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An Update on Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Decade of Development

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

8:00 AM – 5:15 PM Eastern Time

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AGENDA

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- 8:00** **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30** **Welcoming Address**
- TBD**
- 8:40** **Keynote: The Importance of Forensic Science and Its Place in the Scientific Enterprise**
- Thomas Albright**, Professor and Conrad T. Prebys Chair, The Salk Institute for Biological Studies
- 9:10** **Historical Perspectives: What Has Happened Since 2009**
- John Butler**, Special Programs Office, NIST
- 9:30** **Federal Agencies: Research and Funding**
- Rebecca Ferrell**, Program Director, Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences, NSF
Jonathan McGrath, Policy Analyst, National Institute of Justice
Eugene Peters, Chief, Counterterrorism & Forensic Science Research, FBI Laboratory
Robert Ramotowski, Special Programs Office, NIST
- 10:45** **Break**
- 11:00** **Breakthroughs in Foundational Research**
- JoAnn Buscaglia** (Latent Fingerprints), Research Chemist, Counterterrorism and Forensic Science Research, FBI Laboratory
Robert Thompson (Toolmarks and Firearms), Senior Forensic Science Research Manager, Special Programs Office, NIST
- 12:00** **Lunch**
- 1:00** **Keynote: An Australian Viewpoint**
- Linzi Wilson-Wilde**, Director, National Institute of Forensic Science, Australia
- 1:30** **Breakthroughs in Laboratory Management**
- Peter Stout**, CEO and President, Houston Forensic Science Center
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2:30 Human Factors/Cognitive Bias

John Hollway, Associate Dean and Executive Director of the Quattrone Center,
the University of Pennsylvania Law School

Melissa Taylor, Senior Forensic Science Research Manager, Forensic Science and
Research Program, NIST

3:15 Break

3:30 What's Happening in the Courts?

Julia Leighton, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (retired)

Honorable Bridget McCormack, Chief Justice, Michigan Supreme Court

TBD

4:45 Wrap Up: Looking Back and Moving Forward

TBD

5:15 Reception