

THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY'S DNA UNIT PRESENTS

# FOUNDATION OF DNA DEFENSE: UNPACKING THE 2021 NIST REPORT

VIRTUALLY MARCH 30, 2022 - APRIL 1, 2022 EST

## MARCH 30 (Day 1)

12:00 - 12:30 PM

### Opening Remarks

**Jenny S. Cheung** - Supervising Attorney, LAS DNA Unit  
**Jessica Goldthwaite** - Attorney, LAS DNA Unit

12:30 - 1:30 PM

### Radically Reimagining Forensic Evidence

The Barbara Byrne Keynote Speaker  
**Maneka Sinha** - Assistant Professor, University of Maryland  
Francis King Carey School of Law

1:30 - 1:45 PM

### Break

1:45 - 2:45 PM

### Magnus Mukoro Award for Integrity in Forensic Science

**Rashida Richardson** - Attorney Advisor to the Chair, Federal  
Trade Commission  
Assistant Professor of Law and Political Science, Northeastern  
University School of Law

2:50 - 3:50 PM

### Small Quantities with Big Impact: Understanding Reliability and Relevance with the NIST Report on DNA Mixture Interpretation

**Kelley Kulick** - Felony Trial Attorney, Santa Clara County  
Public Defender's Office

3:50 - 4:00 PM

### Break

4:00 - 5:00 PM

**On Reviving Dead Horses: *Pickett and Rochat***  
**Julie Fry** - Attorney, Neighborhood Defender Services of Harlem

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## MARCH 31 (Day 2)

11:00 - 12:30 PM

### Case-Specific Assessment of Performance of Strength of Evidence Assessment Models

**Dr. Steve Lund** - Statistician, Statistical Design, Analysis & Modeling Group, NIST

**Dr. Hari Iyer** - Statistician, Statistical Design, Analysis & Modeling Group, NIST

12:35 - 1:35 PM

### Case Assessment and Interpretation

**Cynthia Cale** - Independent Forensics DNA Consultant, CMC Forensics DNA Consulting

1:30 - 1:45 PM

Break

1:45 - 3:15 PM

### Objectionable Language in Forensic DNA Testimony

**Tiffany Roy** - President of ForensicAid  
Expert Working Group on Human Factors in Forensic DNA Interpretation (NIST)

**Dr. Greg Hampikian** - Professor of Biological Sciences & Criminal Justice, Boise State University,  
Co-Director, Idaho Innocence Project

3:20 - 4:50 PM

### NISTIR 8351 DRAFT Scientific Foundation Review – An ESR/STRmix perspective

**Dr. John Buckleton** - Forensic Scientist, Institute of Environmental Science and Research; Co-developer of STRmix  
**Richard Wivell** - Senior Scientist, Institute of Environmental Science and Research Ltd (ESR)

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## APRIL 1 (Day 3)

11:00 - 12:00 PM

Using the NIST study to inform confrontation and  
reliability challenges

**Andrea Roth** - Professor of Law, Berkeley Law

12:05 - 1:05 PM

Consumer Genetics After Carpenter

**Natalie Ram** - Professor of Law, University of Maryland  
Francis King Carey School of Law

1:05 - 1:30 PM

Break

1:30 - 2:45 PM

NIST Nuggets (and what to do with them!)

**Allison Lewis** - Attorney, LAS DNA Unit/Homicide Defense Task  
Force

**Aurora Maoz** - Attorney, LAS DNA Unit

2:50 - 3:50 PM

Engineers v. PGS: A Strategy for the War  
Against Carceral Technology

**Dr. Marc Canellas** - Attorney, Office of the Public Defender,  
County of Arlington & the City of Falls Church

3:50 - 4:15 PM

Closing Remarks

**Jenny S. Cheung** - Supervising Attorney, LAS DNA Unit

**Jessica Goldthwaite** - Attorney, LAS DNA Unit