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The President's Desk

Meiling Robinson



CAC President

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The Vicissitudes Incident to Life

As I finally sat down to compose this President's Desk, my first President's Desk, I started as I'm sure many of us newly elected Presidents have, by reviewing the CACNews archive and reading what other Presidents wrote to address the membership for their first time. This would be my ticket to inspiration. Yes! Standing on the shoulders of giants and such... Inspiration, indelible words to impart purpose, enkindle my heart and mind, and quicken my fingers upon my keyboard.

Upon my review of the President's Desk submissions preceding my own, I noticed a common composition and evident tradition. Prevailing topics include describing one's initiation into CAC, one's forensic background, goal setting for the Presidential term, and expressing gratitude for the support of family, friends and the membership for this opportunity to serve. I realize, much in alignment with the President's Desk tradition, I had indeed composed my speech for the 136th CAC Seminar in Long Beach, CA in this familiar format. However, now as I reflect back on the evening of my installation, I distinctly recall deeply-felt emotions as opposed to the insight and clarity that retrospectives bring. The evening was brimming with feelings of nervous excitement, gratitude and love.

Near commensurate to this occasion in terms of sentiment, President George Washington's First Inaugural Speech (1789) also comes to mind...



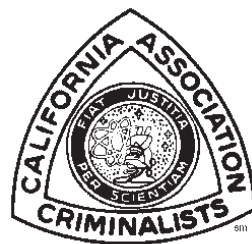
Above: Washington's inaugural address painted by T.H. Matteson. Photo source: Library of Congress.

After taking the oath of office on the portico before a cheering crowd, George Washington proceeded into the Senate chamber to deliver his First Inaugural Address. According to assembled members of Congress, President Washington was visibly nervous, spoke in a surprisingly quiet voice, and maintained a serious, modest demeanor.¹

He began his address to Congress, "Among the vicissitudes incident to life no event could have filled me with greater anxieties..."

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¹President Washington's Inauguration: <https://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/the-first-president/inauguration/timeline>



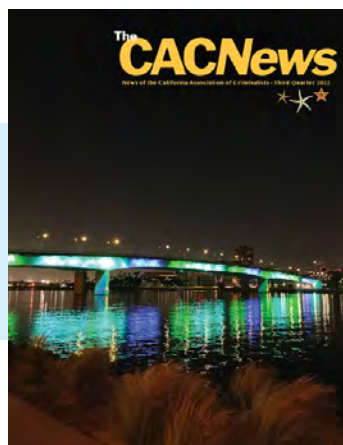
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On the cover:

The nighttime glow of the Queensway Bridge as viewed from the scenic waterfront setting of the CAC 2022 Seminar Banquet.

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The President's Desk

Not that assuming the responsibilities and duties of the CAC President at this moment in time is by any means as anxiety-inducing as becoming the very first President to a burgeoning country, but I do feel a sense of duty and pride laced with solemnity.

And, of course, this is not my first time writing to the membership. As a former Editorial Secretary, I've shared with you many of my opinions and thoughts, exploring a plethora of topics in editorials. And as I get back into the proverbial saddle, after much contemplation regarding what I would write about in my first message as CAC President, I have settled on breaking the tradition and writing about the vicissitudes incident to life.

"...change, even change for the better, is difficult, hard-won, and feels distressing."

British theologian and political theorist Richard Hooker was quoted in the preface of Johnson's *A Dictionary of the English Language* as stating "change is not made without inconvenience, even from worse to better."

The underlying crux and universal truth to Hooker's quote is that change, even change for the better, is difficult, hard-won, and feels distressing. Just as the proverb goes "it's always darkest before the dawn." To a pessimist this truth can evoke feelings of resistance, fear and despair, but for an optimist this proverb can inspire hope under adverse circumstances.

