



# From Cradle to Cane: Investigation of Crimes Against Vulnerable Victims

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# From Cradle to Cane: Investigation of Crimes Against Vulnerable Victims

**March 21-22, 2017 (Tuesday & Wednesday) \$250—\$450**

Join us in beautiful Charleston, SC, to experience a two-day conference focused on crimes against our most vulnerable victims—children, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Registration fee includes 2 day conference, continental breakfast each day, refreshment breaks, and handouts. Book your room at the Wingate by Wyndham-CSU hotel on the CSU campus and receive a 20% discount by using code “CSU”.

**Charleston Southern University—Gold Room  
(Located on the second floor of the Strom Thurmond Center)  
9200 University Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29406**

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

**Register early. Seating is limited.**

**Online Registration: [www.shakenbaby.org](http://www.shakenbaby.org)**

Registration by mail, email, or fax: See page 4

## CONFIRMATION

Registration confirmations will be sent via email within 24 hours (M-F) upon receipt of payment or arrangement of a Purchase Order.

(Purchase orders are accepted online)

## CANCELLATION /REFUND POLICY

Request for refunds for the two-day conference must be received via email no later than March 10, 2017 at 5 pm. Refunds will not be made for requests after this date. Refunds will be mailed or credited to the credit card after the conclusion of the conference.

**March 23, 2017 (Thursday)**

## OPTIONAL ADD-ON WORKSHOP \$225

### Death Scene Investigation—A Forensic Entomology Field Training Workshop

An optional hands on, one-day workshop on INSECT EVIDENCE/ENTOMOLOGY will be taught by Neal Haskell, PhD, Forensic Entomology Consultant at an off-site location. Registration fee includes 1 day workshop, continental breakfast, refreshment breaks, evidence collection kit, and a BBQ Dinner.

**\*\*\*Register online at [www.shakenbaby.org](http://www.shakenbaby.org) - see page 5 for more information \*\*\***

## CONFERENCE TOPICS

- **TIFFANY’S STORY: THE IMPACT OF ABUSIVE HEAD TRAUMA ON THE FAMILY** *Bonnie Armstrong, Co-Founder & Executive Director, The Shaken Baby Alliance*
- **FROM CRADLE TO CANE: THE VULNERABLE VICTIMS - FORENSIC PATHOLOGY OF CHILD ABUSE** *Jamie Downs, M.D., forensX, LLC.*
- **THE POISON OF A MOTHER’S LOVE: THE HOPE YBARRA INVESTIGATION OF MEDICAL CHILD ABUSE** *Investigator Mike Weber, Tarrant County (TX) District Attorney’s Office*
- **HUMAN TRAFFICKING INCLUDING DENTAL ASPECTS** *John P., “Jack” Kenney, DDS, MS, D-ABFO, Mary Anna Planey, JD, State’s Attorney, Cook County, IL*
- **GAME OVER: THE PROSECUTION OF MEL HALL, NEW YORK YANKEE** *Kim D’Avignon, J.D., Assistant District Attorney, Tarrant County (TX) District Attorney’s Office & Chaz Easterly*
- **FORENSIC ENTOMOLOGY** *Neal Haskell, Ph.D.*
- **ELDER ABUSE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SPECIAL NEEDS VICTIMS—THE PATHOLOGIST’S PERSPECTIVE** *Jamie Downs, M.D., forensX, LLC.*
- **VULNERABLE VICTIMS: FORENSIC INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES & CASE CONSULTATIONS** *Jamie Downs, M.D., forensX, LLC, Bonnie Armstrong, Neal Haskell, Mike Weber, &*

**SEATS ARE LIMITED. REGISTER TODAY at [www.shakenbaby.org](http://www.shakenbaby.org)**

## TARGET AUDIENCE

- Law Enforcement
- First Responders
- Death Scene Investigators
- Coroners
- Medical Examiners
- Legal Personnel
- Dentists
- Medical Providers
- Social Workers
- Child & Adult Protection
- Prevention Specialists
- Domestic Violence Specialists

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

This conference has been approved by credentialing agencies for varying credit hours including: CME, CLE, AMBDI, and POST.

