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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA

- Evidence Tainted by Forensic Fraud, a major review article discussing the practice and implications of fraudulent forensic science, produced as independent research under Professor M. Libonati, 2004-2005
- Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar, October 2006

Master of Forensic Science, The George Washington University, Washington D.C.

- Areas of Concentration: Chemistry and Toxicology
- Admitted to the American Board of Criminalistics as a Certificant in Comprehensive Criminalistics and Drug Analysis, August 2008

Bachelor of Arts in General Studies, University of North Texas, Denton, TX

- Areas of Concentration: Anthropology, Biology and Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Forensic Chemistry Consultant, October 2006-Present

- Review and evaluate available case information, including methods of analysis, quality control records, analyst qualifications, law enforcement incident reports, laboratory data and reports, pharmacy records, medical records, environmental monitoring records, laboratory operating procedures, etc.
- Produce expert reports on legal and scientific issues involving forensic evidence.
- Provide expert opinions in depositions and courtroom testimony.
- Develop and instruct forensic chemist training program for ASCLD/ISO accredited crime laboratory.
- Provide technical advice and review for controlled substance casework and special project work.
- Develop and supervise validation projects for forensic chemistry analytical methods.
- Develop and instruct CLE classes covering the forensic sciences and their use in casework.
- Perform grant review for National Institute of Justice Office of Forensic Sciences and the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency
- Produce independent research and studies for conference presentations or publications.

Assistant Professor, Arcadia University, Forensic Science Department, January 2017-Present

Interim Program Director, August 2018-January 2019

Adjunct Professor, October 2006-December 2016

FEPAC Accredited

- Develop and instruct Forensic Chemistry, Advanced Forensic Chemistry, Forensic Microscopy and Trace Evidence lecture and lab courses.
- Participate on faculty panel for student oral technical review boards and moot courts.
- Direct and supervise research projects for selected students and prepare final results for publication and/or presentation.
- Manage internship relationships for Forensic Science students
- Serve on Graduate Academic Standing committee
- Manage day-to-day operations of the Forensic Science Department

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Forensic Chemist, NMS Labs, Criminalistics Section, July 2002-March 2006

Forensic Chemistry Consultant, April 2011-December 2018

ASCLD-LAB Accredited

- Identify and analyze controlled substances and pharmaceutical preparations using chemical, microscopic and instrumental methods of analysis.
- Produce reports and supporting documents concerning evidence analysis, findings and conclusions.
- Provide expert services, such as consultations and case reviews, through both reports and testimony.
- Testify to results of analyses and opinions in local, state and federal courts.
- Monitor quality assurance/quality control activities of section to ensure compliance with authorized policies, procedures and good laboratory practices.
- Develop and instruct forensic chemist training program in compliance with accreditation standards.
- Provide technical advice and review for controlled substance casework and special project work.
- Develop and supervise validation projects for forensic chemistry analytical methods.

Forensic Scientist, Bexar County Forensic Science Center, Criminal Investigation Laboratory, August 2000-May 2002

ASCLD-LAB Accredited

- Identify and analyze controlled substances, pharmaceutical preparations and fire debris using chemical, microscopic and instrumental methods of analysis.
- Produce reports and supporting documents concerning evidence analysis, findings and conclusions.
- Testify to results of analyses in local, state and federal courts.
- Assist senior analysts in microscopic hair comparisons, gunshot residue analyses and shooting distance determinations.

Toxicology Research Assistant, Nichols T. Lappas, PhD., The George Washington University, Department of Forensic Sciences, April 1999-June 2000

- Conduct literature research in the areas of toxicology and pharmacology.
- Review case files to determine what information is necessary for trial.
- Prepare reports of findings to assist expert witnesses in preparation for trial.

INTERNSHIP

Dallas Police Department, Physical Evidence Unit, Spring 1998

- Assist officers in collecting evidence at crime scenes.
- Prepare evidence for transfer to laboratory.
- Enter fingerprint profiles into the Automated Fingerprint Information System.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Advisory Committee for the Evaluation of Controlled Substance Analogs, Founding Member, 2012-2014

- Structure Subcommittee Chair, 2012-2014

American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Member, 2003-present

- Emerging Forensic Scientist Award Reviewer, 2014-present
- Criminalistics Abstract Review Committee, 2015-present

American Board of Criminalistics, Certificant in Comprehensive Criminalistics and Drug Analysis, 2008-present

