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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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**Hello SCIAI Members!**

**The Spring Conference is almost here! Please make sure to register if you haven't already. The conference is fully booked with amazing presenters on all different crime scene/latent print related topics. The full agenda is on our Facebook page, so make sure you check it out! I am really excited to see everyone at the conference. We have a fun social booked on Wednesday evening, along with raffles and door prize giveaways. The board members and officers have worked tirelessly this year to make this the best conference yet. I owe them the utmost gratitude; for this conference wouldn't have happened without them. We are looking for members to fill officer positions for the upcoming year! Please contact myself or any of the other officers if you are interested in filling a position!**

**- Jodi Hunt, SCIAI President**



## MEET THE OFFICERS

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- **President—Jodi Hunt**
- **Vice President—Nova Grilli**
- **Treasurer—Tyler Bucholtz**
- **Secretary & State Representative—Chris Gary**
- **Historian & Editor—Brittany Brown**



# 2024 SCIAI Spring Conference

**Save the Date! Our 2024 Conference will be taking place May 6-9th, 2024 in beautiful Rock Hill, SC. Our first time visiting Rock Hill will take place at their Sport and Events Center downtown. It is walking distance to the host hotel and social events. As always we will have a great slate of training classes, vendors on-site to show off the best in forensic supplies and technology, and great networking opportunities with forensic professionals in the state.**

**Hotel Information: Cambria Hotel Rock Hill-University Center,  
354 Technology Center Way, Rock Hill, SC, 29730**

**We have a room block in place at the Cambria Hotel right next to the conference location. This room block WILL SELL OUT! Book your rooms today. There are multiple options of standard and suite style rooms. The room block has been negotiated to match the government per diem rates for the time of the conference.**

**Standard Rooms are \$98 per night plus tax. Suite Rooms are \$118 per night plus tax. Parking \$5 per night.**

**Direct Booking Link: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/ML82P3>**

**Group Code (if calling directly): BTXCYH**



# REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

## 2024

# SCIAI CONFERENCE



May 6-9, 2023

Rock Hill,  
SC

ROCK HILL SPORTS AND EVENT CENTER  
326 TECHNOLOGY CENTER WAY, ROCK HILL, SC

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**DR. KENNY KINSEY**

KENNY KINSEY &  
ASSOCIATES, LLC

**THE MURDAUGH  
MURDERS**



**TERESA BRYANT**

JUPITER POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

CASE STUDIES:  
THE THANKSGIVING DAY MASSACRE  
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SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

### Registration

SCIAI Members, \$100

Non-Members \$200

Students: FREE with \$35 member fee

Registration Link (Google Forms): <https://forms.gle/dGb49swYe3XMRTSR7>

### Hotel Information

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Rock Hill, SC 29730

**Booking Link:** <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/ML82P3>

Group Rate: \$98/per night plus taxes and fees, \$5 daily parking

**[www.sciai.org](http://www.sciai.org)**

# SCIAI Annual Conference Agenda

 <b>2024 SCIAI Annual Conference</b>			
<b>Monday May 6th</b>		All Attendees Together	
11:30AM to 1:00PM	Registration Open		
1:00 PM	Opening Ceremony - Welcoming Message		
1:30 PM to 4:30PM	Teresa Bryant, Case Studies: <i>"Thanksgiving Massacre"</i> and <i>"Super Bowl Sunday"</i>		
Evening	Welcome Social		
<b>Class Types:</b>	General Studies	Crime Scene	Latent Prints
<b>Tuesday May 7th</b>	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
7:30AM to 8:30AM	Breakfast		
7:30AM to 8:30AM	Student and New Hire "Roundtable" with Hiring Professionals- Panel Discussion		
8:30AM to 9:30AM	"Breaking into the Field- Tips for Students Seeking Employment" Alycia Smentkiewicz	"Shooting Incident Reconstruction"- Casson Reynolds, NC DOJ, 8:30-12pm, Limit 30	"Run it Through the System: Validation and Utilization of an Automated Comparison Software" Kalisha Gill and Anthony Koertner, Army Crime Lab
9:30 AM to 10:00 AM	"BPA Terminology Updates"- 30 mins, Jeff Gurvis, Visionations	"Shooting Incident Reconstruction"- Casson Reynolds, NC DOJ, 8:30-12pm, Limit 30	
10:00 AM to 10:30AM	Break in Vendor Area		
10:30AM to 12:00PM	"Merlock Murder Case Study" Chris Gary, Greenville Forensics	"Shooting Incident Reconstruction"- Casson Reynolds, NC DOJ, 8:30-12pm, Limit 30	"Statistical Interpretation Software for Friction Ridge Skin Impressions (FRStat)" Kalisha Gill and Anthony Koertner, Army Crime Lab
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	Lunch on Your Own		
1:00 PM to 1:30 PM	"Introduction To Bloodstain Pattern Analysis" - 3.5 hours, Limit 24, Jeff Gurvis, Visionations, 1:00pm to 5:00pm	"Healing Toxic Workplaces in Forensics" Rob Caceres, Broward County Sheriff's Office	"The Sandra Hernandez Homicide Case: Garbage Bag Examinations" 30 mins, John Vanderkolk
1:30 PM to 2:30 PM			"Fracture Examination" Workshop, Limit 30, 3 hours, 1:30pm-5:00pm, John Vanderkolk, Unique Forensics
2:30PM to 3:00PM	Break in Vendor Area		
3:00 PM to 5:00PM	"Introduction To Bloodstain Pattern Analysis" - 3.5 hours, Limit 24, Jeff Gurvis, Visionations, 1:00pm to 5:00pm	"Crime Scene Response to Critical Incidents- Marjory Stoneman Douglas Shooting" Rob Caceres, Broward County Sheriff's Office	"Fracture Examination" Workshop, Limit 30, 3 hours, 1:30pm-5:00pm, John Vanderkolk, Unique Forensics