Please email [rkunz@shakenbaby.org](mailto:rkunz@shakenbaby.org) for specific information or visit our website at [www.shakenbaby.org](http://www.shakenbaby.org)

## HOTEL INFORMATION

Wingate by Wyndham  
Charleston University Blvd.  
9280 University Blvd .  
North Charleston, SC 29406  
843-553-4444 Rate code: CSU



## AGENDA

### Monday, March 20, 2017

2:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m. Registration open

### Tuesday, March 21, 2017

7:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. Registration open

8:00 a.m. — 9:00 a.m.

**Welcome / Tiffany's Story: The Impact of Abusive Head Trauma on the Family** *Bonnie Armstrong, Co-Founder & Executive Director, The Shaken Baby Alliance*

9:00 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

**From Cradle to Cane: Forensic Pathology of Child Abuse (Part 1)** *Jamie Downs, M.D., forensX, LLC*

10:30 a.m. — 10:45 a.m.

**Break**

10:45 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

**From Cradle to Cane: Forensic Pathology of Child Abuse (Part 2)** *Jamie Downs, M.D., forensX, LLC*

12:00 p.m. — 1:15 p.m.

**Lunch (on your own)**

1:15 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

**The Poison of a Mother's Love: The Hope Ybarra Investigation of Medical Child Abuse** *Inv. Mike Weber, Tarrant County (TX) District Attorney's Office*

3:00 p.m. — 3:15 p.m.

**Break**

3:15 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.

**Human Trafficking Including Dental Aspects** *John P., "Jack" Kenney, DDS, MS, D-ABFO*

4:45 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Discussion and conclusion

### Wednesday, March 22, 2017

7:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. Registration open

8:00 a.m. — 10:15 a.m.

**Game Over: The Prosecution of Mel Hall, New York Yankee Sexual Predator** *Kim D'Avignon, JD, Tarrant County (TX) District Attorney's Office & Chaz Easterly, Survivor*

10:15 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

**Break**

10:30 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.

**Forensic Entomology** *Neal Haskell, PhD, Forensic Entomology Consultant, Rensselaer, IN*

12:00 p.m. — 1:15 p.m.

**Lunch (on your own)**

1:15 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

**Elder Abuse, Domestic Violence, & Special Needs Victims** *Jamie Downs, M.D., forensX, LLC*

3:00 p.m. — 3:15 p.m.

**Break**

3:15 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

**Forensic Investigative Techniques & Case Consultations** *Jamie Downs, M.D., forensX, LLC  
Bonnie Armstrong, The Shaken Baby Alliance*

Online registration: [www.shakenbaby.org](http://www.shakenbaby.org) 817-882-8686

# From Cradle to Cane: Investigation of Crimes Against Vulnerable Victims



**MAIL REGISTRATION. Payment must be included and received by March 17, 2017**

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**Registration is limited. Register early to guarantee seating.**

**CIRCLE ONE:**

- Loyalty Circle—\$250 (past attendees to IFI Conference)
- Early Bird—\$300 (register before March 1, 2017)
- Regular Registration—\$395 (register before March 17, 2017)
- At-the-door Registration—\$450
- \$295 per person for a group of 5 or more from same agency
- Student—\$65 per day Tues. /Wed. OR \$125 for both days  
\_\_\_\_\_ Subtotal
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$225 Thursday Entomology workshop
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed**

**MAIL COMPLETED FORMS TO:**

Shaken Baby Alliance  
8101 Boat Club Road Suite 240 #154  
Fort Worth, Texas. 76179  
817-882-8686

**QUESTIONS?**

Email Ron Kunz [rkunz@shakenbaby.org](mailto:rkunz@shakenbaby.org)

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:**

[www.shakenbaby.org](http://www.shakenbaby.org)



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Neal Haskell, Ph.D., DABFE, is a private forensic entomology consultant, forensic researcher, and professor (Retired) of Forensic and Biology at Saint Joseph's College, Rensselaer, IN.

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

- 8:30—9:30 a.m. Bugs, Beetles, & Time of Death
- 9:30—10:15 a.m. Insect Collection Techniques
- 10:15-11:15 a.m. Case Studies
- 11:15—12:00 p.m. Forensic Entomology & the Forensic Science Team
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00—2:00 p.m. Climatological & Weather Data Collection; Shipment and Handling of Specimens; Case Studies
- 2:00—5:30 p.m. Field Session—Insect Evidence Collection from remains
- 6:30 p.m. BBQ Dinner

**OPTIONAL ADD ON WORKSHOP**

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**Death Scene Investigation —  
A Forensic Entomology Field Training Workshop**

An optional *hands on, one-day workshop* on INSECT EVIDENCE/ENTOMOLOGY will be taught by Neal Haskell, PhD, Forensic Entomology Consultant at an off-site location. This workshop will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017 following the *From Cradle to Cane: Investigation of Crimes Against Vulnerable Victims* conference at Charleston Southern University. Participants will assemble at the Gold Room for lecture then proceed to the field activity.

