

# NAFLC Annual Meeting and Training

April 14 – 16, 2025

Virginia Department of Forensic Science  
700 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond VA 23219

## DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, April 14, 2025

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>
1:00 PM – 1:15 PM	<b>Welcome and Introductory Remarks</b> <i>Akilah Mance, President</i> NAFLC  <i>Linda C. Jackson, Director</i> Virginia Department of Forensic Science
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	<b>The Ethical and Responsible Use of FIGG</b> <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	<b>FIGG Considerations for Lab Counsel</b> <i>Dawn Moore Boswell</i> Director, Legal Forensics & Training UNTHSC Center for Human Identification
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Break</b>
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>Testimony Pitfalls</b> <i>Betty Layne DesPortes, Esquire</i> BENJAMIN DESPORTES, Richmond, VA
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Tox 101 and Tox Trends</b> <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

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>Firearms 101</b> <i>Lauren Claytor</i> Forensic Scientist Group Supervisor, Firearm & Toolmark Section Virginia Department of Forensic Science
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>Artificial Intelligence (AI) (VIRTUAL SPEAKER)</b> <i>James Villarrubia</i> Innovation Fellow in Artificial Intelligence National Aeronautics and Space Administration

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

Wednesday, April 16, 2025	
Time	Session
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>Cybersecurity and Contract Review</b> Meghan W. Frkuska, J.D. Deputy CISO Chief Privacy Officer Department of Public Safety

9:30 AM – 9:45 PM	<i>Break</i>
9:45 AM – 11:45 PM	<b><i>Hypergeometric Sampling</i></b> <i>Speaker TBD</i>
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	<b><i>Final Wrap Up</i></b> <i>Akilah Mance, President</i>

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