<b>Wednesday May 8th</b>	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
7:30AM to 8:30AM	Breakfast		
8:30 AM	Alexis Dodson "Detect More Evidence", Limit 20, 4 hours	"Advanced Photography Techniques", - Casson Reynolds, NC DOJ, Limit 30, 4 hours	"Building a Training Program"-Ashley Church, Gap Science, 4 hours
10:00 AM	Break in Vendor Area		
10:30 AM	Alexis Dodson "Detect More Evidence", Limit 20, 4 hours	"Advanced Photography Techniques", - Casson Reynolds, NC DOJ, Limit 30, 4 hours	"Building a Training Program"-Ashley Church, Gap Science, 4 hours
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM	Lunch Provided- SCIAI Business Meeting		
1:00 PM	Alexis Dodson "Detect More Evidence", Limit 20, 4 hours	"Advanced Photography Techniques", - Casson Reynolds, NC DOJ, Limit 30, 4 hours	"Building a Training Program"-Ashley Church, Gap Science, 4 hours
2:30 PM	Break in Vendor Area		
3:00PM to 4:00PM	Swipes, Wipes, and Transfer Stains- 2 hours, limit 24, Jeff Gurvis	"Mental Health from a Non-Professional" - Casson Reynolds, NC DOJ	"Crease and 3rd Level Ridge Detail" Workshop, 2 hours, John Vanderkolk
4:00 PM to 5:00pm		"Advanced Report Writing and Documentation" - Casson Reynolds, NC DOJ	
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Evening Social- Raffles/Door Prize Giveaway		
<b>Thursday May 9th</b>	All Attendees Together		
9:00 AM	Dr. Kenny Kisney "Murdaugh Murders"		
12:00 PM	Conference Closing		

**[Click here to register for the Spring Conference!](#)**

# COMING SOON!

## SCIAI Merchandise

Here's a sneak peek of the **NEW SCIAI 2024 Conference Exclusive Challenge Coin**



**SCIAI Standard Challenge Coin will also be available for purchase at the 2024 Conference**



# SCIAI ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALL MEMBERS** are encouraged to review the SCIAI constitution and by-laws posted on the website located under the News tab.
- Renewal for memberships must be submitted by **Monday July 1st 2024** for the upcoming years' membership.
- Submissions for case study features and Member Spotlights are open. We want to highlight our members and interesting or unique cases that you have personally been involved with. If you would like to see yourself, a coworker, or one of your cases featured, please contact the Editor at [bribrown@greenvillecounty.org](mailto:bribrown@greenvillecounty.org)
- Have a topic you would like to see covered or have an article you would like to submit for future issues of *The Identifier*? Submit your proposals to the Editor at [bribrown@greenvillecounty.org](mailto:bribrown@greenvillecounty.org) — guest authors are welcome!
- If you've taken a newsletter appropriate forensic related photograph that you would like to see featured in an upcoming issue of The Identifier — Please contact the Editor at [bribrown@greenvillecounty.org](mailto:bribrown@greenvillecounty.org)!

