



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

03/2018 – Present

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

CERTIFICATIONS

2021 – Present

Certified Crime Scene Investigator
International Association for Identification

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

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Revised 04/22

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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 – Present)
- Newsletter Editor (02/2020 – Present)

12/2016 – Present Active Member-International Association for Identification

TESTIMONY

State of Idaho, 3rd Judicial District Court
State of Idaho, 7th Judicial District Court
State of Idaho, 2nd Judicial District Court
State of Idaho, 4th Judicial District Court

CONTINUING EDUCATION; ASSOCIATION MEETINGS; CONFERENCES

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 3rd Level Details Workshop” 4 hrs.
Instructor: John R. Vanderkolk

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

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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

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.

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- 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
- 06/2016 “Using Oblique Lighting for Better Investigations & Photography”
Sirchie Education & Training. 1 hr.

TEACHING; PRESENTATIONS:

- 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”
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

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“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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