



# Idaho State Police Forensic Services



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### **EDUCATION**

06/2014 California State University, East Bay-Hayward, CA  
Bachelor of Science in Biology  
Minor in Chemistry  
Specialization in Forensic Science

05/2007 Ohlone College-Fremont, CA  
Associates of Art

### **EXPERIENCE**

07/2024 – Present Idaho State Police Forensic Services  
Forensic Scientist III – Latent Print Section Supervisor

03/2018 – 07/2024 Idaho State Police Forensic Services  
Forensic Scientist II – Latent Print Section

03/2016 – 03/2018 Idaho State Police Forensic Services  
Forensic Scientist I – Latent Print Section

Duties include processing evidence items for latent prints using physical and chemical techniques in the appropriate sequence, preserving developed prints using digital photography, comparing developed latents to known exemplars using ACE-V, documenting and reporting results.

06/2013 – 10/2014 Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau  
Volunteer/Internship, Autopsy Technician

07/2013 – 08/2013 Alameda County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory  
Internship

<https://isp.idaho.gov/forensics>

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**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**

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### **CERTIFICATIONS**

- 2023 – Present            Certified Latent Print Examiner  
International Association for Identification
- 2021 – Present            Certified Crime Scene Investigator  
International Association for Identification
- 2019 – Present            Certified Instructor  
Idaho Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST)

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS; COMMITTEES; WORKING GROUPS**

- 10/2017– Present        Active Member-Pacific Northwest Division of the International  
Association for Identification
- Scholarship Committee (06/2018 – 06/2023)
  - Newsletter Editor (02/2020 – 06/2023)
- 12/2016 – Present        Active Member-International Association for Identification

### **TESTIMONY**

State of Idaho, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION; ASSOCIATION MEETINGS; CONFERENCES**

- 11/2025            “Trajectory Analysis and Shooting Incident Reconstruction Course”  
Noedel Scientific. 40 hours  
Instructors: Matt Noedel and Eugene Liscio
- 09/2025            “Front Line Leadership”  
Embassy Consulting Services. 54 hours  
Instructor: Ron Bayne
- 05/2025            “Forensic Survey and Recovery Training”  
Idaho State University. 16 hours.  
Instructor: Dr. Kirsten Green Mink
- 03/2025            “Comparison of Plantar Friction Ridge Impressions”  
DacTell Innovations. 16 hours  
Instructor: Jon T. Stimac
- 10/2024            “Forensic Shooting Incident Reconstruction Course”  
Forensic Science Consultants. 40 hours.  
Instructor: Michael Haag
- 08/2024            International Association for Identification Educational Conference  
“Night and Low Light Photography”  
3 hrs. Instructor: Jessica Liang
- 01/2024            “Did Artificial Intelligence Really Prove Fingerprints are not Unique?”  
Uncover Forensics. 1 hr.

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Instructor: Brianne Breedlove.

- 08/2023 International Association for Identification Educational Conference  
“Crime Scene Staging: Investigating Suspect Misdirection of the Crime Scene”  
4 hrs. Instructor: Grant Graham
- 05/2023 IAI Latent Print Certification Test Preparation Training  
Ron Smith & Associates. 40 hours.  
Instructor: Debbie Benningfield
- 04/2023 Difficult Latent Print Comparisons  
Evolve Forensics. 32 hours.  
Instructor: Alice White
- 03/2023 Friction Ridge Symposium: Palms, Plantars, Tips & Toes  
Ron Smith & Associates. 40 hours.  
Instructors: Jamie Bush and Jon Stimac
- 01/2023 Aquatic Abuse, Death and Homicidal Drowning Investigation Class  
Lifeguard Systems. 16 hours.  
Instructor: Andrea Zaferes
- 05/2022 Practical Answers to Challenging Questions in the Courtroom  
Ron Smith & Associates. 24 hours.  
Instructors: Glenn Langenburg, Carey Hall and Brendan Max
- 04/2022 Special Topics in Bloodstain Pattern Analysis  
Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists. 40 hrs.  
Instructor: Jeremiah Morris
- 08/2021 International Association for Identification Educational Conference  
“Fingertips: Comparing High Distal Impressions” 4 hrs.  
Instructor: Jon Stimac
- 06/2021 “Comprehensive Latent Print Comparison”  
TriTech Forensics. 40 hrs.  
Instructor: Deborah Smith
- 04/2020 Idaho State Police  
Latent Print Examiner Comparison Training Program  
Meridian, ID
- 09/2019 “Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Documenting, Reporting, Presenting”  
SeeMore Forensics. 40 hrs.  
Instructor: Craig C. Moore
- 08/2019 International Association for Identification Educational Conference
- “Practical Answers to Challenging Questions in the Courtroom” 4 hrs.  
Instructors: Glenn Langenburg & Carey Hall
  - “Leucocrystal Violet (LCV) Staining of Bloody Impressions:  
Comparison of New vs. Current Application Methods” 3 hrs.  
Instructors: Jeremy Alley & Rosanna Caswell
  - “Crease and 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Details Workshop” 4 hrs.  
Instructor: John R. Vanderkolk

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06/2019 “Instructor Development”  
Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training. 40 hrs.