I think for the better part of the last few years we've all lived and learned this. The pandemic upended the world and dramatically altered everyday life across the globe. Society was forced to change, grow and hopefully, thrive in so many unexpected ways. Like many of you, I also faced the myriad of professional and personal challenges that characterize this uncertain period. I went through the rollercoaster of emotions from confusion, fear and frustration in the rigmarole of ever-changing COVID protocols. I endured the devastating loss of my father and found solace and renewal in a Transpac journey across the Pacific. I am forever marked by this period of time, by the vicissitudes of daily life—moments not only of my own life but also the strife of others, which at times proved too much for my tender and empathetic heart. I ached in

some moments, in body and soul. But nothing foments change and puissance quite like adversity. And at sea I rinsed away terrible tears and washed away my many fears and arrived upon the shore—a cold forged sword.

As an organization we too have changed—most notably moving to a single annual seminar and shifting most of our meetings, study groups and workshops to a remote format. This change, at first, felt almost contradictory to our purpose of fostering an exchange of ideas and information within the field of criminalistics. However, we found new ways to continue sharing and connecting. We also grieved as an organization for the loss of beloved and influential members. And nevertheless, we forged on. We supported each other, by listening, sitting in silence, or simply being present to offer comfort to one another.

Reflecting on the banquet (which was held outdoors to partake of the beautiful Southern California evening but also prudent for the times) it was indeed a celebration of change—not only for myself, but also for us as an Association. It was a celebration of new beginnings, of embracing past traditions while also welcoming new traditions. Immediate-Past President Catherine Currier recounted the tradition of the passing of The Coconut², as it had most recently been passed to her from Former President Jamie Lajoie. And now The Coconut has been bestowed on me, and I have added the 51st name since its introduction in 1971. Half a lifetime of names on this



Above: CAC President Meiling Robinson receives The Coconut.

² <https://www.cacnews.org/news/3rdq02.pdf>

The President's Desk

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object which has come to embody the tradition of the transfer of the office from the outgoing President to the incoming President. It was quite a moment for the three of us, who collectively for that brief ceremonial moment, symbolically held the office in unison as we bestowed the transitive object from one President to the next. The Coconut— a common thread which connects all of us CAC Presidents through the decades of our prestigious organization.

In this new decade, the new 20s, the story of the CAC has also been marked by the novel Coronavirus ever looming in the background. And though past Presidents and CAC Boards have encountered challenges before, even pressure from external sources, I believe that what former Presidents Lajoie and Currier have had to navigate our organization through is truly unprecedented. As I assume the Presidency, I am cautiously optimistic, yet vigilant at the helm— waiting for the signs which indicate whether we've weathered the storm or if we've only just found our way into the calm of the eye. For the past two years, the Board has worked together to find a new path forward for the CAC and the presidential triad felt it appropriate to distinguish this moment with the dawning of a new tradition. In addition to the passing of The Coconut, Former President Jamie Lajoie and Immediate-Past President Catherine Currier introduced the new CAC tradition of sabrage. Additionally, in the spirit of new beginnings we decided to retire the CAC Presidential livery collar also known as the chain of the office. We will be dedicating it to the collection of historical archives and will put the livery collar on display.

For me, this new CAC champagne sword is a befitting symbol of the Presidency because as the legend of champagne sabering goes, champagne is necessary either in the euphoria of victory or in the trauma of

Below: Symbolically holding the office in unison - Former President Jamie Lajoie (center) and Immediate Past President Catherine Currier (right) continue the passing of The Coconut with President Meiling Robinson (left).



Above: The retiring of the CAC Presidential livery collar and introduction of sabrage.

defeat. And in a way, I also feel akin to a saber. A piece of metal, deformed and reshaped— forged with one blunt edge and one sharp edge. It's symbolic of compromises and consequences— the dualism of victory and defeat. The sabre à champagne is an instrument specially made for sabrage and in sabrage it is the impact that is important.

Be safe,

Mei

Jonathan Charron



CAC Editorial Secretary

“There were many moments of sharing and listening to casework related stories that everyone in the room could relate to, and that was truly revitalizing.”

