Forensic Evidence (<i>Melendez-Diaz, Bullcoming, Williams, Briscoe, Ex Parte Robbins, Tillman, etc.</i>)	Gary Udashen (TCJIU)	Auditorium
9:45AM	Forensic Ethics: Spotlight on <i>Brady</i>	Judge Michael Keasler (TCCA)	LCC
10:45AM	Break		
11:00AM	Live Mock Cross/Direct of a Forensic Scientist: Putting DNA Evidence into Perspective	Judge Sid Harle (TCJIU) Dr. Bruce Budowle (UNTHSC) Lance Long (Harris County ADA) Ray Keith (West TX Public Defender)	LCC
12:00PM	Lunch		LCC
1:00PM	Recent developments in crime lab accreditation and their impact (traceability, uncertainty of measurement, sampling plans)	Laurel Farrell (ASCLD-LAB)	Auditorium
2:00PM	Panel on possibilities for improving consistency (<i>e.g.</i> , standardization and improvement of laboratory reporting, peer review of expert testimony, etc.)	Richard Alpert (TFSC) Ron Singer (Tarrant Cty ME) Pat Johnson (TCJIU, DPS) Vanessa Potkin (Innocence Project)	Auditorium
3:00PM	Break		LCC
3:15PM	<i>Science Track (Choose One):</i> 1. Developments in Arson Investigation 2. Recent Trends in Digital & Multimedia 3. New Designer Drugs: Synthetic Cannabinoids and Cathinones	<u>Arson:</u> Dr. John DeHaan (Arson Expert) <u>Digital/Multimedia:</u> Jennifer Land (DPS) <u>Synthetic Cannabinoids/Cathinones:</u> Jerry Walker (DEA)	Auditorium E1.016 or E1.028 E1.016 or E1.028
4:30PM	Seminar adjourns for the day		

DRAFT AGENDA: DAY TWO (JUNE 5)

TIME	TITLE	PRESENTER	LOCATION
8:00AM	Post-NAS Report: National Developments	Dr. Jamie Downs (Coastal Region Medical Examiner, Georgia Bureau of Investigation/ Member, Standards, Practices & Protocols Forensic Science Interagency Working Group)	Auditorium
8:45AM	State of the Union Regarding Publicly Funded Crime Labs	Pat Johnson (TCJIU, DPS) Dr. Jeffrey Barnard (TFSC) Tom Stimpson (Fort Worth PD) Tim Fallon (TACLD)	Auditorium
9:30AM	<i>Science Track (Choose One):</i> 1. Recent Trends in Forensic Pathology	<u>Forensic Pathology:</u> Dr. Nizam Peerwani (TFSC)	Auditorium
	2. Recent Trends in Firearms/Toolmarks	<u>Firearms/Toolmarks:</u> Dr. Ron Singer (Ft. Worth ME)	E1.01 or E1.012
10:30AM	Break		LCC
10:45AM	<i>Science Track (Choose One):</i> 1. Eyewitness ID: Spotlight on Texas Model Reforms	<u>Eyewitness ID:</u> Dr. Rita Watkins (LEMIT) Chief Jim McLaughlin (TCJIU)	Auditorium
	2. Current Issues in Forensic Anthropology (Limitations of Forensic Anthropology in Child Abuse Cases, etc.)	<u>Forensic Anthropology:</u> Dr. Jennifer Love (Harris County ME)	E1.016 or E1.012
11:45PM	Lunch		LCC
12:45PM	Implementation of SB 1616: Storage of Biological Evidence	Pat Johnson (TCJIU, DPS)	Auditorium
1:15PM	<i>Science Track (Choose One):</i> 1. Recent Trends in Toxicology	<u>Toxicology:</u> Dr. Sarah Kerrigan (TFSC)	Auditorium
	2. Latent Print Examination (Including discussion of FBI's new protocols and the "human element" of latent print examination)	<u>Latent Print:</u> Melissa Gische (FBI)	E1.016 or E1.012
2:15PM	<i>Science Track (Choose One):</i> 1. Developments in DNA (Success of testing, limitations of using CODIS and other databases for investigative leads, familial searching, etc.)	<u>DNA:</u> Dr. Art Eisenberg (TFSC) Dr. Bruce Budowle (UNTHSC)	Auditorium
	2. Recent Trends in Trace Evidence	<u>Trace Evidence:</u> Melissa Valadez (DPS)	E1.016 or E1.012
3:15PM	Break		LCC
3:30PM	Panel Discussion on Criminal Discovery in Texas: Possibilities and Challenges	Senator Joan Huffman (R-Houston), Senator Juan Hinojosa (D-McAllen), Mary Anne Wiley (Office of the Governor), Shannon Edmonds (TDCAA), Bobby Lerma (TFSC/TCDLA)	Auditorium
4:30PM	Seminar Adjourns		