06/2019 “Analysis of Distortion in Latent Prints”  
Evolve Forensics. 24 hrs.  
Instructor: Alice White

05/2019 “Exclusionology: Research and Exercises”  
Ray Forensics. 24 hrs.  
Instructor: Eric Ray

09/2018 “Latent Print Orientation & Search Clues”  
Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists Conference. 8 hrs.  
Instructor: Cynthia Zeller

08/2018 “Advanced Digital Processing of Evidentiary Photography”  
Foray Technologies. 12 weeks/40 hrs.  
Instructor: David “Ski” Witzke

06/2018 “Basic Clandestine Laboratory Safety Training”  
NES. 32 hrs.  
Instructor: Brian Escamilla

05/2018 “Basic Bloodstain Pattern Recognition Course”  
SeeMore Forensics. 40 hrs.  
Instructor: Craig C. Moore

03/2018 “Courtroom Presentation of Evidence”  
24 hrs.  
Instructors: Raymond J. Davis & Richard J. Konieczka

01/2018 “Palm Print Comparison Techniques”  
Ron Smith & Associates, Inc. 24 hrs.  
Instructor: James Bush

09/2017 “Advanced Ridgeology”  
Forensic Pieces. 40 hrs.  
Instructor: Kathleen Bright-Birnbaum

09/2017 “Fundamentals of Drug Crime Scene Investigations”  
Midwest Counterdrug Training Center. 40 hrs.  
Instructor: Scott Campbell

08/2017 “Understanding Exclusion and Sufficiency Decisions”  
Ron Smith & Associates, Inc. 36 hrs.  
Instructor: John P. Black

07/2017 “Digital Photography Crime Scene Training Course”  
Federal Bureau of Investigation. 40 hrs.  
Instructor: Vance B. Liebelt

03/2017 Idaho State Police  
Latent Print Examiner Processing Training Program  
Meridian, ID

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- 02/2017 “Fingerprint Evidence Processing, Collection & Photography”  
TriTech Forensics. 40 hrs.  
Instructors: Morgan Hays and Lawrence Stringham
- 11/2016 “Foundations of Forensic Photography”  
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service. 16 hrs.
- 09/2016 “New Paradigm for Fingerprint Reporting Live 2”  
National Institute of Justice  
Forensic Technology Center of Excellence. 1 hr.
- 09/2016 “Ethics and Bias in Forensic Science” Workshop  
Northwest Associate of Forensic Scientists Conference  
Instructor: Carolyn Gannett. 8 hrs.
- 06/2016 “Professional Orientation School for New Crime Laboratory Scientists”  
The Forensic Foundations Group  
Instructor: John M. Collins Jr
- 06/2016 “Ethics in Forensic Science”  
West Virginia University Continuing and Professional Education  
Instructor: Kelly Ayers

**TEACHING; PRESENTATIONS:**

- 11/2024 “Fingerprints”  
Instructor- Idaho POST Academy 211
- 10/2024 “Advanced Finger & Palm Print Exemplar Collection”  
“Photography of Latent Prints”  
“Advanced Powder Processing”  
“Should I Even Lift This? Tips for Collection”  
Instructor-Idaho State Police District 5  
8 hours
- 10/2024 “Fingerprints”  
Instructor-ISP ATC Academy 56
- 09/2024 “Fingerprints”  
Instructor-College of Southern Idaho Law Enforcement Program, Idaho POST
- 04/2024 “Advanced Finger & Palm Print Exemplar Collection”  
“Photography of Latent Prints”  
“Advanced Powder Processing”  
“Should I Even Lift This? Tips for Collection”  
Instructor-Idaho State Police District 1  
8 hours
- 04/2024 “Advanced Finger & Palm Print Exemplar Collection”  
“Photography of Latent Prints”  
“Advanced Powder Processing”  
“Should I Even Lift This? Tips for Collection”  
Instructor-Idaho State Police District 2  
8 hours

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11/2023 "Fingerprints"  
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 208

10/2023 "Fingerprints"  
Instructor-ISP ATC Academy 55

09/2023 "Fingerprints"  
Instructor-College of Southern Idaho Law Enforcement Program, Idaho POST

07/2023 "Fingerprints"  
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 207

04/2023 "Fingerprints"  
Instructor-ISP ATC Academy 54

02/2023 "Fingerprints"  
Instructor-College of Southern Idaho Law Enforcement Program, Idaho POST

11/2022 "Fingerprints"  
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 206

11/2022 "Fingerprints"  
Instructor-Idaho ATC Academy 53

07/2022 "Fingerprints"  
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 204

04/2022 "Fingerprints"  
Instructor-College of Southern Idaho Law Enforcement Program, Idaho POST

11/2021 "Fingerprints"  
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 202

03/2021 "Fingerprints"  
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 200  
Instructor-College of Southern Idaho Law Enforcement Program, Idaho POST

11/2020 "Collection and Preservation of Evidence"  
"Fingerprints"  
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 199

08/2020 "Fingerprints"  
Instructor-ISP ATC Academy 50

02/2020 "Fingerprints"  
Instructor-College of Southern Idaho Law Enforcement Program, Idaho POST

10/2019 "Fingerprints"  
Instructor-ISP ATC Academy 49

07/2019 "Fingerprints"  
Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 195

04/2019 "Fingerprints"

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Instructor-Idaho POST Academy 194

09/2018

“The Effects of Cyanoacrylate Fuming & Rhodamine 6G on Sticky-side Power-Developed Latent Prints”

Presenter-Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists Conference

**PUBLICATIONS**

“The Effects of Cyanoacrylate Fuming and Rhodamine 6G on the Adhesive Side of Tape when Processing with Adhesive-side Powders” Journal of Forensic Identification, Volume 70, Issue 1.

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