



18th Annual Forensic DNA Conference – Bode 2019
April 23-26, 2019
Phoenix, AZ

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All workshops, meals and events listed in the program below require registration.
Program subject to change.

Tuesday, April 23

Workshops

7:00am – 4:00pm

Registration

8:00am – 10:00am

Forensic Genealogy Workshop

A multi-disciplinary panel of speakers will discuss how forensic genealogy works in practice and some of the challenges that genealogists, investigators and prosecutors face.

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10:00am – 10:15am

Refreshment Break

Sponsored by NicheVision Forensics

10:15am – 12:15pm

Thermo Fisher Scientific Workshop

Crime Busters- A Partnership Built on Rapidly Progressing Criminal Justice

Hear forensic DNA practitioners and criminal investigators discuss topics such as collaborations between field investigators and forensic scientists, rapid DNA testing for enhanced investigations, testing for property crimes, and getting more from your DNA samples.

12:15pm – 1:00pm

Lunch

for am & pm workshop participants

Sponsored by STACS DNA

1:00pm – 5:00pm

Promega Workshop

Please join us for an afternoon of presentations and discussions by leaders in the forensics community on the latest advancements in STR analysis and the forensics workflow. Information and tips on maximizing success with challenging samples and improving laboratory efficiencies through workflow enhancements will be provided.

2:00pm – 2:15pm

Refreshment Break

Sponsored by Promega

5:30pm – 7:00pm

Welcome Reception

Sponsored by Bode Technology

7:15am – 8:15am

Hot Breakfast Buffet
Sponsored by QIAGEN

7:15am – 12:00pm

Registration

8:15am – 8:30am

Welcome
Andrew Singer, Director of Sales & Marketing, Bode Technology

Jon Eliason
Major Offenders Division Chief
Maricopa County Attorney's Office

8:30am – 10:30am

KEYNOTE:
Samuel Little - How a Multi-Agency Effort Uncovered One of America's Most Prolific Serial Killers

James Holland, Texas Ranger
Dr. Angela Williamson, DOJ Senior Forensic Policy Advisor and FBI ViCAP Liaison
Christie Palazzolo, Crime Analyst, FBI ViCAP

10:30am – 11:00am

Refreshment Break
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11:00am – 11:30am

DNA Legislative Update
Lisa Hurst, Senior Consultant, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell

11:30am – 12:00pm

Review of Upcoming Changes to Forensic DNA Standards
Kris Cano, Forensic Services Director, Scottsdale Police Department Crime Laboratory

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Buffet Lunch
Sponsored by Promega

1:00pm – 1:30pm

Strategic Approach to Addressing New Legislation: How One Lab Managed Backlogs, Requirements for New Testing, and Improving Efficiencies
Gail Conklin, Forensic Biologist I, Monroe County Crime Laboratory

1:30pm – 2:00pm

Findings from GAO Report on DNA Evidence Backlogs, the CEBR Program, and Unsubmitted Sexual Assault Kits
Gretta Goodwin, Director, GAO's Homeland Security and Justice Team
Jeff Jensen, Sr. Analyst/ Project Leader, GAO's Homeland Security and Justice Team

2:00pm – 2:30pm

The Case for STACS Casework
Tim Stacy, Director of Sales, STACS DNA

2:30pm – 3:00pm

Refreshment Break
Sponsored by STACS DNA

3:00pm – 3:30pm

Twenty Years of Deaths Along the Arizona-Mexico Border: The Role of DNA in Personal Identification
Bruce Anderson, Forensic Anthropologist, Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner

3:30pm – 4:00pm

Thermo Fisher Scientific Update

Thermo Fisher Scientific

4:00pm – 4:30pm

Strangulation Cases: New Technologies and an Innovative Approach to Finding the DNA

Kelly Taylor, SANE-A Medical Forensic Coordinator, Womack Army Medical Center

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Group Event/Dinner – [Culinary Dropout](#) (buses depart hotel at 5:15pm)

Thursday, April 25

General Session

7:20am – 8:10am

Hot Breakfast Buffet

Sponsored by NicheVision Forensics

8:10am – 8:15am

Opening Remarks

Andrew Singer, Director of Sales & Marketing, Bode Technology

8:15am – 9:00am

KEYNOTE:

Cold Case Solved: Identifying a Suspect for the Golden State Killer Using Investigative Genealogy

Barbara Rae Venter, Genealogy Consulting

9:00am – 9:30am

Justice Using Genealogy

Lt. John Somerindyke, Special Victims Unit Commander, Fayetteville Police Department

9:30am – 10:00am

Complete Automation Workflows for DNA Extraction and Analysis

David Johnson, Forensics Regional Account Manager, Promega

10:00am – 10:30am

Refreshment Break

Sponsored by Verogen

10:30am – 11:00am

PACE - Completely Automated Artifact Management and Determination of Number of Contributors

Victor Meles, VP, NicheVision Forensics, LLC

11:00am – 11:30am

SWGDM Recommendations for Communicating Likelihood Ratios

Tamyra Moretti, Supervisory Examiner, DNA Support Unit, FBI

11:30am – 12:00pm

STRmix? That Sounds Fun!

Dawn Boswell, Assistant Criminal District Attorney and Chief of the Conviction Integrity Unit, Tarrant County Texas Criminal District Attorney's Office

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Buffet Lunch

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1:00pm – 1:30pm

Enabling “Now Generation Sequencing”

Verogen

1:30pm – 2:00pm

Rapid DNA Applications

TBD

2:00pm – 2:30pm

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2:30pm – 3:00pm

Refreshment Break
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3:00pm – 3:30pm

Connected in Forensics
Mary Jones Dukes, M.S., QIAGEN

3:30pm – 4:30pm

DNA Evidence and Successful Case Outcomes: What Prosecutors and DNA Analysts Need To Know
Misty Marra, MSFS, Forensic DNA Analyst, DNA Laboratory Coordinator, Marshall University Forensic Science Center
Patricia D. Powers, Attorney Advisor, AEquitas

Friday, April 26

Workshops

7:00am – 8:00am

Continental Breakfast
for workshop participants
Sponsored by Verogen

8:00am – 10:00am

Mixture Interpretation Workshop
Moderated Panel Discussion regarding the implementation of probabilistic genotyping for laboratories. Topics to include:

- *Advantages and disadvantages of probabilistic genotyping*
- *Presentation to juries*
- *Evaluating past interpretations with new interpretations on the same evidence*

Moderator:
Dawn Boswell, Assistant Criminal District Attorney and Chief of the Conviction Integrity Unit, Tarrant County Texas Criminal District Attorney's Office

10:00am – 10:20am

Refreshment Break

10:20am – 12:15pm

Technical Leaders Panel
Technical Leaders from across the country participate in a moderated panel session discussing the most pertinent topics impacting forensic labs today. Everyone is welcome.

Moderator:
Stephanie Sivak, Technical Leader, Bode Technology

Conference Concludes at 12:30pm

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