



Saturday, October 13th, 2012

St. Peter Claver Hall, S.J., Lowell Campus, Denver

SESSION 1: 8:45AM – 10:00AM

“Considerations and Investigation of Sexually Motivated Homicides – A Case Study,” *presented by Lt. Jon Priest (Retired)*

● **PCH 310**

Lieutenant Priest’s presentation on a Denver homicide involving an offender living in a halfway house and a young girl who lived down the street, and who unfortunately came home early one day is an incredible portrayal of the dynamics of one of Denver’s most violent sexual assault homicides. Lieutenant Priest was the primary investigator on this intriguing crime and his presentation is one that attendees will absolutely not want to miss.

Jon Priest is an internationally recognized homicide investigator and the past commander of the Denver Homicide Bureau, Denver Police Department. He has been involved and has been instrumental in many of the homicides that have taken place in Denver over the past several years. He is a recognized expert in the areas of crime scene documentation, reconstruction, and analysis, bloodstain pattern analysis, wound causation, interview/interrogation, and major case investigation management.

“The Primary and Secondary Impact of Violent Crime,” *presented by Ms. Rebecca Gershten and Mr. Robert Boggess*

● **PCH 205**

Ms. Gershten and Mr. Boggess will discuss the personal, legal, and social ramifications of the aftermath of rape. Rebecca was one of the survivors of Brent Brents’ serial rapist rampage in Denver during 2005. Robert will discuss the secondary impact of violent crime. These speakers will discuss their journey that led to activism and agents of change for public safety.

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“Financial Forensics for Asset Recovery,” *presented by Joe Dickerson*

● **PCH 206**

This session will be presented by Joe H. Dickerson, CFE, CFI, and CEO of Financial Forensic Services, a domestic and international forensic research judgment enforcement and litigation management firm. Joe has over 48 years of experience as a Financial Investigator and Judgment Enforcement Expert.

Joe H. Dickerson, CFE, CFI, and Chief Executive Officer of Financial Forensic Services, has spent over forty-five years working in the financial forensic research and investigation profession specializing in financial investigation and judgment enforcement. He was a Detective Sergeant with the Houston Police Department and was a founding member of the Organized Crime Bureau for the Houston (Harris County) DA’s office. Joe founded the Oil & Gas Crime Prevention Bureau. He is a nationally recognized instructor on financial investigation and judgment enforcement and has trained members of the FBI, DEA, Secret Service, IRS, SEC, Postal Inspectors, US Attorneys staff, Attorney Generals staff, Texas Rangers and various law enforcement agencies, bar associations, regulators, trade associations and professional groups. He has served as an investigative consultant to the U.S. Attorney’s Office and the Legal Department of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), as well as, Fortune 500 companies and private entities. As President of Financial Forensic Services, LLC he is responsible for the day to day management of the domestic and international forensic research and judgment enforcement practice.

“Kempe Center for Children of Abuse and Neglect,” *presented by Dr. Donald Bross*

● **PCH 202**

Professor Bross reviews the consequences of abuse and neglect on children, as well as, what is known about the behavior of those who maltreat children, what leads to abuse and neglect, examples of maltreatment to illuminate the diagnostic process, and how the medical and legal community responds to abuse and neglect. This presentation is offered in this format only at Regis CSI.

Donald Bross, JD, Ph.D., Professor in Pediatrics (Family Law), joined the faculty of the University of Colorado and the C. Henry Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect in 1976.

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“Unique Theoretical Constructs of Criminal Profiling,” *presented by Dr. David Mirich*

● **PCH 303**

Dr. Mirich’s presentations are provocative and distinctive. He will present some stimulating and original theories underlying criminal motivation, including original views of the etiology and development of the psychopathic personality that are sure to elicit thoughtful analysis. Dr. Mirich has taught at numerous colleges and universities in the metro area.

Dr. David Mirich has a great deal of experience in the field of forensic psychology. He has taught the very unique course on Sexual Homicide, as well as Criminal Profiling and other courses dealing with violence and psychopathy. Dr. Mirich, a local psychologist, has his own practice in Denver and has evaluated and treated criminal offenders of various sorts for several years.

“Cellular Phone Evidence for Investigators,” *presented by David Pettinari*

● **PCH 214**

Everyone carries a cell phone nowadays, which means these devices will be used in criminal activity, and someone will be looking at them, or going to the phone carrier with a search warrant, court order, or subpoena, asking for evidence. Dave Pettinari, a retired sheriff’s commander who once headed a high-tech crimes unit, and who now does private consulting for governments, defense, and in private cases, explains the ins and outs and intricacies of looking for evidence in cell phones and from phone providers.