Branching Out Over Summer

Summer is not my favorite time of year. For some, the long sunny days bring promise of vacations to sandy shores or mountain lined lakes. Others may look forward to hitting the open road and exploring the many beautiful cities and sights in our fine state. For me, I always get to look forward to the early morning crime scene calls to a treeless field in the unbearable heat of a Sacramento summer. Ok, maybe I am being a little dramatic (ask me about the grow house homicide scene I worked a few summers ago and you will see why I am not a fan of summer scenes), but this summer has certainly brought its fair share of challenges, new experiences, and moments of realization for me.

The first part of summer brought me to the state of Georgia for the first time. I was grateful that my agency sent me to the annual AFTE (Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners) training seminar in Atlanta. This was the first time I had the opportunity to attend a forensic conference aside from the CAC as a criminalist and it was an experience I will not soon forget. The seminar planning committee did a phenomenal job with creating an environment conducive to learning, sharing, and experiences all geared towards forensic firearm examination. The workshops were focused and creative, the events were vibrant and lively, and the attendees were engaged and friendly. It was everything I was hoping a conference would be, and then some. There was something invigorating about exchanging stories with other firearms examiners without a need to pause to explain a machining process, or what a certain part of a firearm looks like or does. There were many moments of sharing and listening to casework related stories that everyone in the room could relate to, and that was truly revitalizing. So, for that, I want to send a heartfelt thank you to AFTE and the Atlanta Georgia planning committee. Job well done.

While whirling about in the world of firearms that week, I often found my mind wandering back here to California and the CAC. I caught myself smiling as I thought about our conferences and the amazing times I have had attending them. While the AFTE conference helped me to become a more informed firearms examiner, the CAC has always effectively made me a better overall criminalist. I enjoy the fact that our conferences have speakers from a variety of different disciplines and areas of research. The CAC conferences allow those from every discipline to learn about some of the new research, techniques, and challenges a section different from yours may face. Where else can you enjoy your morning coffee talking about DNA, your midmorning snack learning about a shooting incident reconstruction, your afternoon spent discussing new drug trends, and finally ending the day with a glass of wine and a conversation about a serial arsonist case? As our website states, our organization is built on the principle that we, “strive to foster an exchange of ideas and information, and to encourage friendship and cooperation among laboratory personnel.” We are successful because of this sharing of knowledge, our understanding



Above: Ellis street in downtown Atlanta.

Jonathan Charron



CAC Editorial Secretary

“You all continue to make this organization the incredible source of knowledge, friendship, and professionalism of which you should all be proud to be a part of.”

Branching Out Over Summer *cont'd*

and support of criminalists in all disciplines, and our commitment to fostering more generations of well-rounded criminalists.

With our organization reducing our seminars to once a year, I encourage you all to consider attending another organization's training conference from time to time to continue your pursuit of knowledge. And when you do, encourage those conference members to attend one of ours! Did a criminalist give an amazing talk about a new screening technology at the California Association of Toxicologists? Invite them to submit a poster or give a talk at the CAC! Was there an interesting new product from a vendor at the International Association for Identification conference? Reach out to our Vendor Liaison to give them their business card! Did you attend a meeting with the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and enjoy a particular event or topic they hosted? Reach out to the Board of Directors and share that experience so we have a better idea of what excites you during a conference! There are many CAC members who hold memberships in other organizations, and I want to encourage you all to think of the many ways those two forensic worlds can collide for the benefit of both groups!

While we must wait until May for our next seminar hosted by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office in Reno, continue to check the website, our social media pages, and your email for other opportunities the CAC has to offer. One ongoing focus of our Regional Directors, Lauren Sautkulis and Stephanie James, is the organization of more study group meetings. Our last set of study groups had over 100 participants with Blood Alcohol, DNA, Drug Chemistry, and Trace study groups meeting in July! If some games in celebration of National Forensic Science Week is more your speed, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Forensic Laboratory (2021 winners) will be hosting this year's trivia session on September 22nd. If it is anything like it was last year, we are all in store for some fierce competition paired with fond memories and questions with answers that we all used to know but can't quite remember... I'm looking at you Planck's constant!

With that, I want to wish you all a wonderful rest of your summer. Enjoy the beautiful photos from the seminar in Long Beach and the enlightening message from our new president, Meiling Robinson. Also, please take some time to read some farewell words honoring one of our past presidents, John Dehaan, written by John Houde and Raymond Davis. You all continue to make this organization the incredible source of knowledge, friendship, and professionalism of which you should all be proud to be a part of.