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American Chemical Society, National Affiliate, 2001-2007, 2011-present

- Government Affairs Committee, 2006-2007
- Chromatography Instructor, 2012-present

AOAC International (formerly the Association of Official Analytical Chemists),

Member, 2010-present

- Cannabis Analytical Science Program, Cannabinoids in Consumables Working Group, 2015-present
- Cannabis Analytical Science Program, Chemical Contaminants Working Group, 2020-present
- Cannabis Expert Review Panel, 2018-present

Chemical Consultants Network, Member, 2006-present

Council of Forensic Science Educators, Member, 2018-present

Northeastern Association of Forensic Sciences, Member, 2005-present

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Marijuana or Hemp? Legal and Lab Considerations, New Jersey Bar Association
Webinar, February 2021

Drug Chemistry for the Defense, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
and the Harris County Public Defender's Office Webinar, August 2020

What You Need to Know about Marijuana DUI?, FACDL 2019 Blood, Breath and
Tears Seminar (Orlando FL), September 2019

Drug Chemistry for the Defense, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts,
Defender Services Office Training Division, Multi-Track Federal Criminal
Defense Seminar (Denver CO), August 2019

Field Tests: Controlled Substances and Driver Impairment, Administrative Office of
the U.S. Courts, Defender Services Office Training Division, Winning Strategies
Seminar (San Antonio TX), August 2018

Fundamentals of Forensic Toxicology, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts,
Defender Services Office Training Division, Winning Strategies Seminar (San
Antonio TX), August 2018

Controlled Substance Analysis: Anatomy of a Drug Case, National Forensic College,
Innocence Project at Cardozo Law School (New York NY), June 2018

Examining the Drug Toxicology Report, PACDL 2018 Defending Drug Crimes Seminar
(King of Prussia PA), May 2018

Drug and Alcohol Issues in Civil Litigation, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, May 2018

Ambiguous Field Test Results Lead to Wrongful Arrest, NEAFS Annual Meeting (Pocono
Manor PA), November 2017

Terpene Identification in Cannabis by Headspace GC-MS, Perkin Elmer INTour (Chicago IL),
September 2017

Synthetic Drugs and Analogues: Issues for the Defense, Texas Criminal Defense
Lawyers Association, 30th Annual Rusty Duncan Advanced Criminal Law Course

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(San Antonio TX), June 2017

Field Tests: Controlled Substances and Driver Impairment, National Forensic College, Innocence Project at Cardozo Law School (New York NY), June 2016

Controlled Substance Analysis: Anatomy of a Drug Case, National Forensic College, Innocence Project at Cardozo Law School (New York NY), June 2016

The Legal and Scientific Landscape of a Federal Analogue Prosecution post-McFadden, presented with T. Douglas Clifford, Esq. AAFS Annual Meeting (Las Vegas NV), February 2016

Error Analysis of a Forensic Controlled Substance Case, NIST International Symposium on Forensic Science Error Management (Crystal City VA), July 2015

Controlled Substance Analysis: Anatomy of a Drug Case, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Defender Services Office Training Division, Winning Strategies Seminar (Hilton Head SC), February 2015

Opening the Closet Door: An Overview of Testing and Discovery in Drug Cases, presented with Brian Manchester, Esq., Office of the Federal Public Defender and The Charles F. Greevy, Jr. American Inn of Court Federal Criminal Defense Training (Williamsport PA), March 2014

Legal Issues and Analytical Challenges with Emerging Drug Analogs, presented with J. Graham Rankin, Ph.D., MAAFS Annual Meeting (Roanoke VA), May 2013

Designer Drugs: Legal and Analytical Challenges for Forensic Laboratories and the Courts, presented with Barry K. Logan, Ph.D., AAFS Annual Meeting (Washington D.C.), February 2013

Scientific Method for Controlled Substance Analog Determination, presented with the subcommittee chairs of the Advisory Committee for the Evaluation of Controlled Substance Analogs, AAFS Annual Meeting (Washington D.C.), February 2013

Synthetic Designer Drugs: Is It an Analog? How Do You Know?, NEAFS Annual Meeting (Saratoga Springs NY), November 2012

Structural Analogs, Novel Compounds and the Federal Analog Act: The Disconnect between Science and the Law, American Chemical Society Annual Meeting (Philadelphia PA), August 2012