**WORKSHOP INFORMATION Fee \$225.00 (includes materials and BBQ dinner)**

The purpose of this forensic workshop is to provide death scene investigators (coroners, medical examiners, crime scene technicians, & police investigators) with knowledge of entomological techniques used for recovering evidence from death scenes. Graphic slide presentation and case studies will supplement a team teaching format with lectures and hands-on field training.

Many observations of damage to corpses by insects have been made by pathologists and other investigators without the benefit of entomological assistance or knowledge of the insects and their unique behavior. This evidence can provide key points of substantiation of physical or testimonial evidence. The recognition, collection, documentation, preservation, and shipment of entomological evidence handled in a proper manner is of great importance to death scene investigators when the forensic entomologist is unavailable. Handling and shipment of specimens to entomological experts for analysis, identification, and interpretation will be covered, along with the proper equipment and materials for collecting insects. This workshop will be an introductory course of Forensic Entomology.

**WORKSHOP REGISTRATION—Includes all materials, field training kit, evening BBQ**

**Tuition Fee: \$225**

**\$200 - Student**

Enrollment is limited to the first 30 applicants. To register complete below form or go to [www.shakenbaby.org](http://www.shakenbaby.org) Email: [RKunz@shakenbaby.org](mailto:RKunz@shakenbaby.org)

**Call: 817-882-8686**

**8 hours AMBDI credits approved**

REGISTRATION FORM - DEATH SCENE INVESTIGATION WORKSHOP—THURSDAY, March 23, 2017

DEADLINE: March 9, 2017

Register online or mail form with payment to: Shaken Baby Alliance 8101 Boat Club Road Suite 240 #154, Ft. Worth, TX 76179

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*Make checks payable to Shaken Baby Alliance. Refunds are not available, but substitutions are welcome.*

## CONFERENCE FACULTY

### **BONNIE ARMSTRONG – Co-Founder and Executive Director, The Shaken Baby Alliance, Fort Worth, TX**

Bonnie Armstrong is Co-Founder and Executive Director of The Shaken Baby Alliance, a national organization based in Fort Worth, Texas. After the tragic abuse of her daughter, Bonnie decided to make something good come from such evil and over the past 20 years, she has worked tirelessly to support victim family members, prevent child abuse, and get justice for the innocent victims by impacting legislative changes, developing and producing forensic training programs related to the abuse of children, the elderly, and people with disabilities, and working for legislative changes that support vulnerable victims of abuse. Bonnie provides case consultation services for legal personnel, investigators, and law enforcement on serious physical child abuse and child fatality cases in all aspects of the case from offense through prosecution and lectures at various training institutes and conferences each year throughout the U.S.

**KIM D'AVIGNON, J.D., Assistant District Attorney, Tarrant County, Texas**—Kim D'Avignon has been an Assistant Criminal District Attorney in Tarrant County, Texas for 15 years. She has worked in numerous sections at the TCDA's Office including Narcotics, Family Violence, and Crimes Against Children. She is currently a Felony Court Chief. During her 8 years assigned to Crimes Against Children Unit, Kim tried dozens of cases involving the physical and sexual abuse of children as well as child homicides. She tried the Mel Hall case in 2009. Kim received her Law Degree from Texas Tech University School of Law in 2000. She is Board Certified in Criminal Law. Kim is also very involved in her community. She has been a volunteer at a grief camp for children, El Tesoro de la Vida, for 22 years as well as a volunteer at a bi-weekly grief center for children, the Warm Place, for 14 years. She remains in touch with many of the victims from the Mel Hall case.

**CHAZ EASTERLY**—Chaz Easterly has been married to her husband Stuart Easterly for 16 years. Her greatest accomplishment and joy is their three children, ages, 15, 13, and 11. Chaz is an entrepreneur and the Founder of Linen and Flax Home and L&F Home Design Firm. Chaz also started a ministry for middle and high school age girls that encourages and builds girls up in their faith, confidence, and self-worth. In her free time, you will see Chaz cheering on their 3 children in football, cheerleading and life from the sidelines. Chaz and her family reside in Atlanta, GA.