Above: Outside of the Olympic park in downtown Atlanta.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jonathan Charron".

CALLING ALL IABPA ABSTRACTS!

Submission Deadline: September 2nd

The International Association for Bloodstain Pattern Analysts (IABPA) is a premier professional organization for practitioners and educational professionals in the science of bloodstain pattern analysis (BPA). The IABPA is focused on promoting the science of BPA, the standardizing the scientific techniques of BPA, promoting education and encouraging research in BPA, and informing members of the latest techniques, discoveries, and developments in BPA. Right now, we're looking for conference presenters to speak on a wide array of topics. Most importantly, we're looking for presentations that are BOLD, innovative, engaging, inspiring, and informative for the BPA Community. If you think you're a good fit, submit your bio and presentation abstract to IABPASD2022@gmail.com. Abstract deadline is September 2nd, 2022. All completed submissions will be peer-reviewed and the IABPA 2022 Conference program will be announced to the public in September 2022. Please reach out for the submission guidelines.

NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE WEEK TRIVIA

Sign ups due September 2nd

It is time for the 2nd Annual National Forensic Science Week Trivia Game! This year's inter-lab trivia game is being hosted by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Forensic Laboratory. The contest will be on **Thursday, September 22nd from 1030-1130** using Microsoft Teams as the platform. We will keep the same rules as last year: teams of up to 7 representatives per lab are requested; labs with 100+ employees can enter 2 teams. The winning team will house the trophy for a year and the opportunity to host next year's contest. If your lab would like to participate, please submit the members of your team and your point of contact by September 2nd. If you do not want to join a team but wish to participate, feel free to submit a question that you think will be a great addition to the game. Hope to see you there!

For additional information or sign ups, please contact:

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In Memory of John DeHaan

Above: John DeHaan (right) at the 1978 California Department of Justice meeting for state criminalists. Photo courtesy of Faye Springer.

Editor:

They say the candle that burns twice as bright burns half as long.

They are right about that one.

John DeHaan was indeed a bright candle. Full of energy and light, guiding many, including myself along our chosen career path, illuminating the way.

I must have taken a dozen classes from him, both at CAC seminar workshops and the more private instruction he gave at Ventura Fire Department. His renowned CCI class on fire debris evidence was a whole week long.

But that's the professional side of John. There was so much more. It always gave me a thrill to see him at a seminar; I knew he'd be full of stories about restoring a classic car or how darn difficult it was to find a replacement bumper for his Bentley. Or how his beloved dogs were doing.

The last time I saw him, he looked tired, no, exhausted. I asked him when he was planning to retire. He said he was probably not going to do another edition of his Kirk's textbook, but that he just couldn't say no to some of these requests for training and reconstruction in the far corners of the world.

I am so sad that there will be no more classes with John, no more snappy repartee in the bar after the business meeting.

I must strive to honor his professionalism and zeal in my daily practice and be equally glad that I got to know him for more than forty years. From that first staff meeting at the Santa Barbara DOJ in 1979 where he taught us how to package gun evidence safely, I knew he was someone special.

They say that no one is irreplaceable.

They are wrong.

John Houde



Above: John DeHaan teaches a CAC workshop on fire scene reconstruction at the 100th semiannual CAC seminar in Huntington Beach, 2003. Photo courtesy of John Houde.

Honoring John

There are hundreds of John's colleagues and former students who could have written this article about one of the pillars of the forensic science community. Perhaps you'll see some portion of your professional story in my account.

John stands out as the single most important person in my career. His influence, his encouragement, wisdom, and zeal for the truth places him above all others I have met and worked with. And through my courtroom classes, I have met a lot of people; forensic scientists, latent print examiners and CSI experts who would have envied any part of John's amazing career.

