

The Legal Aid Society's DNA Unit Presents

# 6TH ANNUAL QUESTIONING FORENSICS CONFERENCE

Back to the Future: Revisiting Forensics in a Brave New World

TAKING PLACE JANUARY 27-29, 2021



## January 27, Day 1

**1:00 PM**

### Opening Remarks

Jessica Goldthwaite, LAS DNA Unit Attorney

**1:30 PM**

### **PACE: Probabilistic Assessment for Contributor Estimate**

Jonathan Adelman, Professor, Syracuse University &  
Founder of PACE

Dr. Michael Marciano, Professor, Syracuse University &  
Founder of PACE

**2:30 PM**

**Break**

**2:45 PM**

### **Presentation of Magnus Mukoro Award for Integrity in Forensic Science**

Sarah Chu, Senior Advisor on Forensic Science Policy,  
Innocence Project

**4:00 PM**

**Break**

**4:15-5:15 PM**

### **Introduction to DNA Phenotyping**

Tebah Browne, LAS DNA Unit Analyst

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## January 28, Day 2



**11:30 AM**

### **Jury Conceptions of Likelihood Ratios**

Brandon Garrett, Professor, Duke Law School  
Allison Lewis, LAS DNA Unit Attorney

**1:00 PM**

### **DNA Phenotyping**

Dr. Manfred Kayser, Professor & Chair of Forensic Molecular Biology, Erasmus University Rotterdam

**2:00 PM**

**Break**

**2:30 PM**

### **DNA & Privacy**

Vera Eidelman, Staff Attorney, ACLU's Speech, Privacy, & Technology Project

**3:30 PM**

**Break**

**4:00-5:00 PM**

### **Bayesian Networks & Transference**

Dr. Duncan Taylor, Co-Developer of STRmix & Principal Scientist at Forensic Science South Australia

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## January 29, Day 3



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**Limitations of Probabilistic DNA Evidence in Mixed Profiles**

Dr. Allan Jamieson, Professor, The Forensic Institute  
Dr. Norman Fenton, Director of Risk Information Management  
Research Group & Professor, Queen Mary London University

**2:00 PM**

**Scientific Advances in Toolmark Comparisons**

Dr. Heike Hofmann, Professor, Iowa State University

**3:00 PM**

**Break**

**3:15 PM**

**Litigating Toolmark Comparisons**

Kyla Wells, LAS DNA Unit Attorney

**4:15 PM**

**Trade Secrets**

Rebecca Wexler, Professor, Berkeley Law School  
Terri Rosenblatt, Supervising Attorney, LAS DNA Unit

**5:15-5:30 PM**

**LAS Closing Remarks**