Dave Pettinari, a retired 20-year veteran of the Pueblo County, Colo., Sheriff’s Office, now owns a computer forensics, Internet investigations, and private investigations consulting business. Pettinari formerly was a commander of a high-tech crimes unit at the Pueblo County (Colorado) Sheriff’s Office, including participation in the Colorado Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. He and fellow officers arrested 36 online predators who go after children in chat rooms and in instant messaging.

A certified peace officer, he attended the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University in Chicago. He has been trained in computer forensics, attending 36+ computer crime and computer forensics schools, to include the Federal Law Enforcement Center’s “Criminal Investigations in an Automated Environment” course,

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SEARCH computer crimes, SEARCH Investigation of Online Sexual Exploitation of Children, EnCase (basic, intermediate and advanced), and the National White Collar Crime Center's Basic Data Recovery and Analysis course, Advanced Data Recovery and Analysis course, Internet Trace Evidence Recovery and Analysis course, and numerous other schools. He holds the EnCE designation, meaning he is EnCase certified. Dave is an instructor of criminal justice, computer forensics and investigations, cybercrime and security management at the University of Phoenix, Regis University, and Pueblo Community College.

“Child/Adolescent Forensic Interviews and the FBI,” *presented by Karen Blackwell, LCSW*

● **PCH 180/182**

This session is designed to introduce participants to issues related to working with child and adolescent victims of and witnesses to crime. An introduction to the types of violations worked by the FBI that involve children and adolescents, and the types of skills and knowledge necessary to conduct forensic interviews with this population will be provided. Discussion will center on how child and adolescent forensic interviewers elicit critical information from a child witness, and factors influencing children's statements including trauma, linguistic and memory development, and issues impacting disclosure.

Karen R. Blackwell is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at the University of Denver and a Masters of Social Work at the University of New England. Ms. Blackwell is currently employed as a Child/Adolescent Forensic Interviewer with the FBI. She is primarily assigned to Indian Country and also consults and provides interviews for FBI agents, Assistant United States Attorney's and other federal and state law enforcements across the nation.

Prior to her work with the FBI, Ms. Blackwell led the Denver Children's Advocacy Center's Forensic Interview and Evaluation Program. She facilitated Denver's multi-disciplinary team that ensures a prompt and coordinated response to child victims of crime. For the past 14 years Ms. Blackwell has worked in various capacities on the investigation of child sexual abuse, forensic interviewing, and sexual abuse assessment and treatment for children and families.

Ms. Blackwell has conducted in excess of 2700 forensic interviews with children and has considerable experience working with adult victims and child witnesses to domestic violence and homicide. She served on the board of the Denver Domestic Violence Coordinating Council and facilitated the Denver Child Fatality Review. Ms. Blackwell teaches and trains both locally, nationally, and internationally, and is the recipient of the

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prestigious “2002 Excellence in Practice Award” presented by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Welfare. She was given the title of Honorary Denver District Attorney by Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey in 2010. Ms Blackwell has been qualified and provided expert and lay testimony in both civil and criminal cases.

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SESSION 2: 10:15AM – 12:00PM

“The Link Between Cruelty to Animals and Violence Towards Humans,”
presented by Attorney Diane Balkin

● **PCH 206**

Violence towards animals has long been recognized as an accurate predictor of future violent conduct. A significant number of notorious criminals have a documented history of deliberately harming animals. There is also a striking correlation between animal abuse and all forms of family violence. This session will discuss the historical perspective of this “link of violence” as well as the current trends in addressing the topic. ***Note: No graphic photographs depicting extreme violence against animals will be shown.**

Diane Balkin is a contract attorney with the Animal Legal Defense Fund’s Criminal Justice Program. She graduated from Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1973. She attended the University of Denver Law School and received her Jurist Doctorate in 1977. Diane worked as a trial attorney for the Office of the Denver District Attorney for 32 years where she prosecuted all types of felonies. She previously served as the director of the Economic Crime Unit, Juvenile Court Division, and Family Violence Unit. Prior to retiring from the district attorney’s office, Diane oversaw all investigations and prosecutions of crimes against animals. Diane presently spends a great deal of time on a local and national level training and consulting with veterinarians, law enforcement officials, and others on how to successfully investigate and prosecute animal cruelty cases.

“Luminol Testing for Blood at Crime Scenes,” *presented by Fred Gimeno*

● **PCH 18**

Have you ever wondered how Luminol works in finding blood at crime scenes? Fred will be putting on a demonstration in one of our classrooms that will answer these questions for you. Luminol is a chemical which has been an incredible advancement in crime scene investigation, and Fred is one of just a few people in the metro area that knows how to use it. This presentation will amaze you and is well worth attending – especially for those who are, or who wish to become crime scene investigators. There is no other place you will be able to take part in a “hands-on demonstration” of Luminol.