We met in 1974 when we were both assigned to the Sac DOJ laboratory. When I first saw him, I thought he was a student intern with his peach fuzz rosy cheeks and tussled hair. In fact, a defense attorney once asked him that he would stipulate to John's expertise if he would tell the court his age. John got a lot of ribbing because of his youthful looks. I don't think he started shaving until he hit thirty. Or was it forty?

But once he started to speak, whether on the witness stand or in front of a class, everyone knew this was a man dedicated to his profession and without peer. No one ever thought of him as a kid after meeting him.

Some that attended his "Examination and Analysis of Low Explosives" courses at CCI will recall what a task master he was. Although the course was scheduled to end at five each day, John ignored the clock until we got everything we needed. There were a few days when I left the lab after 6:30 exhausted, bypassed dinner and went straight to my hotel room to study. That one-week course was challenging both mentally and physically.

John's goal was to cram seven days' worth of material into a five-day class. He believed it was his responsibility to educate his colleagues to the highest degree possible, often to his detriment. He always gave it his best leaving nothing behind. He had the same game plan when he conducted a workshop, cramming eight hours into a four-hour course. Or twelve hours for an eight-hour course. I never saw anyone look at their watch complaining about the long hours.

That was a sign of his generosity. He held nothing back from his vast knowledge on so many subjects to assist a colleague in need. The most difficult word in his personal language was saying, 'No' to a request for help or to conduct a workshop or to present or write a technical paper. Some other words that were not a part of his personal language was foul language. I never heard him utter a bad word except for a well-placed, or well-deserved damn or hell. And, even then, he used them sparingly.

His expertise was in demand all over the world. One small example of his generosity and popularity was agreeing to let me join him and his friend Monty (Lamont) McGill who were scheduled to give a 2-day arson workshop in Sydney, Australia and a week later at another workshop at the International Meeting of Forensic Scientists in Adelaide, New South Wales, Australia.

I have included a photo of the three of us hamming it up in our hotel room after the exhausting workshop. Hard to believe that photo was taken over thirty-two years ago. Monty passed away twelve years ago and now my friend, John DeHaan.



Above: John DeHaan (right) with friends Monty McGill (left) and Raymond Davis (center). Photo courtesy of Raymond Davis.

Many know John from the six updates to Paul Kirk's book on Crime Investigation and from his five updates to Paul Kirk's book on Fire Investigation. Go online to learn more about John and the contributions he's made to our profession. Many also know him from the numerous workshops he's given over the past thirty years. You'll recall the wooden cubicles that were built to simulate fire scenes so that the students could see firsthand the different types of set fires, the development of the fire with John's narration, the fire suppression, and finally, the examination of the overhaul or fire debris.

John had to resort to using these cubicles because of the asbestos contained in the condemned homes he was allowed to burn. Monty, John, and I burned over a dozen homes using each room of the house as a special experiment. It was a great learning opportunity, especially getting to examine the fire debris that was similar to the 'junk' that gets sent to the crime lab.

John had many interests outside of the lab. Rescuing racing dogs (grey hounds), restoring vintage automobiles (he had over a dozen cars), and he had a fabulous model train set that took up an entire room including trains mounted on his walls. Where he found the time and energy to devote to these activities is beyond me.

I think the greatest thing that can be said of someone is, "When I'm around you, I want to work harder. Or, I want to be better at what I do." I heard many people say that about John over the years. I wished he knew how much we appreciated his countless contributions to the profession. He will be greatly missed by many people; fire investigators, prosecutors, fellow criminalists and hundreds of friends. His work lives on in the two Kirk books he edited, his numerous workshops, his many contributions to the CAC, including serving as President, and in our memories of him. Farewell, John. Thank you.