## Member Spotlight

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Mr. Steve Johnson reached out to the Editor to add an article about the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) into this issue of the Identifier. Read the article on pages 9 and 10!

Mr. Johnson is a retired law enforcement supervisor with a background in latent print examination, crime scene investigation, forensic art and facial identification. Mr. Johnson is a Past President and Board Chair of the International Association for Identification (IAI), a member of the IAI Forensic Art Certification Board and is the current Chair of the IAI Facial Identification Committee. He is also a member of the South Carolina Division of the IAI. He is the former IAI representative to the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) for the Forensic Sciences, serving as Chair of the OSAC Forensic Science Standards Board (FSSB) from 2017 to 2020. In addition to his duties with the IAI and I-3, he is currently serving as a contracted Standards Ambassador for the OSAC Program Office, encouraging the implementation of scientifically sound standards for the forensic sciences.



# OSAC Standards Implementation Outreach & Engagement Efforts



The South Carolina Division of the IAI (SCIAI) has been an active organization for over 50 years and has seen a recent resurgence thanks to its successful training and conference events! I proudly count myself as a member of the division, having joined the SCIAI nearly eight years ago when I moved to the Conway area in 2016. Despite moving out of the state, I remain an active member and support the division in its continuing mission to promote the forensic sciences in the Palmetto State. I've had the honor of presenting at past SCIAI educational conferences and am hopeful that I can do

the same at upcoming events. The SCIAI has upped their game in recent years and have made the conference a "go to" event for practitioners inside the state and beyond its borders.

Since moving away from South Carolina, I've assumed a new duty that includes promoting the implementation of standards on the OSAC Registry across the forensic science enterprise. Several South Carolina practitioners are OSAC volunteers serving as members of some of OSAC's 22 discipline-specific subcommittees. This level of dedication to the professionalism of forensic science is a strong indicator of the state's role in the standards development process. South Carolina practitioners, quality assurance managers, and lab leadership understand the importance of standards to strengthen forensic science services.

Given the importance of standards implementation, I want to take a moment to share a little more about that effort through this article. Many (if not all) of us are aware of the deficiencies identified in the 2009 National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report "*Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward*". One of these deficiencies included a lack of standardization across a number of disciplines. Application of standards that have been developed through a consensus-based process goes a long way toward addressing that gap. OSAC's mission to "strengthening the nation's use of forensic science by facilitating the development of technically sound standards and guidelines and promoting their use throughout the forensic science community" includes outreach and communication to forensic science service providers (FSSPs) to encourage them to implement standards on the [OSAC Registry](#). Many of the disciplines represented by OSAC are core practices of the IAI and its divisions. They include friction ridge, bloodstain pattern analysis, footwear & tire, crime scene investigation, facial identification and (most recently, from the IAI's perspective), human biology (DNA). DNA was added as a provisional subcommittee of the IAI a few years ago, and the organization is very hopeful that it will continue to grow.

OSAC's initial Registry implementation outreach focused on "traditional FSSPs", the 409 forensic laboratories that the Bureau of Justice Statistics recognized as publicly funded facilities. However, over the last eighteen months, OSAC's outreach efforts expanded to "non-traditional" FSSPs and engaging these stakeholders in the implementation of standards on the OSAC Registry. The practitioners that work outside of these "publicly funded" labs have been estimated to number in the tens of thousands and come from a variety of backgrounds ranging from small municipal or county laboratories to individual practitioners that contract to law enforcement. In an ideal forensic system, they would all be working in accordance with the same best practices and standards to ensure consistent results are achieved and delivered.

In the fall of 2022, OSAC added a specific position to assist with the implementation outreach effort and expand it to these non-traditional FSSPs. I was awarded the opportunity to be part of the team, joining Mark Stolorow (the past OSAC Director) as a "standards ambassador" to engage with forensic science stakeholders. By the time I had begun this journey with OSAC, the organization had identified and acknowledged 100 FSSPs who had implemented (either fully or partially) 129 standards on the OSAC Registry. Up to that point, many FSSPs had been solicited through surveys sent out to the forensic science community over the last two years.

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## OSAC Standards Implementation Outreach & Engagement Efforts

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Since coming on board in the fall of 2022, another 50 FSSPs have added their names to the list of implementers, and the OSAC Registry has grown to over 175 standards. Included in the standards development effort are another 60+ published standards that are eligible for the OSAC Registry, 170+ standards that are under development at a standards development organization (SDO), and 165+ standards that are being drafted within OSAC. Suffice to say, a great deal of progress has been made since OSAC's inception in 2014!

