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A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Donald I. "D.I." Blackwell, 78, of Cayce passed away on Tuesday, October 9, 2018. He was a lifetime member of the IAI, SCIAI and a member of First Baptist Church of Cayce. Born in Rutherfordton, N.C. He was a graduate of USC and served in the U.S Army. He retired from 57 years of the law enforcement, serving at the Richland County Sheriff's Department, City of Columbia P.D., City of Cayce P.D., and Lexington County Sheriff's Department. He was also a Deputy U.S. Marshall. Surviving is his wife of 38 years, Linda Mungo Blackwell. Daughter Donna Watson, and Son Lee Blackwell (Emily) of Tennessee. Sisters

Louise Walker, Ellen Stoss (Bill), Mary Sue "Susie" Minton (Jack), Judie Craver, a brother Billy Blackwell, all of North Carolina. A aunt Estella Bryant. Grandchildren Nick, Abbie, Hannah Watson, Justin, Jordan, Mark, Caleb, Reagan Blackwell. A number of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents, a sister Cornelia "Neil" Murphy, and a nephew Steven Chester. A Memorial Service was held Saturday October 13, 2018.

The SCIAI extends our deepest condolences to the friends and family of Mr. Blackwell and we thank him for his contributions to the forensic science community.

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As I write this greeting to you, it is hard for me to believe that we have already begun a new year, but looking back on 2018, I can say that it has been a successful one for the SCIAI. Our spring conference was well attended, we responded to requests for a bloodstain pattern class and were able to provide one free of charge to members, and membership levels have remained steady with a slight increase over last year.

Plans are being finalized for the 2019 Spring Conference and we will soon be planning for a fall training event. If you would like to see a specific course in the fall, contact an officer or myself. Also take a moment to view the Spring Conference program on the website. Our goal was to include lab personnel, crime scene, patrol officers, attorneys, and coroners in the likely audience to attend the lectures and workshops and I think each one will be able to find plenty of material that is relevant to their field.

I hope that you were all able to spend time with your families and friends over the holiday season. What each one of us does for the overall community matters, but schedules and the nature of our work can also take an

individual toll on our families, relationships, minds, and other aspects of life if not balanced. So make the time with your loved ones count, and come back to work with an even healthier perspective on what you do and how you do it. We are good at the work we do (experts even), and what we do is good work. Keep up the good work and make time to enjoy life to the fullest. I wish you all a happy and safe 2019 and look forward to seeing you at the spring conference.

Tyler R. Bucholtz

President




SCIAI Announcements

- ◆ Check out updates to the SCIAI Division website! Updates include the newly added membership directory, spring conference details and new training opportunities. If you are not sure how to access the member directory, email the secretary of the SCIAI for instructions.
- ◆ Mark your calendars for the 2019 Spring Conference – **April 10th-11th, 2019 in Greer, SC!**
- ◆ **We still have an open position for Editor of *THE IDENTIFIER*. If you are interested in putting together this quarterly newsletter, please contact the president or secretary.**
- ◆ All members interested in officer positions for the 2019-2020 term should contact the secretary or president to make this known prior to March 1, 2019.





MEET THE BOARD

Officers serving for the 2018-2019 term

Tyler Bucholtz – **President**

Trish Odom – **1st Vice President**

Chris Scott – **2nd Vice President**

Nova Grilli – **Secretary/ State Representative**

Harold Bouknight – **Sergeant at Arms**

Nada Kerstein – **Treasurer**

Jeffery Scott – **Vendor Representative**

VACANT – **Editor**

Luke Spratt – **Historian**

SOCIAL MEDIA

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and updates, like and
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International Association
for Identification](#)

IN THE NEWS

SWGDE Updates Digital Evidence Collection Best Practices

The Scientific Working Group on Digital Evidence released a document on July 11, 2018 entitled *SWGDE Best Practices for Digital Evidence Collection*. The document does not contain information on collecting digital evidence from electronics, but rather how to properly collect the electronic devices in a way that will best preserve the digital evidence. As technology continues to change, law enforcement personnel must adapt handling methods to preserve key evidence. An

annual policy review regarding the collection and preservation of electronic devices is a good idea to ensure your agency has the best evidence available to the investigation. To view the full text of the document, go to www.swgde.org/documents and search for the above title.

Upcoming Articles

Do you have a topic you would like to see featured? Let us know!