Raymond Davis

WELCOME TO THE CAC

The California Association of Criminalists would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members so far this year:

NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERS

| | | |
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| Yen Dang | Cassandra Padilla | Ashley Stephens |
| Alexandra Harvey | Yun-jung Choi | Aimee Anguiano |
| Brandon Ma | Sydney Owen | Abigail Brand |
| Marion Maureira | Xingzi Wang | James Felix |
| Erin Shew | Chloe Angst | Katherine Juarez |
| Samantha Stott | Niraj Pandkar | |
| Idolina Fuentes | Hannah Smith | |

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Stephanie Patfield | Christopher Hung | Isha Brown |
| Gina Ann Trinidad | Ji Lee | Laura Dickson |
| Emily Reed | Miguel Macias | Stephen Gresko |
| Jade Allison | Marisol Rodriguez | Lisa Smyth-Roam |

We would also like to recognize those members that have promoted to Full Member status:

NEW FULL MEMBERS

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Alisha Sandvig | Kelly Carrothers | Janna Cieslak |
| Erin Dunkley | Quan Ha | Darlene Espejo |
| Lana Dieter | Kiera Craig | Christopher Tanforan |
| Debbie McKillop | Rhonda Roby | |



Thank You for Joining Us at the 2022 Seminar!



Workshop Highlights



Above & Below: Decedent Excavation Workshop attendees using search tools, setting up grids, and taking measurements at the Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center.



Above: Post-Conviction Case Investigation Workshop attendees participating in a Q & A panel discussion.



General Session Highlights



Above: Keynote Speaker Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Hatami presenting "People vs. Isaura Aguirre: The Gabriel Fernandez Story".



Above: Community Services Officer Sharon Rose with Police Facility Dogs Thyme and Scottie.

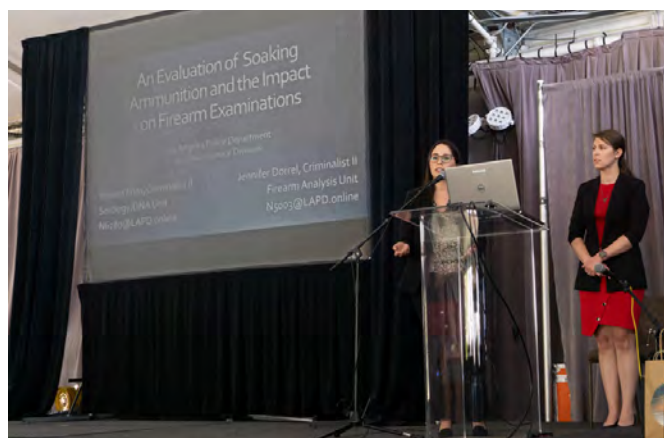


Above: Meiling Robinson, Nick Sanchez, Greg Matheson, Sue Brockbank, and Joe Hourigan presenting "Life After Retirement - A Panel Discussion".

Above Right: Host Seminar Committee Members Mark LaVigne and Jamie Lajoie conducting the fun-filled raffle giveaway.



Right: Yessica Frias and Jennifer Dorrel presenting "An Evaluation of Soaking Ammunition and the Impact on Firearm Examinations".



