

# Forensic Science Seminar Series (Fall 2019)

All talks will be held at NJIT in Tiernan Lecture Hall 1, (151 Warren St., Newark, NJ)

## **Sept 20<sup>th</sup> @11:30am: “DNA Solves a 25 Year old Cold Case Homicide: A collaborative effort by Lab Personnel, Judiciary, Legislature and Law Enforcement”**

**Det. Lt. Michael Stallone** recently retired after completing more than 25 years with the Bergen County Sheriff's Office. At the time of his retirement, he was the Unit Commander of the Bureau of Criminal Investigations-Crime Scene Unit. As a Unit Commander he oversaw personnel which performed tasks in areas including the Automated Biometric Identification System Unit (ABIS), Ballistics Laboratory, Photographic Unit, Property & Evidence Unit, Video Enhancement and Crime Scene Response. Mr. Stallone is a recognized expert and educator in all facets in Crime Scene Investigation. He has taught courses in Bergen, Essex and Morris Counties. In addition to the above, Mr. Stallone was selected to teach fingerprint classification and identification to fingerprint examiners with the New Jersey State Police- Automated Biometric Identification Unit. He currently holds a position on the Board of directors at the New Jersey Chapter of the International Association of Identification.

## **Oct 4<sup>th</sup> @11:30am: “Environmental Forensics” (note change in speaker)**

**Det. Sgt. Steve Ogulin, M.S.** works in the Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General. He is the investigative supervisor assigned to the Environmental Crimes Unit within the Specialized Crimes Bureau, a unit that operates statewide in NJ. The Environmental Crimes Unit is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of violations of the State's water pollution, air pollution, hazardous waste and solid waste laws, as well as traditional crimes that have an impact on public health and safety and the environment. Typical cases involve abandoned chemicals/wastes, abandoned trailer filled with both hazardous and non-hazardous materials, illegal dump sites, industrial process explosions, unsafe chemical storage, oil spills/discharges, medical wastes, pollution of waters (ocean and inland), soils, air, illegal asbestos abatements, environmental remediation, drinking water, and frauds/falsifications related to such activities. Steve holds a Master of Science in Chemistry and a Master of Science in Environmental Science from New Jersey Institute of Technology. In addition, Steve teaches environmental crime investigation to active law enforcement and regulatory officials.

## **Nov 1<sup>st</sup> @11:30am: “Forensic Science in Criminal Defense: Holding the Government Accountable when Science is Offered in the Courtroom”**

**Ms. Jennifer Sellitti** is Director of Training & Communications for the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender (NJ OPD), where she is responsible for teaching trial advocacy and substantive law to public defenders in all of the agency's practice areas. She works at the direction of the public defender on special projects that impact OPD clients such as forensic science education and litigation, police accountability, and pretrial justice reform. In addition, she represents clients charged with serious felonies at trials and in *Miller* resentencing hearings

## **Nov 8<sup>th</sup> @11:30am: “Forensic Dentistry 2019: Updates from Past and Current Events”**

**Dr. Lawrence Dobrin, DMD**, is the Chief Forensic Dentist for the five boroughs of New York City, Office of Chief Medical Examiner. He is a forensic dental consultant to the Regional Medical Examiner of the State of New Jersey; and to the Union County, NJ, Medical Examiner. He is the forensic dentist for the County of Rockland, NY, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, and a consultant for the Philadelphia Medical Examiner. Dr. Dobrin is also a member of the Federal Disaster Mortuary Response Team-Region 2, and the Forensic Dental Director of the Regional Mass Fatality Response System. Dr. Dobrin is an Associate Professor at Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, Dept. of Pediatric Dentistry. He provides courtroom testimony as an expert in child abuse cases and in forensic odontology. He is the Director of Dental Operations on the Medical Examiner Special Operations Response Team for NYC. Dr. Dobrin is an Honorary Police Surgeon for the NYPD since 2001. He also maintains a private dental practice in Roselle Park, NJ.

## **Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> @11:30am: “Forensic Science Commissions: Why Every State Should Have One”**

**Sarah Chu** joined the Innocence Project ([www.innocenceproject.org](http://www.innocenceproject.org)) in September 2008. As a Senior Advisor on Forensic Science Policy, she supports work that focuses on improving validity, reliability, quality and just application of forensic science. Sarah is currently a Criminal Justice PhD student at John Jay College of Criminal Justice / CUNY Graduate Center. She graduated from the University of California, San Diego with BS degrees in Biochemistry/Cell Biology, Communication, and a MS in Biology. She also holds a Masters in Epidemiology from Stanford University.

## **Dec 6<sup>th</sup> @11:30am: “Forensic Archeology”**

**Kimberlee Sue Moran, MS**, has been a forensic consultant and educator since 2002. She holds an undergraduate degree in Classical and Near Eastern archaeology from Bryn Mawr College and a Masters of Science in forensic archaeological science from the Institute of Archaeology at University College London. Kimberlee has worked on a number of cases in a range of capacities; has been a provider of forensic services to legal professionals in the UK; and most recently has run training workshops for local law enforcement. She helped to launch the JDI Centre for the Forensic Sciences in 2010 and has run an educational organization, Forensic Outreach, since 2004. Kimberlee is an active member of the Society for American Archaeology, the UK Fingerprint Society, the Association for Women in Forensic Science, and Forensic Archaeology Recovery. Her doctoral research is in the field of ancient fingerprints. She currently serves as the Director of Forensic Science at Rutgers-Camden.

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