K2 and Beyond: A Synthetic Cannabinoid Legal Primer, AAFS Annual Meeting (Chicago IL), February 2011

Forensic Investigations: Problems with Contextual Bias, Villanova University School of Law, Matthew J. Ryan Law and Public Policy Forum, January 2011

Don't Bomb in Court: How Arson and Bomb Scene Investigators and Laboratory Personnel can Survive a Frye or Daubert Hearing, AAFS Annual Meeting (Washington D.C.), February 2008

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The Reliability of a Controlled Substance Field Test Kit as a Basis for Probable Cause (Poster), AAFS Annual Meeting (Seattle WA), February 2006

Proper Techniques for Collection and Submission of Physical Evidence, Montgomery County District Attorney's Municipal Drug Task Force Training Seminar, March 2004 and April 2005

Basics of Forensic Drug Chemistry, Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, April 2003

SELECTED TRAINING COURSES COMPLETED

Prioritizing Science Over Fear: An Interdisciplinary Response to Fentanyl Analogues, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Drug Enforcement and Policy Center, March 2021

Structural Characterization of Emerging Synthetic Drugs by Mass Spectrometry, NIJ and RTI International Webinar, March 2021

Current Trends in Seized Drug Analysis, The Center for Forensic Science Research and Education Online Forensic Symposium, January 2021

Criminal Justice Reform and Forensics: The Importance of Evidence, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, the Quattrone Center and the Houston Forensic Science Center, October 2020

Cannabis Impaired Driving, SOFT Annual Meeting (Virtual), September 2020

NIST Tools for Confidently Distinguishing between Hemp and Cannabis, NIST and Shimadzu Webinar, June 2020

Hemp: A Forensic Perspective, Agilent and RTI International Webinar, March 2020

Marijuana or Hemp: From Farm Bill to Forensic Analysis, NIJ and RTI International Webinar, January 2020, March 2020

SWGDRUG Supplemental Document 6 and Statistical Sampling Calculator Workshop, NEAFS Annual Meeting (Lancaster PA), November 2019

A Practical Guide to Analytical Method Development, LC/GC Magazine and Agilent Technologies Webinar, July 2019

Is it Hemp? An Analytical Strategy To Make Sure It Is, RTI International and Agilent Technologies Webinar, May 2019

How to Measure and Reduce Drug Background Levels in Forensic Laboratories and Their Implications on Safety and Data Integrity, AAFS Annual Meeting (Baltimore MD), February 2019

Identifying Seized Drugs using MS Library Searching, NIST Mass Spectrometry Data Center Webinar, August 2018

Residual Solvents and Terpenes by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry, Agilent Technologies Webinar, August 2017

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The Application of Spectral Accuracy to Mass Spectrometry for Enhanced Formula ID and Mixture Analysis, Don Kuehl, Cerno Bioscience and LC/GC Webinar, June 2017

NHTSA/IACP Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Practitioner (2015 Curriculum), Platt and Associates (Cherry Hill NJ), September 2016

How to Get More from Your Light and IR Microscopes, NIJ Impression, Pattern and Trace Evidence Symposium (San Antonio TX), August 2015

Using Statistics to Determine Sample Size, Steven Walfish, Statistical Outsourcing Services Webinar, July 2015

Enhanced Detection and Confirmation in Forensic Toxicology Screening Using a UHPLC-QTOF System, LCGC/Bruker Webinar, June 2014

The Science of DUID, Axion Analytical Laboratories (Chicago IL), January 2014

Emerging Trends in Synthetic Drugs Workshop, NIST Law Enforcement Standards Office in collaboration with DEA (Rockville MD), April 30-May 1, 2013

Analysis and Interpretation of Chemical Unknowns, AAFS Annual Meeting (Washington D.C.), February 2013

Infrared and Raman Microanalysis of Forensic Evidence, American Chemical Society/Bruker Webinar, Nov 2012

Mass Measurement Uncertainty for Laboratories, Rod Gullberg at NMS Labs (Willow Grove PA), October 2012

Best Ethical Practices for Hiring and Managing Expert Witnesses, Jenkins Law Library (Philadelphia PA), August 2012

Analysis and Interpretation of Mass Spectral Data, American Chemical Society at Chemspec USA (Philadelphia PA), May 2012

Synthesis and Chemistry of Synthetic Cannabinoid Compounds, Iteramed at NMS Labs (Willow Grove PA), November 2011