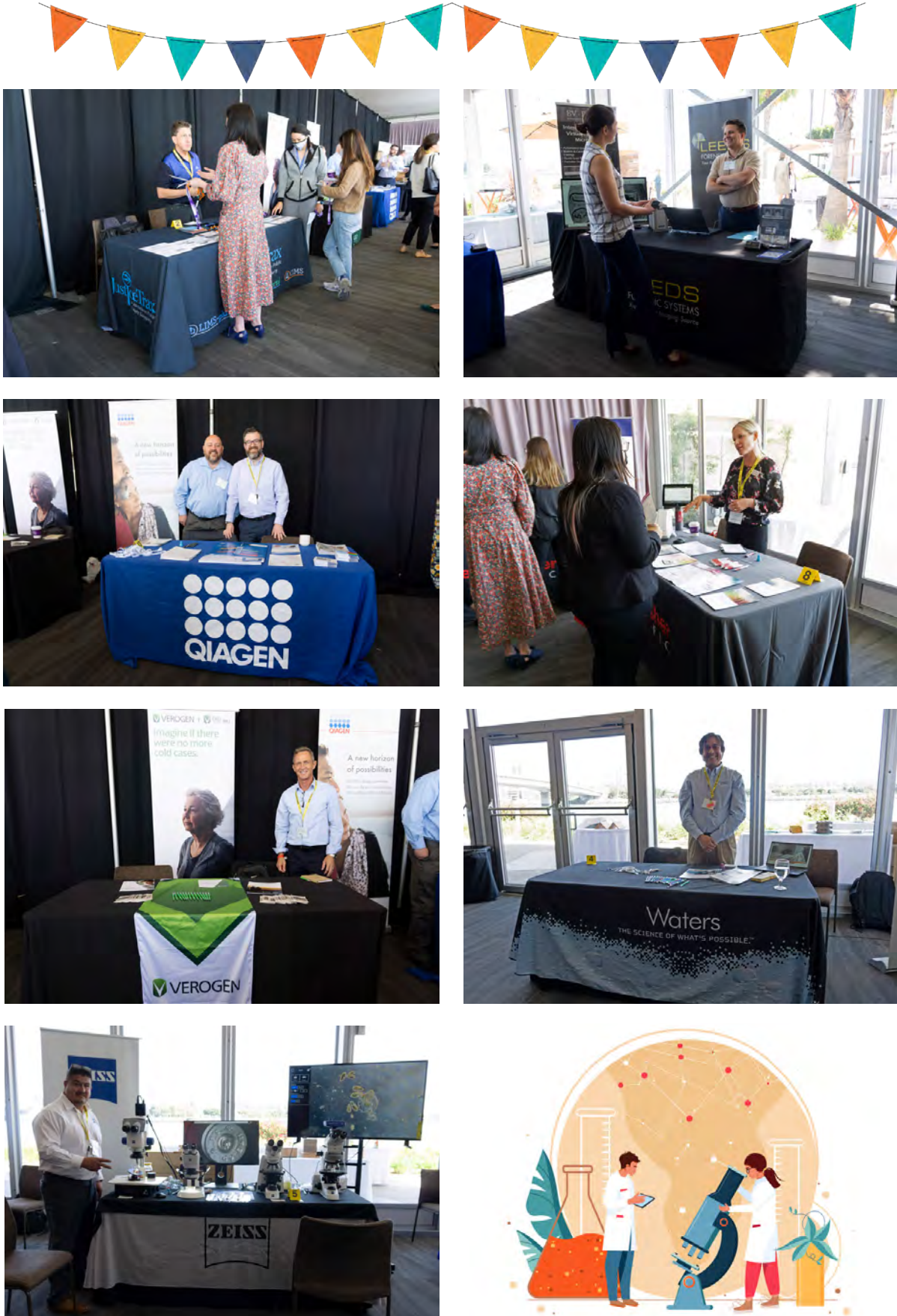
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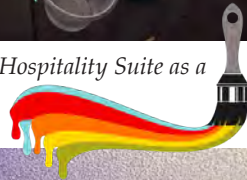
Social Highlights



Above: Seminar attendees enjoying the QIAGEN and Verogen Customer Appreciation Event at the Trademark Brewing Taproom.



Above: Painting succulent pots in the Hospitality Suite as a part of "Self-Care Night".



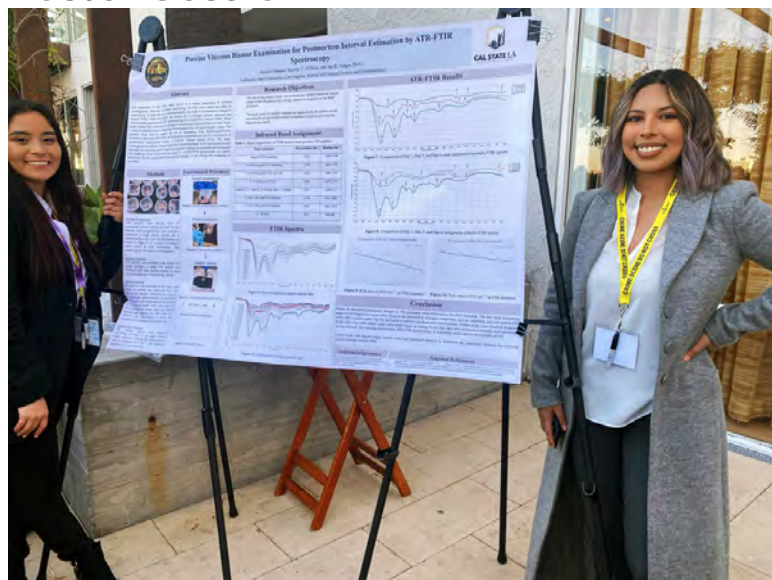
Below: The Hospitality Suite welcoming guests to a week full of themed activities, scrumptious food, and delicious drinks.



