

## **2018 IACME Fall Meeting and Education Expo**

### **November 2-3, 2018, West Des Moines Marriott**

#### SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES (alphabetical order)

#### **Tiffany Brown, D-ABMDI**

Tiffany Brown has been employed at the Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner as a Coroner Investigator since 2010. In 2015, she was promoted to Senior Coroner Investigator, overseeing swing and graveyard shifts. Tiffany has investigated over 2,000 coroner's cases and currently serves as the co-coordinator for the Coroner Reserve Academy, which provides classroom and field training for future investigators.

She works with all unidentified cases that come through the office and assisted in creating national standards as a member of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) National Cold Case Working Group. Tiffany attends monthly meetings for the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board and is the lead for the Child and Infant Response (CAIR) Team. She has been closely involved in mass fatality preparation for the Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner and is a native of Las Vegas, Nevada.

#### **Heather Garvin, PhD, D-ABFA**

Dr. Heather Garvin is a Professor of Anatomy at Des Moines University. She has an MS in biological and forensic anthropology from Mercyhurst College and a PhD in functional anatomy and evolution from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She joined DMU from Mercyhurst University where she taught undergraduate and graduate students in their forensic anthropology, anthropology, and physician's assistant programs. Her research interests focus on human skeletal variation, and she has worked on everything from modern forensic anthropology cases to hominin fossil remains.

Dr. Garvin has been involved in forensic anthropology cases since 2005. She is one of only 79 active board-certified forensic anthropologists (D-ABFA) in the US, and continues to be involved in forensic anthropology cases as a consultant to the Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner and an External Case Reviewer for University of Florida C.A. Pound Human Identification Laboratory. Dr. Garvin is also a Co-PI on an NIJ grant working towards developing improved subadult sex and estimation standards from a large collection of postmortem subadult CT scans. Dr. Garvin keeps an active research agenda, has been on the editorial board for the *Journal of Forensic Sciences* since 2015, and is a Fellow in anthropology section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

## **Melissa Gregory**

Melissa Gregory is a regional program specialist with the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs). She formerly served as the Case Analysis Unit (CAU) Supervisor for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). She began her career with NCMEC in 2006 as a staff assistant and progressed to a senior analyst in the CAU, where she specialized in supporting the Forensic Services Unit by working on unidentified deceased and long term missing child cases before becoming the CAU Supervisor.

Prior to joining NCMEC, Ms. Gregory worked with a corporate law firm in Denver, Colorado and interned with the Denver Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit, Crime Scene Investigation Unit, and coroner's office. She graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor's Degree in criminal justice with a minor in psychology, and she holds a Master's Degree in criminal investigative psychology. Ms. Gregory joined NamUs in February 2015 as a regional system administrator covering the central region of the United States.

## **Dennis Klein, MD, Iowa Chief State Medical Examiner**

Dr. Klein is Iowa Chief State Medical Examiner and formerly served as Deputy Chief State Medical Examiner. He is an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor with the University of Iowa School of Medicine and Adjunct Associate Professor of Forensic Pathology with Des Moines University in Des Moines. He is a diplomate for the American Board of Pathology in anatomic, clinical and forensic pathology. He received his MD from the University of Vermont College of Medicine. He completed a residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston and fellowships in forensic pathology at state medical examiner offices in Massachusetts and New Mexico. Dr. Klein is a member of the National Association of Medical Examiners and serves on the IACME Board of Directors. He is IACME Program Chair.

## **John Kraemer, PA, F-ABMDI**

John Kraemer, PA, F-ABMDI is Director of Forensic Operations and State Child Death Review Team Coordinator with the Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner. He is Board Certified by the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators and the American Society of Clinical Pathology. He serves as adjunct assistant professor at Mercy College of Health Sciences. In 2011, he served as President of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators and is a member of the International Association of Arson Investigators. He serves on the Society of Medicolegal Death Investigators Board of Directors and is a member of the American Society of Clinical Pathology. He served as a Lieutenant with the Johnston-Grimes Metropolitan Fire Department and is a certified fire officer, paramedic and fire investigator. He earned his undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree

from the University of Minnesota and has a Masters of Health Sciences from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT.

### **Stephanie Stauffer, MD**

Stephanie Stauffer, MD is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the University of Iowa Department of Pathology, specializing in forensic pathology. She earned her BS from Millersville University in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and her MD from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. She completed a residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and a fellowship in forensic pathology with the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office in Minneapolis. In 2015, she received the Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Award from the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists and the Resident Teaching Award from the University of Iowa Department of Pathology. She is a member of the National Association of Medical Examiners.

### **Captain Bob Suarez, Des Moines Fire Department, Special Operations Section**

Captain Suarez has been a member of the fire service in Iowa for 20 years. He manages the Des Moines Fire Department's Hazmat, Technical and Water Rescue Teams, overseeing approximately 125 technicians. Captain Suarez travels the country teaching as a Master Hazmat/WMD Instructor with the International Association of Fire Fighters. He has been a paramedic for 15 years and holds an AAS in fire service management, a BS in emergency and disaster management and an MS in security studies from the prestigious Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.

Captain Suarez's fire career began in 1996 as a volunteer with the Coralville Fire Department. He was hired as a full-time firefighter by the City of Cedar Rapids in 1998. In 2002, he was hired by the Des Moines Fire Department. Bob promoted through the ranks, and in addition to firefighter, held the rank of medic and lieutenant before being promoted to captain in 2016. He has served as a member of the Hazmat Team since 2003.

When he's not working or on the road teaching, Bob's interests outside of the fire service include exercise, Hawkeye wrestling and acoustic guitar. His favorite activity is spending time with his three wonderful children. He believes one of his best qualities is that he sucks at quitting.

### **Jennifer Tiffany, R.Ph**

Jennifer Tiffany, R.Ph. graduated from Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 1999. She has worked for the Iowa Board of Pharmacy since 2004. She was a field compliance officer for 12 years before transitioning to her current role in January 2017 as Associate Director of

the Prescription Monitoring Program. Ms. Tiffany serves as a preceptor for pharmacy students at Drake and the University of Iowa and also manages the board's safe medication disposal program.

### **Geoffrey Wall, PharmD, FCCP, BCPS**

Geoffrey Wall is a professor of pharmacy practice with the Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. He is also an in-patient pharmacist at Iowa Methodist Medical Center and has a wealth of knowledge concerning medication use, side effects and safety. Other areas of interest include infectious diseases and gastrointestinal and rheumatoid diseases. He has also conducted research on drug allergies.

Dr. Wall started his education at the University of Utah, completing his Bachelor of Science in pharmacy in 1992. Throughout school he worked in an area hospital and upon graduation took a position as a retail pharmacist. Within a short time, he realized that he preferred hospital practice and left to be a staff pharmacist and eventually the director of pharmacy in a small hospital in Utah. By 1998, he had graduated as a Doctor of Pharmacy from Idaho State University and took a pharmacy internal medicine residency at Temple, Texas. In 1999 Dr. Wall joined the faculty at Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences with a clinical position at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.