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Fred Gimeno retired from the Denver Police Department after 30 years. He developed the time exposure - fill flash technique for recording crime scenes currently used by police departments across the country and the FBI. He worked as a stringer photographer for the Denver Post and has sold many photographs at a variety of venues. Fred is currently photographing wild life.

“How to help a victim of domestic violence: A guide for family and friends,”
presented by Kelly Block

● **PCH 303**

What is domestic violence? What does it “look” like and who does it affect? This presentation will discuss what family and friends can do for the victim of domestic violence.

Kelly Anderson-Block graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a degree in political science and women studies. She received her master’s in public administration with an emphasis in Domestic Violence from the University of Colorado at Denver. After graduating, she was hired at Project Safeguard as the Legal Advocate for Adams County. In 2005, she became the Fatality Review Coordinator for the Denver Metro Domestic Violence Fatality Committee. The committee looks at domestic violence related homicides in the state of Colorado and determines gaps in services in order to improve the system to keep victims safe. In 2007, Kelly assisted in publishing “Terrorism in the Home: Findings from the Denver Metro Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee.” Through her work at Project Safeguard, she became involved with the Adams County Domestic Violence Task Force. She has also been involved with the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance and was a Board member for the 17th Judicial District Crime Victim’s Compensation program from 2006-2007. Since 2007 she has been the Advocacy Services Manager for the 17th Judicial District, Office of the District Attorney. She has been instrumental in enhancing the Domestic Violence Fast Track program within the DA’s office. She has assisted the DV Task Force in educating the community and peers on best practices for handling domestic violence. Ms. Anderson-Block is currently developing protocols and procedures for handling outstanding domestic violence warrant cases within the 17th Judicial District.



"An Angel Cried A Tear Last Night," *performed and presented by Amy Marschak*

● **PCH 202**

Amy Marschak will perform a short excerpt from her autobiographical play, "An Angel Cried A Tear Last Night." Her play is about forgetting, remembering and healing from child sexual abuse. She will discuss her journey of healing, sharing various tools that she used, and will finish with a Q and A session. Attendants will leave with a better understanding of hidden symptoms to look for when working with child sexual abuse, and tools to help survivors.

Reviews of *"An Angel Cried A Tear Last Night"*:

- "It's brilliant must-see acting." -Edmonton Journal
- "This play is a gift in all respects." -Vue Magazine
- "Absolutely brilliant, touching and a healing piece of theatre." -Rob Becker, Defending the Caveman (Longest running one-man show on Broadway)

Amy Marschak has toured coast to coast in the United States and Canada, Keynoting at conferences, performing at Universities and festivals and presenting workshops about healing from abuse. More information for Amy can be found at InspiredToSpeak.com, and her blog to help other survivors is: healingfromsexualabuse.com. You may also contact her directly by email at amym@InspiredToSpeak.com and by phone at 303-440-7441.

"Familial DNA Search Investigations," *presented by Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey*

● **PCH 205**

In this presentation, D.A. Morrissey will discuss "familial searches" of DNA databases to solve the most serious cold, or unsolved, cases involving rape and homicide. He will explain how he developed a highly successful protocol for solving cold cases using DNA typing, and how he was the driving force behind the introducing familial DNA searching in the United States. There will also be a discussion of how familial DNA searches have helped solve cases in the UK, New Zealand and the U.S., including the arrest of the "Grim Sleeper" serial killer in 2010. There is also a discussion of the privacy issues involved in using the DNA database for familial searches investigations.

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Mitch Morrissey is the elected District Attorney of Denver, Colorado; he was sworn into office in January 2005. He has worked for the Denver District Attorney's office since 1983, primarily as a trial lawyer prosecuting violent criminals. Morrissey has had extensive experience in the investigation and prosecution of serial murderers and sex offenders. In 1999, Morrissey was sworn in as a Boulder District Attorney to work on the thirteen-month-long grand jury investigation into the death of Jon Benet Ramsey. Morrissey continued to be an advisor to the ongoing investigation until 2003.

Mr. Morrissey is internationally recognized for his expertise in DNA technology, applying that technology in criminal prosecutions and working to ensure that DNA science is admissible in court. He has trained law enforcement officers and prosecutors regarding DNA technology in the Middle East, Canada and throughout the United States. A veteran prosecutor, he introduced the first DNA evidence used in a criminal trial in Denver. The DNA Resource section of his website, www.denverda.org, has become a resource for people interested in forensic DNA throughout the world.