**JAMIE DOWNS, MD., D-ABP-AP/CP/FP, F-AAFS, F-NAME, F-ASCP, F-CAP, D-ABMDI—forensX, LLC.**Dr. Jamie Downs continues as a Forensic Pathology consultant and educator, as he has for over a quarter century. Downs served as the Director of the state of Alabama's Forensic system and has been a medical examiner for Charleston County/MUSC, Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences, and Georgia Bureau of Investigation. He completed an internship at the Behavioral Sciences Unit, FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. He has been a consultant to the FBI BSU, for whom he authored "the Forensic Investigator's Trauma Atlas." He was senior editor and author of "Ethics in Forensic Science" – the preeminent treatise on the subject. He has appeared in numerous national television broadcasts and consulted on forensic movies, television, and books. Significant cases have included effecting all successful identifications in the Georgia tri-state Crematory case and performing the the *H.L. Hunley* crew autopsies. He is widely regarded for his ability to convey complex medicolegal concepts, both via testimony and court room illustrations.

**NEAL HASKELL, Ph.D. BCE, DABFE**— Neal Haskell is a leading internationally known forensic entomologist. He has attempted, by means of workshops, lectures, and seminars, to bring together many years of experience in entomology and law enforcement to provide coroners, death scene investigators, crime scene technicians, criminal attorneys and others with valuable information regarding recognition, recovery, collection, preservation, and handling of entomological evidence. Dr. Haskell has acted as a private consultant in forensic entomology in well over 1000 death investigations where insects have been associated, and has qualified as an expert witness in both federal and state courts in 31 states and in regional, provincial, and the Ontario Court of Appeals, in Ontario, Canada. Dr. Haskell is a retired Professor Emeritus of Forensic Science and Biology at Saint Joseph's College, Rensselaer, IN, and an International Forensic Entomology Consultant. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Entomology at The University of Wisconsin, and University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE. Numerous regional, national, and international presentation have been given regarding applications and research in forensic entomology. In all, over 500 lectures, presentations, and workshops have been given in the past 30 years worldwide.

**JOHN (JACK) KENNEY, DDS, MS, D-ABFO**—Dr. Kenney has been in practice in Park Ridge, IL for 30 years. He graduated from Loyola University Dental School and completed a Master's Degree and Certificate of Specialty in Pediatric Dentistry. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. He was elected a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, a highly selective award recognizing outstanding contributions to the Dental Profession. Dr. Kenney is on Staff at Lutheran General Hospital and the Golf Surgicenter. As one of ~100 board certified North American forensic dentists, he has been active in the field for 30 years. He was twice elected President of the American Board of Forensic Odontology. Kenney is a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and a Trustee and Secretary of the Forensic Sciences Foundation. He Chairs their yearly Emerging Forensic Scientist Competition. He has been invited to lecture throughout the US, Canada, the UK, Europe, South America and most recently in China where he provided programs to Nanjing University's Dental Hospital on the role of the dental team in detecting domestic violence and to their Medical School on Forensic Odontology and Forensic Anthropology. He was named as one of the "Top Clinicians in Continuing Education" by Dentistry Today magazine for the fifth consecutive year. He serves as one of three civilian dentist consultants to the US Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii.

**INVESTIGATOR MIKE WEBER**—Investigator Mike Weber has been a law enforcement officer for 31 years. He retired from the Arlington Police Department in 2008 to accept a position as an Investigator with the Tarrant County (TX) District Attorney's Office in the Crimes Against Children Unit. Mike investigated all claims of Medical Child Abuse (*Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy*) that were generated in Tarrant County from 2008-2015. He has investigated 16 such claims in his 8 years with the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office. These investigations have led to 5 convictions for Injury to a Child, 1 case that is currently being adjudicated, 1 that was referred to an out of state agency where the injury (surgery) occurred, and 9 investigations where either there were no injuries, or where the child had the medical ailment claimed by the parent. He is now assigned to a Felony unit of the Tarrant County DA's Office. He consults with Fort Worth PD on medical child abuse cases and has done so on 3 cases since 2015, leading to 1 arrest and prosecution. 2015, leading to one arrest and prosecution. Mike was awarded the 2016 National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Texas Hero for Children Award.

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