Speaking of 2014, in February 2024, OSAC will celebrate its tenth birthday! I am proud to say that I've been involved with the organization before its establishment, dating back to the first joint meeting of the initial forensic association representatives in the winter of 2014 at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). It was at that meeting that the seeds of this enterprise were initially sown. Since then, I believe the growth of OSAC from its seedling stage to what it has become today, has borne important fruit and continues to bring scientifically sound standards to the forensic science community and its stakeholders. Starting as the IAI's representative to OSAC's Forensic Science Standards Board (FSSB) in 2014, getting elected chair of the FSSB in the fall of 2017, becoming (and continuing to serve as) a member of the Facial & Iris Identification Subcommittee, and now serving as a Standards Ambassador for OSAC, I've been on the front lines of this enterprise and am excited for the future of the standards implementation effort.

Over the last several years, OSAC has initiated a number of outreach initiatives to engage with FSSPs to encourage standards implementation. Since the summer of 2021 when the initial [OSAC Registry Implementation Survey](#) was distributed, OSAC has undertaken other approaches to engage with the forensic science community. This past summer, OSAC established an "open enrollment" period. During that "focused" period, FSSPs were encouraged to update or initiate their implementation activities on the OSAC Registry - Standards Implementation Declaration Form. Additionally, over the past year, the FSSB formed an Implementer Cohort Task Group made up of a diverse group of professional organizations, authoritative bodies (e.g., accrediting and certification bodies), practitioners, OSAC leadership and OSAC Program Office staff to help support future implementation initiatives.

Looking ahead, OSAC will expand its engagements to include more communications with legal, academic and corporate stakeholders. In the meantime, as the 2024 fiscal year is underway, there are more volunteers that have come on board to support the OSAC enterprise. Many members, whose terms recently expired, have brought their volunteer services and passion for forensics to other sections and subcommittees where they will continue to support OSAC as affiliates. In my service as Standards Implementation Ambassador for OSAC, I intend to reach out to as many stakeholders as possible and the SCIAI has as much invested in the process as anyone. I encourage SCIAI members to follow the progress of OSAC and consider becoming a member of the organization to help shape the future of forensic science standardization. After all, improving the forensic sciences through the development of sound standards and guidelines is a very noble cause.

*Authored by Steve Johnson*



# FUN with FORENSICS

Frequently in the field of Forensics, we, as a whole, deal with a variety of difficult and demanding scenes, tough scenarios, and are often placed in stressful situations. This panel is designed for you to have the opportunity take a quick mental break, refresh your mind, and also to have a little fun. 😊

Decode the words from your spelling list using the secret code. Write your answer in the space provided.

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Answers from Matching Handwriting  
 Samples from the Winter Issue

A7, B10, C8, D9, E2, F5, G3, H4, I1, J6



# UPCOMING TRAINING/EVENTS

Mar 18th-20th, 2024, [Virtual Forensic Trainer Symposium- Gap Science](#)

Launches Apr 1st, 2024, Introduction to Latent Print Processing  
\$650, Uncover Forensics—40 hour online self paced course

Apr 8th—10th, 2024, Advanced Latent Analysis—Mack Brazelle  
\$550, TN Bureau of Investigation; 901 R.S. Gass Blvd, Nashville, TN

Apr 8th—10th, 2024, [Recovery of Human Remains](#)  
\$595—Suncoast Forensics, Athens Clarke County Police Department—Athens, GA

May 6th—9th, 2024, [SCIAI Spring Conference](#)  
3 day, Sport and Events Center 26 Technology Center Way, Rock Hill, SC  
\$100 for members, \$200 for non-members

May 21st, 2024, Live Webinar: [Fingerprint Testimony—The Difficult Questions](#)  
Uncover Forensics—\$140 registration

Sept 9th-11th, 2024, [Recovery of Human Remains](#)  
\$650 — Suncoast Forensics, Clover Police Department, Clover, SC

Oct 17th, 2024, Live Webinar: [Fingerprint Testimony—The Difficult Questions](#)  
Uncover Forensics—\$140 registration

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Greenville County: [Forensic Evidence Technician](#)

Greenville County: [Firearms Laboratory](#)

Greenville County: [Administrative Specialist II](#)

Greenville County: [NIBIN Technician](#)

Anderson County: [Forensic Investigator](#)

City of Charleston: [Associate Criminalist](#)



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