

National Institute of Justice

Forensic Science Research and Development Symposium

American Academy of Forensic Sciences 72nd Annual Scientific Meeting

The NIJ Forensic Science R&D Symposium is an open meeting where attendees can learn about NIJ-funded research across a variety of forensic science areas. AAFS meeting registration is not necessary. Feel free to stop by and listen to specific presentations, or stay all day and learn about the diverse NIJ forensic science R&D portfolio.

Information will be available at www.forensicCOE.org.

Tuesday
February 18 — 8:30 a.m. – 5:10 p.m.

Program:

8:30 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
Office of Investigative and Forensic Sciences, NIJ

Morning Session I – Forensic Biology/DNA
Moderated by NIJ program manager Andrea Borchardt

8:40 a.m. - 9:05 a.m. Efficient Sequencing and Analysis of Degraded and Trace DNA Samples Using a Novel Targeted Ligation-Free Method
Jannine Forst, Arc Bio, LLC - 2017-DN-BX-0140

9:05 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Microhaplotypes: Moving Scientific Research to a Forensic Casework Panel
Kenneth Kidd, Yale University - 2018-75-CX-0041

9:30 a.m. - 9:55 a.m. DNA Typing Strategies via Real-Time Nanopore Sequencing for Forensic Analyses
Courtney Hall, University of North Texas Health Science Center - 2018-DU-BX-0179

9:55 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. Development of Entire Mitogenome Reference Data Using an Automated High Throughput Sequencing Workflow
Kimberly Sturk-Andreaggi, Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory - DJO-NIJ-17-RO-0219

10:20 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. Break

Morning Session II – Controlled Substances and Toxicology
Moderated by NIJ program manager Frances Scott

10:35 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. The Detection and Quantitation of Fentanyl Mixtures by Surface-Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy (SERS) and Chemometrics
Ling Wang, Florida International University - 2015-IJ-CX-K006

11:00 a.m. - 11:25 a.m. Portable SERS-PSI-MS Dual Analysis Platform Using Gold Nanoparticle-Embedded Paper for Trace Detection of Illegal Drugs
Jeremy Driskell, Illinois State University - 2017-R2-CX-0022

- 11:25 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. Forty Plus Ways not to Analyze Beverages for Cannabinoids
Carl Wolf, Virginia Commonwealth University - 2017-R2-CX-0029
- 11:50 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Investigating the Rise and Fall of Opioids Using Data Acquired by Liquid Chromatography Time of Flight Mass Spectrometry (LC-TOF-MS)
Judith Rodriguez Salas, Fredric Rieders Family Foundation: CFSRE - 2017-DN-BX-0169

12:15 p.m. - 1:35 p.m. Lunch Break – On Your Own

Afternoon Session I – Impression and Pattern Evidence/Trace Evidence

Moderated by NIJ program manager Gregory Dutton

- 1:35 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Quantitative Measures for Footwear Impression Comparisons
Steven Lund, National Institute of Standards and Technology - DOJ-NIJ-17-RO-0202
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:25 p.m. Testing the Accuracy and Reliability of Palmar Friction Ridge Comparisons: A Black Box Study
Heidi Eldridge, RTI - 2017-DN-BX-0170
- 2:25 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. Rapid Detection of Inorganic and Organic Firearm Discharge Residues by Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS) and Electrochemical Sensors
Tatiana Trejos and Luis Arroyo, West Virginia University - 2018-DU-BX-0186
- 2:50 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Facilitating the Adoption of Glass Evidence Analyses in Forensic Laboratories
Jose Almirall, Florida International University - 2015-DN-BX-K049
- 3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Break

Afternoon Session II – Forensic Anthropology and Forensic Pathology

Moderated by NIJ program manager Danielle McLeod-Henning

- 3:30 p.m. - 3:55 p.m. Developing an Online Resource for Species Identification of Skeletal Remains
Heather Garvin, Des Moines University - 2018-DU-BX-0229
- 3:55 p.m. - 4:20 p.m. Development Responses to Fluctuating Temperatures of a Forensically Important Blow Fly (*Cochliomyia Macellaria*)
Travis Rusch, Texas A&M University AgriLife Research - 2016-DN-BX-0204
- 4:20 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Understanding the Role of the Thanatomicrobiota in the Decay of “Reproductive Organs” in Human Decomposition
Gulnaz Javan, Alabama State University - 2017-MU-MU-0042
- 4:45 p.m. - 5:10 p.m. Using Microbiome Tools to Estimate the Postmortem Interval of Human Remains
David Carter, Chaminade University of Honolulu
Zachary Burcham, Colorado State University - 2015-DN-BX-K016

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