- ◆ **Member Spotlight**— submit yourself or a deserving fellow member who has contributed to the forensic community.
- ◆ **Interview with an Officer**— get a closer look at the new 2019-2020 serving officers!
- ◆ **On the Case** — a unique case study submitted by our members will be chosen for recognition and training opportunities.
- ◆ **Forensics in the Community**— see how forensic science is being used outside of the crime scene!

All submissions for publication consideration should be received by the Editor no later than March 15, 2019 to be considered for the Spring Issue.

In Search of (ISO)

Has your agency dealt with a unique case where non-traditional methods of processing or analysis were required? During an investigation, was an uncommon piece of evidence discovered or requested for processing, and successfully analyzed? Have you developed a new technique that has assisted you or your unit in a specific discipline? Has your department purchased a new product and have you found it to be beneficial to your unit (or not)? If so, we want to know about it! Our upcoming *Member Spotlight* section will highlight SCIAI members who have contributed recently to their fields of discipline by submitting a short summary and/or photographs of their experience to share with our members. Please forward all submissions to the Secretary at: grillin@charleston-sc.gov. We look forward to seeing the responses!

10 most dangerous SC cities (roadsnack.com)

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| 1. Dillon | 6. Darlington |
| 2. Hartsville | 7. Lake City |
| 3. Myrtle Beach | 8. Cheraw |
| 4. Greenwood | 9. Florence |
| 5. Camden | 10. Walterboro |

FUN FACTS

10 best places to live in SC (homesnacks.net)

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| 1. Mount Pleasant | 6. Forest Acres |
| 2. Tega Cay | 7. Simpsonville |
| 3. Mauldin | 8. Clemson |
| 4. James Island | 9. Charleston |
| 5. Lexington | 10. Hanahan |

SCIAI SPRING CONFERENCE 2019

Mark your calendars and start planning your visit to the upstate, the spring conference is officially scheduled for April 10-11th in Greer, SC! Our two-day educational conference will be located at the beautiful Greer City Park in the Cannon Centre and next door in the Event Center. The conference is hosted by the City of Greer. They have made generous accommodations for us to use their state-of-the-art facilities, which helps keep the cost of the conference down for you! Take a look at the program on the website for speaker and lecture details. We will have three simultaneous sessions going to accommodate crime scene, latent prints, and general topics all at the same time. See you there!

SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS



D'Michelle Dupre

is a forensic pathologist and former medical examiner. She began her career in law enforcement with Columbia City Police. She then became a detective with the Lexington County Sheriff's

Department and later worked in undercover operations for a few years. She completed her residency in Pathology at Duke University Medical Center and went on to complete a Forensic Fellowship with Dr. Vincent DiMaio (known as the Father of Forensic Pathology) and at the Miami Dade Medical Examiner's office. She is currently a Professor and the Dean of Health Sciences at Columbia College and has been a forensic consultant for CNN Headline News, Prime Time Justice, First 48 and The Learning Channel. She has written two field guides for law enforcement for homicide and child abuse investigations.

Abstract from guest speaker D'Michelle Dupre . .

Recognizing Child Abuse - Subtle Signs

Learn how to recognize subtle signs of child abuse and neglect and signs of human trafficking as required by a new SC Child Abuse Law which mandates that reporters have knowledge of human trafficking signs. Photos of child abuse injuries will be used in the presentation and scenarios will be discussed.



Greer City Hall Event Center



Capt. Matthew May began his law enforcement career with the Nash County (NC) Sheriff's Office in 1996. He worked with the sheriff's office as a patrol deputy until January of 2000 when he was hired by the Wake Forest Police Department. Prior to be-

ing promoted to captain, all of Captain May's duties and assignments were on the Patrol Division. He served on the department's Tactical Service Unit for eight years and supervised the Canine Unit in an administrative capacity for three years. In 2004, Captain May founded the Wake Forest Police Department Explorer Post 401 and served as the Post Advisor until 2007. Captain May is a graduate of the 242nd Session of the FBI National Academy. He has an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement Technology from Johnston Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Justice and Public Policy from North Carolina Wesleyan College. Captain May currently supervises Field Operations which consists of the Patrol Division, Communications Center, and Training and Community Services Division.

Abstract from guest speaker Capt. Matthew May...

Law Enforcement Trauma: Are you prepared?

This presentation consists of a personal case study in which the speaker was shot while investigating a domestic disturbance. During the incident, a female was also killed. The presentation contains crime scene photos and video, original 911 call and radio traffic, and researched information and material from various experts.