Mr. Morrissey has worked extensively on the Denver Cold Case Project where over 4,200 unsolved sexual assaults and murders have been reviewed in an effort to solve them using DNA technologies. Mr. Morrissey, along with the Denver Police Department, has implemented the use of DNA to solve burglary cases and other property crimes. Morrissey designed the Denver DNA Justice Review Project to review post-conviction cases of select crimes to determine whether biological evidence exists that might, through DNA analysis, demonstrate actual innocence. As part of this project thousands of post-conviction cases have been reviewed.

Mr. Morrissey is one of the lead proponents in the United States of using familial DNA database searches and directs the Denver DNA Human Identification Research Project, which studies the use of familial DNA searches in criminal investigations in Denver and Colorado. Familial DNA search software that was developed under Morrissey's direction is now used in criminal investigations in Colorado and Virginia.



“The Violence and Sexual Overtones of Cults,” *presented by Officer Mark Roggeman (Ret.); “Surviving Waco,”* *presented by Grace Dominguez*
● **PCH 310**

The destructive nature that many of the cults inflict on their followers is greatly misunderstood. There are lasting psychological scars long after someone leaves a cult which is the result of sexual exploitation and other abuses. Child abuse which includes excessive beatings, and in some cases, the refusal of medicine because their beliefs dictate it, are prolific in many cults. Another aspect of criminal behavior of some of these cults is the exploitation of the elderly. This presentation will reveal many groups that are in the Denver area today and are still committing these crimes in the name of religion. Suggestions for Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, and Victim Assistance will be given on effective ways in dealing with these types of groups.

Mark Roggeman retired in the summer of 2010 from the Denver Police Department after 39 years and has been researching cult groups for over thirty years. This has been accomplished by studying cults and also by infiltrating several cult groups. He has learned much by assisting families who have in some way been affected by a cult, usually when a relative has become involved; providing them with information, if available, on the particular group with which they are dealing; and educating them on how cult groups operate and with information on exit counseling. He was involved extensively with investigations of the Concerned Christians group, which was based in Denver and believed the world was to end in 2000 in Israel. He assisted law enforcement both here and in Israel with the deportation of some of the members from Israel. Mr. Roggeman is a virtual encyclopedia of cult knowledge. Attendees will be amazed at the number and behaviors of cults in Colorado.

Grace Dominguez is a survivor of the Branch Davidians cult in Waco, Texas. She was able to leave the confines of David Koresh and the Branch Davidians under an unusual circumstance. She and her family watched the news reports unfold as the Waco siege began on February 28, 1993, and ended violently with the compound being destroyed by fire. Eighty-two people died in the fire, including more than 20 children. Her sister and two other relatives were among those who perished in the fire.

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Grace Dominguez was born in Western Samoa and raised in New Zealand. Her story was featured in a 1999 documentary in a show in New Zealand called “Extreme Close-Up” where she describes her life as a member of the Branch Davidians; how she left the cult; and her painful journey through recovery. Ms. Dominguez speaks to different groups to educate them on the issue of cults. As an advocate for recovery, she facilitates support groups for ex cult members as well as their families and friends. She currently lives in Lakewood, Colorado and is very proud of the fact that she recently became an American Citizen.

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LUNCH SESSION: 12:00 –1:45PM

During the lunch period, an all-you-can-eat brunch will be available in the Student Center for \$9.25 (plus tax). The Student Center Main Café menu offers fresh, seasonal, and local foods which is sustainably raised and organically grown whenever possible. Find out more about Bon Appetit's approach to food on their website at <http://www.cafebonappetit.com/>.

Many great restaurants are also located near the campus (44th, 38th, and 32nd & Lowell) - just ask a volunteer for recommendations.



SESSION 3: 1:45 –3:30PM

“Cybercrime and Computer Forensics,” *presented by Professor Jim Ponzi*
● **PCH 180/182**

This presentation will cover what is involved in a digital forensics investigation to include where and how criminals hide digital evidence. Other topics will include hashing, wiretapping, pen trap and trace, unusual devices that have memory, digital law, and some forensic accounting information. Professor Ponzi’s presentation is a must see for understanding the present techniques used by terrorists to convey information between terrorist cells, and the terrorism potential the U.S. can experience through the use of computers.

Jim Ponzi is an Assistant Professor of Criminology at Regis University and a retired police lieutenant who served with the Denver Police Department for 35 years. He ran a computer business for 10 years and co-wrote the current Cybercriminology class for the Master of Science in Criminology program at Regis. Jim is currently working on a PhD in Homeland Security at Northcentral University. He is a graduate of both Denver University and Colorado University. Jim has been a professor of criminology at Regis for approximately 6 years.