Dyes, Fibers and Recent Advances in Textile Chemistry, NIJ Trace Evidence Symposium (Kansas City MO), August 2011

Advanced Fire Debris Analysis Interpretation, NIJ Trace Evidence Symposium (Kansas City MO), August 2011

Chemical Aspects of Fire Debris, NEAFS Annual Meeting (Long Branch NJ), November 2009

Sixth Edition Sentencing Guidelines and Sentencing in Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, October 2007

Clandestine Laboratories, Montgomery County District Attorney's Municipal Drug Task Force Training Seminar, April 2005

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How to Develop, Validate and Troubleshoot Capillary GC and HPLC Methods,
American Chemical Society National Meeting (Philadelphia PA), August 2004

Agilent GC/MSD ChemStation Data Analysis and Reporting, Agilent Technologies (Plano TX),
September 2003

*Rapid Screening of Drugs for Forensic Toxicology using Retention Time Locking
with GC/MS*, Agilent Technologies Webinar, August 2003

Analytical Tools for the Forensic Scientist, NEAFS Annual Meeting (Atlantic City NJ),
November 2002

*Methamphetamine: Clandestine Laboratory Investigation and Analytical
Approaches*, SWAFS Annual Meeting (San Antonio TX), November 2001

Forensic Chemist Seminar, Drug Enforcement Administration Special Testing and
Research Laboratory, June 2001

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting

- Atlanta 2002
- Chicago 2003
- Seattle 2006, Poster presentation to the Jurisprudence section
- Washington, D.C. 2008, Participated in Jurisprudence workshop
- Chicago 2011, Participated in Toxicology workshop
- Washington, D.C. 2013, Paper presentations to the Jurisprudence and Toxicology sections
- Seattle 2014, Paper presentation to the Jurisprudence section and moderated Drug Chemistry technical paper session
- Las Vegas 2016, Paper presentation to the Jurisprudence section
- Seattle 2018
- Baltimore 2019
- Anaheim 2020
- Virtual Meeting 2021

American Chemical Society National Meeting

- Philadelphia Fall 2008, Hosted booth for Chemical Consultants Network
- Philadelphia Summer 2012, Participated on Chemistry and the Law panel discussion
- Philadelphia Summer 2016

Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists

- Ellicott City MD 2012
- Roanoke VA 2013, Participated in Drug Chemistry workshop

National Institute of Justice Biannual Trace Evidence Symposium

- Kansas City 2011
- San Antonio 2015, Poster presentation
- Arlington VA 2018

NIST International Symposium on Forensic Science Error Management

- Crystal City VA 2015, Paper presentation on Criminalistics track

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Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists Annual Meeting

- Atlantic City 2002
- Long Branch NJ 2009
- Saratoga Springs NY 2012, Paper presentation in Drug Chemistry Scientific Session
- Pocono Manor PA 2017, Paper presentation in Drug Chemistry Scientific Session
- Lancaster PA 2019
- Virtual Meeting 2020

Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy (Pittcon)

- Philadelphia 2019

Society of Forensic Toxicologists Annual Meeting

- Virtual Meeting 2020

Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists Annual Meeting

- San Antonio 2001, Moderated technical paper session

PUBLICATIONS

AOAC SMPR® 2019.003 Standard Method Performance Requirements (SMPRs) for Quantitation of Cannabinoids in Plant Materials of Hemp (Low THC Varieties Cannabis sp.), In press, Journal of AOAC International 2020.

AOAC SMPR® 2017.001 Standard Method Performance Requirements (SMPRs) for Quantitation of Cannabinoids in Cannabis Concentrates, Audino, et al: Journal of AOAC International, Vol. 100, No. 4, 2017

AOAC SMPR® 2017.002 Standard Method Performance Requirements (SMPRs) for Quantitation of Cannabinoids in Dried Plant Materials, Audino, et al: Journal of AOAC International, Vol. 100, No. 4, 2017

The Fundamentals of Uncertainty of Measurement, Understanding DUI Scientific Evidence, J. McShane and J. Lee, Eds., Thomson Reuters/Aspatore, 2015

The Fundamentals of Calibration, Understanding DUI Scientific Evidence, J. McShane and J. Lee, Eds., Thomson Reuters/Aspatore, 2014.

Brief of Expert Forensic Scientists as Amici Curiae in Support of Petitioner, Stephen Dominick McFadden v. United States of America, 576 U.S. ____ (2015) (No. 14-378).