Ross Gardner

worked for the US Army Criminal Investigation Command as a felony criminal investigator for nearly twenty years. He retired as a Command Sergeant Major and Special Agent in 1999.

Mr. Gardner subsequently served four years as the Chief of Police in Lake City Georgia. He holds a Master of Arts in Computer and Information Systems Management, a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice and an Associates degree in Police Science. He graduated first in his class at the Scenes of Crime Officers Course, New Scotland Yard, in 1985 and from 1988-1996 served as an adjunct professor for Central Texas College. He is a former President of the Rocky Mountain Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts and the Association for Crime Scene Reconstruction (ACSR) and has served as the Chairman of the Education Committee for both the RMABPA and the International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts. He is a charter member of the FBI Scientific Workgroup on Bloodstain Pattern Analysis and served as chairman of the taxonomy and terminology subcommittee from 2002-2009. He is the author of *Practical Crime Scene Processing and Investigation*.


Spring Conference **SCHEDULE**

April 10th

8:00 – 9:00 Walk-in registration / Sign-in (Cannon Centre)

9:00 – 10:15 Opening ceremony / Group photo

10:30 – 12:30 Lectures

12:30 – 2:15 Catered lunch / business meeting sponsored by  **ARROWHEAD FORENSICS**

2:30 – 4:30 Lectures

4:30 – 6:30 Welcome Reception sponsored by  **DataWorks Plus**

April 11th

8:00 – 9:00 Sign-in (City Hall Event Center)

8:00 – 04:30 Vendor exhibition

9:00 – 12:00 Lectures

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch in town

1:30 – 4:30 Lectures

VENDOR EXHIBITION

Come check out amazing products and equipment while having a chance to speak one on one with multiple vendors during our vendor show on April 11th! Some attendees will receive door prizes from Salicco Fingerprint Brush Co. and there will be a chance to mingle with the speakers and vendors on the afternoon of the 10th at the welcome reception, so be sure to stay. We will host an open bar and plenty of appetizers, so please come and enjoy yourselves. Keep checking our social media outlets and the website for vendor participation!



SALICCO FINGERPRINT BRUSH COMPANY
and Forensic Supplies

CONFERENCE LOCATION

Opening Ceremony & Lunch

Cannon Centre

204 Cannon Street

Greer, SC 29651

Lectures & Welcome Reception

City Hall Event Center

301 E Poinsett Street

Greer, SC 29651

RECOMMENDED HOTEL

Greenville Marriott ~ 6.5 miles from venue

One Parkway East

Greenville, SC 29615

Phone: 864.297.0300

* Government Rate \$94 *

UPCOMING TRAINING/EVENTS

February 4-8, 2019 -- Bloodstain Pattern Analysis I, Florence, SC

Instructors Ross M. Gardner and Tom "Grif" Griffin - For course information and registration go to bevelgardner.com

February 11-15, 2019 -- Crime Scene Reconstruction I, Columbia, SC

Bevel, Gardner & Associates, Instructors Ross M. Gardner and Tom "Grif" Griffin - For course information and registration go to bevelgardner.com or contact Craig Gravel, Travel Coordinator at 405-706-8489 or rcgravel@bevelgardner.com

February 20-21, 2019 -- Courtroom Testimony for Law Enforcement and Forensic Personnel, Lexington, SC

Instructor John Black - [CLICK HERE FOR COURSE FLYER](#)

March 18-22, 2019 -- Shooting Incident Reconstruction, Columbia, SC

Hosted by South Carolina Law Enforcement Division - [CLICK HERE FOR COURSE FLYER](#)

April 10-11, 2019 -- SCIAI Annual Spring Conference, Greer, SC

Attendee and Vendor registration is now open on the [Spring Conference](#) page.

May 7-9, 2019 -- Advanced Digital Imaging - Presented by Foray Technologies, SLED Annex - Columbia, SC

Instructor David Witzke - [CLICK HERE FOR COURSE FLYER](#)

June 26-28, 2019 -- Autopsy and Injury Photography, Charleston, SC

Hosted by Charleston County Coroner's Office, Instructor Heidi Nichols - TriTech Forensics Training
[CLICK HERE FOR COURSE FLYER](#)

If you have upcoming in-state training that you would like advertised in the newsletter, contact the Editor with course information and details!



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