“Warning Signs of Domestic Violence and the Criminal Justice Process,”
presented by Mr. Phil Clark

● **PCH 205**

Mr. Phil Clark will be speaking about missing the warning signs of domestic violence, which led to his daughter being murdered, and his family’s journey through the criminal justice process. To help other domestic violence survivors, Mr. Phil Clark and his wife Stasi, started the Toni Connection in honor of their daughter.



“The Threat of Agricultural Terrorism,” *presented by Billy Bennett*

● **PCH 214**

The focus of this presentation will be on the key players if a nefarious event occurred, and how that might link to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), weapons of mass destruction (WMD) or the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), as well as, state or local resources being coordinated via the Colorado Information Analysis Center. This presentation will reflect the ongoing efforts to build on the Department of Homeland Security Target Capability – Safety and Security of the Food Supply within the State Homeland Security Strategic Plan.

Dr. Bill Bennett joined the Colorado Department of Agriculture – Commissioners’ Office in July of 2005 as Director of Homeland Security. His primary responsibilities include coordinating homeland security activities of the department and integrating these activities with Federal and other Colorado state agencies, the states’ all hazard regions, state agricultural organizations and academic or other institutions serving Colorado producers. Dr. Bennett’s background includes thirty two years veterinary professional experience devoted to the beef cattle and sheep industries at the producer, feeder and meat packing levels. His first responder training has focused upon both emergency medical services and agriculture incidents with emphasis on mass casualty, weapons of mass destruction, incident command, terrorism and agro-terrorism events, personal protective equipment, decontamination, evidence collection and management as well as other response components. Dr. Bennett is also a state and federally certified trainer for numerous courses. Dr. Bennett jokes that he is a “farmer with a day job” as he and his wife Nancy continue to operate a farming/livestock business in Weld County, Colorado.

“A Survivors Perspective” *presented by Ms. Kathleen Finn*

● **PCH 202**

Ms. Finn will discuss surviving sexual assault as a Peace Corps volunteer, and how she connected with other Peace Corps Volunteers to bring the issue of sexual violence to the attention of Peace Corps and Congress. All of these efforts culminated in the *Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act*, which President Obama signed into law in 2011. Ms. Finn will discuss her journey and how she has become an activist to support survivors of sexual violence.



“New Directions in Criminology,” *presented by Masters in Criminology graduates Alethia Fenney, Valerie Gantzler, Ryan Martinez, and Eliza Stallings*

● **PCH 303**

- **Alethia Z. Fenney:** “Navajo Peace Making and Māori Restorative Justice: A Comparison of Process and Procedure”
- **Valerie M. Gantzler:** “Community Reentry Programs and their Effect on Recidivism: A Study of Life Skills Clients at the Denver County Jail”
- **Ryan M. Martinez:** “Fear of Crime & Media Representation of Crime in Denver”
- **Eliza Stallings:** “The Prevalence of Cyber Harassment/Cyber Stalking at Regis College”

“Making Science Work for Law Enforcement: The NecroSearch Model,” *presented by Prof. G. Clark Davenport*

● **PCH 310**

This presentation will discuss how a Colorado-based, non-profit organization has pioneered the use of science to assist law enforcement in locating and analyzing clandestine graves, human remains and hidden evidence. The presentation will cover applied research conducted by the group, lessons learned from both physical and behavioral sciences for locating surface human remains/evidence, buried remains/evidence and bodies/evidence in water environments. Incredibly interesting case histories will be presented. You will be amazed at the science involved in this investigatory activity and how successful the NECROSEARCH Team has been over the years in the U.S. and around the world.

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Clark Davenport is a co-founder of NecroSearch International, and the founder of GeoForensics International. Since 1987 he has pioneered the use of remote sensing in criminal investigations and has personally assisted on more than 85 criminal investigations in 32 states and 6 countries. Since its founding, NecroSearch International has provided assistance on almost 300 cases in 35 states and 7 foreign countries locating and helping identify remains in clandestine graves.

Davenport employs remote sensing and geophysical techniques to locate clandestine graves and hidden evidence, serves as a consultant to municipal, federal and foreign law-enforcement agencies. Davenport has worked with foreign agencies which include the Spanish Guardia Civil, Mexican, Belgian and Dutch State Police Bureaus, Guatemalan Forensic Foundation, Federal Court of Colombia, and the Australian New South Wales Police.

Davenport currently (2012) teaches Forensic Science at Regis University and the Community College of Denver. He has a degree in Geophysical Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines. He is also a California Registered Geophysicist and a decorated Vietnam combat veteran.