

NAFLC Annual Meeting and Training

April 14 – 16, 2025

Virginia Department of Forensic Science
700 N. 5th Street, Richmond VA 23219

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Monday, April 14, 2025

Time	Session
1:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Welcome and Introductory Remarks <i>Akilah Mance, President</i> NAFLC <i>Linda C. Jackson, Director</i> Virginia Department of Forensic Science
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	The Ethical and Responsible Use of FIGG <i>Catherine Cupples Connon, PhD, ABC-MB</i> Forensic Molecular Biology Assistant Professor Department of Forensic Science Virginia Commonwealth University
2:15 PM – 2:45 PM	FIGG Considerations for Lab Counsel <i>Dawn Moore Boswell</i> Director, Legal Forensics & Training UNTHSC Center for Human Identification <i>Audra Thomas-Eth</i> Regional Legal Advisor Florida Department of Law Enforcement
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Testimony Pitfalls <i>Betty Layne DesPortes, Esquire</i> BENJAMIN DESPORTES, Richmond, VA
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Tox 101 and Tox Trends <i>Michelle Peace, Ph.D.</i> Professor, Laboratory for Forensic Toxicology Research Department of Forensic Science Virginia Commonwealth University
	OPTIONAL GROUP DINNER/ HAPPY HOUR

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Time	Session
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Firearms 101 <i>Lauren Claytor</i> Forensic Scientist Group Supervisor, Firearm & Toolmark Section Virginia Department of Forensic Science
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Curiosity in the Age of AI (VIRTUAL SPEAKER)

	<p><i>James Villarrubia</i> <i>Innovation Fellow in Artificial Intelligence</i> <i>National Aeronautics and Space Administration</i></p>
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	<p>DNA 101 <i>Amanda Bakker</i> <i>Forensic Biologist, Federal Bureau of Investigations</i></p>
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM	<i>Lunch (Boxed Lunches provided by NAFLC)</i>
12:30 PM – 1:15 PM	<p>Rapid DNA Update <i>Douglas Hares</i> <i>Rapid DNA Implementation Advisor</i> <i>FBI Laboratory</i> <i>Biometrics Analysis Section</i></p> <p><i>Noreen K. Ahmed</i> <i>Assistant General Counsel</i> <i>Forensic Science Law Unit</i> <i>Office of the General Counsel</i></p>
1:15 PM – 3:15 PM	<p>Forensic Statistics Intro: Likelihood Ratios, Validation Data, and Interpreting Expert Opinions (VIRTUAL SPEAKER) <i>Steve Lund</i> <i>Mathematical Statistician</i> <i>National Institute of Standards and Technology</i></p>
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	<p>Smith v. Arizona Update <i>M.J. Menendez</i> <i>Executive Director & Senior Fellow</i> <i>The Center for Forensic Science Research & Education</i></p>
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<p>Defense Testing/Observation Panel Discussion <i>Donna Starling</i> <i>Senior Assistant General Counsel</i> <i>Texas Department of Public Safety</i></p> <p><i>Akilah Mance</i> <i>General Counsel and Director of Government Affairs</i> <i>Houston Forensic Science Center</i></p> <p><i>Neil P. Fenton</i> <i>Executive Director, Investigative Support and Training</i> <i>New York City Police Department</i></p>
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM	NAFLC Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 16, 2025	
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8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	<i>You Are the Company You Keep: Governing Third Party Risk in Cybersecurity</i> <i>Meghan W. Frkuska, J.D.</i> <i>Deputy CISO</i> <i>Chief Privacy Officer</i> <i>Department of Public Safety</i>
9:30 AM – 9:45 PM	<i>Break</i>
9:45 AM – 11:45 PM	<i>Hypergeometric Sampling</i> <i>Speaker TBD</i>
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	<i>Final Wrap Up</i> <i>Akilah Mance, President</i>

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