Below: The Hospitality Suite in full swing as guests enjoy the social activities of the 136th Seminar.



Poster Session



Above: Kayley C. O'Shea (left) and Jessica Vazquez (right) of CSULA presenting "Porcine Vitreous Humour Examination for Postmortem Interval Estimation by ATR-FTIR Spectroscopy".



Wine & Cheese New Member Reception



Above: Welcoming our new CAC members at the wine and cheese reception.

Below: Both new and senior CAC members enjoying the varied offerings of food and drink while networking and taking in the atmosphere of the evening.



Wine & Cheese New Member Reception



Below: The CAC is proudly led by our board members.
Front row: Cindy Anzalone, Catherine Currier, Helena Wong,
Lauren Sautkulis.

Back row: Megan Caulder, Jamie Lajoie, Meiling Robinson,
Gunther Scharnhorst, Sheltri Gresham.

Not pictured - Jonathan Charron, Stephanie James.



Above: Dr. Katherine Roberts with master's students of the CSULA School of Criminal Justice and Criminalistics, graduating class of 2022.



Below: CAC members gathering with friends throughout the reception.



A Banquet Evening by the Sea...



The 2022 CAC Banquet was beautifully set at the Vista del Mar of the Hotel Maya in Long Beach. Guests gathered for an evening by the sea and enjoyed food, drinks, and the delightful music of the Dueling Pianos.

Below: Banquet guests enjoy the nautical-themed photo booth station.



Above: CAC President Catherine Currier addressing the banquet as the sun began to set for the evening, announcing the beginning of the awards ceremony.



Awarding Our Members



Above: CAC President Catherine Currier (far left) with recipients of the Service Award. From left: Sonya Botero, Gregory Hadinoto, Jamie Lajoie, and Mark LaVigne are awarded for their distinguished service as members of this year's Host Seminar Committee.

Below: Gregory Laskowski receiving the 2022 Life Member Award in recognition of his exemplary service to the CAC.



Right: Gregory Laskowski takes to the podium to deliver the traditional CAC Life Member speech.



Below: Gregory Laskowski recounting his life long journey in the field of Criminalistics, inspiring fellow criminalists from all stages in their careers.



Awarding Our Members



Far Left:

Isha Brown accepting the Edward F. Rhodes III Memorial Award on behalf of award recipient Samantha Houle.

Left:

Jamie Lajoie accepting the Alfred A. Biasotti Most Outstanding Presentation Award for "The Argument That Lasted 39 Years - The Case Study of the Teresa Broudreux Murder" and accepting the Service Award for her distinguished service as CAC President.

Welcoming Our New President



*Congratulations,
Meiling Robinson!*



Above left:

Catherine Currier transferring the Presidency to the CAC President Elect, Meiling Robinson, presenting the traditional presidential gavel and coconut.

Above right:

Newly elected CAC President Meiling Robinson delivering her first speech to the banquet guests.

Right:

President Meiling Robinson and Former President Jamie Lajoie announce the new CAC tradition of sabrage.



A Night of Dueling Pianos



Above:
Catherine Currier wielding the CAC saber to perform the sabrage, kicking off the night's festivities.

Right:
The Dueling Pianos performing crowd favorites for a night filled with singing and dancing.

Below:
Banquet guests enjoy the rambunctious musical numbers of the Dueling Pianos throughout the night.



A Night of Dueling Pianos



THANK YOU ALL FOR JOINING US!

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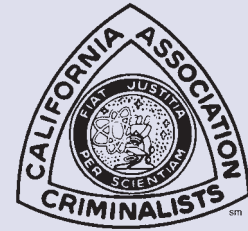


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