

SPEAKERS



Erin West began her forensic career in 2006 as a Brevard County Crime Scene Investigator before serving as a Battlefield Forensics Instructor for the U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence. She later managed DOJ Forensic Laboratory operations and joined the Osceola County Sheriff's Office, where she rose to Crime Scene Manager overseeing multiple forensic units. Erin holds a B.Sc. in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida and M.Sc. in Forensic DNA and Serology from the University of Florida, plus a Forensic Toxicology Graduate certificate. In addition to being an IAI Certified Senior Crime Scene Analyst and Latent Print Examiner, Erin is also a co-founder of Gap Science LLC, providing specialized training and resources for forensic leaders.



With 25 years of sworn law enforcement experience, **James Campos** began his career with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department in 2000. Promoted through the investigator ranks to Master Investigator IV, he spent over eight years in the Central Homicide Unit, leading over 100 homicide and 30 officer-involved shooting investigations, and testifying in 15 murder trials. In 2017, he joined the Riverside County District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation, earning promotions to Senior Investigator II and Supervising Investigator by 2021. Now as a Commander since January 2024, James oversees Western Region Felony Crimes, Special Victims, Major Crimes, and Cold Case units.



Ashley Church has dedicated her career to advancing forensic science. Starting with an Orange County Sheriff's Office internship, she earned a B.S. in Forensic Science from the University of Central Florida and an M.S. in Entomology from the University of Florida. Her extensive background includes laboratory research, assistant supervision, and work as a Crime Scene Investigator and field training officer. She later served as Forensic Supervisor at the Osceola County Sheriff's Office, managing the Forensic Unit and Pre-Screening DNA Laboratory. Formerly an IAI Certified Crime Scene Analyst, Ashley now teaches full-time with Gap Science, empowering industry professionals.



Since 2002, **Chris Suitt** has served as a chaplain with a busy Southern California Sheriff's department, supporting a station that handled over 10,000 critical incident calls in a single year. In 2019, he completed the Level III Modular Peace Officer Academy. Through weekly, full-shift ride-alongs, he has seen firsthand how officers are expertly trained to navigate human-created chaos and carnage on duty. However, he also recognized that officers often lack the necessary mental and emotional skills to effectively handle the job's long-term personal impacts on their careers and family lives.



Suzette A. Young is a retired crime scene investigator from the Brea Police Department with extensive experience managing complex, multi-jurisdictional scene investigations to identify serial offenders. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from California State University, Fullerton, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. In her session, Suzette will present detailed case studies highlighting key challenges encountered during suspected overdose death scene investigations. She will also deliver actionable training focused on best practices for effective evidence collection and courtroom testimony.



Dr. Heather Heider is a distinguished forensic consultant with over three decades of experience. She holds a Doctorate and Master's in Forensic Science from Oklahoma State University and a B.S. in Physics from Cal Poly Pomona. From 2003 to 2019, she served as Forensic Services Supervisor for the Santa Ana Police Department, managing a high-volume lab encompassing crime scene, forensic firearms, latentprint, chemistry, and photo/video units. Now President of Axiom Forensics, Dr. Heider specializes in crime scene and shooting reconstruction, training, and policy development. She has also consulted or testified in over 100 officer-involved shootings, the focal point of her doctoral capstone. Dr. Heider remains an active contributor to the forensic community through academia, trainings, and presentations.



John Guzzwell (M.Sc., MBA, P.Eng.) is a professional engineer with over 30 years of experience in technology development and commercialization, with a focus on automated software for friction ridge image enhancement, comparison, and identification. He has provided training sessions in the use of fingerprint comparison and identification software and presented lectures and workshops at various IAI divisional and national conferences on topics related to forensic imaging. He is a member of the IAI and is co-founder and VP of Business Development with CSIpix.