

General Session Agenda

- 7:00AM Registration (Natoma) / “Sunrise at the Ranch” Breakfast (Sierra Ballroom)
- 8:00-8:10AM Opening Remarks – Laboratory Director Kristel Suchland, Sacramento District Attorney’s Office Laboratory of Forensic Services
- 8:10-8:25AM District Attorney’s Welcome – District Attorney Thien Ho, Sacramento District Attorney’s Office
- 8:25-8:40AM Vendor Introductions
- 8:40-9:55AM Founder’s Lecture: The Courtroom Presentation of Evidence Course - The Inspiration, Design and Accomplishments – Raymond Davis (CourtSkills)
- 9:55-10:30AM “Rustler’s Rest” Break (Sierra Ballroom, co-sponsored by ThermoFisher), Raffle, and Challenge coin update
- 10:30-11:00AM Sticks and Stones: Uncovering a Serial Offender Using Probabilistic Genotyping – Angela Freitas (Contra Costa Sheriff’s Office Crime Lab)
- 11:00-11:40AM Conclusion-Grounded Opinions vs. Evidence-Grounded Opinions: Should the Firearm and Toolmark Examination Discipline Adjust How it Expresses Opinions? – Todd Weller (Weller Forensics)
- 11:40-12:00PM Deep Threads: Digging into Fiber Populations in Soil– Ashley Fricker (Sacramento DA Crime Lab)
- 12:00-1:00PM “Ranch Hand Refuel” Lunch (Sierra Ballroom)
- 1:00-1:35PM Legal Updates for Forensic Scientists – Michael Chamberlain (California Department of Justice)
- 1:35-3:45PM A Tale of Two Murders: A Double Homicide Case in Rural San Joaquin County– Sheltri Grisham & James Hamiel (California Department of Justice), and DDA Elton Grau (San Joaquin DA’s Office)
- 3:45-4:00PM “Giddy-up Your Snacks Before the Business Meeting” Break (Sierra Ballroom)
- 4:00-5:30PM CAC Business Meeting (Pavilion)
- 5:00-7:00PM “Trails End” Wine and Cheese Reception, New Member Reception/Poster Session (Sierra Ballroom, co-sponsored by Hamilton)

AM Session Moderator: Natalie Jones PM Session Moderator: Sarah Husa

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025

General Session Agenda

- 7:00 -- 8:00AM "The Morning Roundup" Breakfast (Sierra Ballroom)
- 8:00 – 9:00AM Effectively Addressing Sexual Assault Kit Backlogs through Private/Public Partnership – Melissa Haas (Bode Technology) and Shawn Montpetit (San Diego PD)
- 9:00 – 9:30AM The Use of Advanced Technological Automation for Seized Drug Analysis– Scott Oulton (DEA)
- 9:30 – 10:00AM The History and Impact of the California Association of Criminalistics - Jerry Chisum
- 10:00 – 10:30AM "Snack Stampede" Break (Sierra Ballroom, co-sponsored by Agilent), Raffle, and ABC Update
- 10:30 – 12:30PM The 15-Year Quest for Justice: The Christie Wilson Case – Keynote Speakers: Debbie Boyd and Nuno Tavares
- 12:30 – 1:30PM "Giddy Up & Grub" Lunch (Sierra Ballroom) and CAC Update
- 1:30 – 2:00PM The Forensic Scientist & Mental Health – Jessica Winn (California Department of Justice)
- 2:00 – 3:00PM Investigative Genealogy Basics – Kirk Campbell (Sacramento DA's Office)
- 3:00 – 3:30PM "Wrangler's Rest" Break (Sierra Ballroom) and Raffle
- 3:30 – 4:15PM The Space Between: Filling Investigative Gaps with Wireless Companies' Other Tool -Timing Advance– Detective Garth Keffer (Sacramento County Sheriff's Office)
- 4:15 – 4:45PM Postmortem Interval - Is it all about the temperature? – Mark McLellan (Contra Costa Sheriff's Office Crime Lab)
- 6:00-11:00PM Boot-Scootin' Banquet (Pavilion)

AM Session Moderator: Ryan Nickel
PM Session Moderator: Kristine Myhre

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

General Session Agenda

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

- 7:00 – 8:00AM “Saddle Up” Breakfast (Sierra Ballroom)
- 8:00 – 8:25AM Breech Face Marks Due to Varying Pressures Created by Changing Bullet Weights – Connor Sichler (Sacramento DA Crime Lab)
- 8:25-9:25AM OD Justice – Distribution Resulting Investigations - Supervisory Special Agent Bob Thomas (DEA)
- 9:25-9:45AM Blow Flies Under the Lens: Forensic DNA Retrieval Post-ESEM – Riley Hoffman (UC Davis Forensic Science Graduate Program)
- 9:45-10:05AM “The Final Mosey” Break (Sierra Ballroom) and Raffle
- 10:05-10:30AM Old Drugs, New Tricks: Updating Opioid Testing in Forensic Toxicology – Drew Vandalia (Sacramento DA Crime Lab)
- 10:30-11:00AM A Tale of Two Dismemberments – Cindy Anzalone (San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office Crime Lab)
- 11:00-11:30AM Identification of Resizing Die Marks from a Carbide Die – Samantha Houle (Alameda County Sheriff’s Office Crime Lab)
- 11:30-12:00PM What Happens after Law Enforcement and Forensic Teams Leave? – Aaron Burt & Dawn Tempest (Forensiclean)

AM Session Moderator: Daniela Vasquez

