



Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Program Presenter Bios

Program Director:

Barbra Bachmeier, JD, MSN, APRN, NP-C, DF-AFN, FAEN

Ms. Bachmeier is a nurse practitioner and forensic nurse examiner at IU Health – Methodist Hospital and a solo attorney at Guardian Ad Litem and Guardianship Practice in Indianapolis, IN. She completed her clinical ethics fellowship in 2013 at Charles W. Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics - IU Health. Her nursing career began in 1982 as a licensed practical nurse at Trinity Medical Center in Minot, ND. From there, she has worked as a staff nurse, nurse practitioner, and forensic nurse examiner with several positions being held in the emergency medicine department. In 2015, she received the National ENA Nursing Practice and Professionalism Award from the National Emergency Nurses Association. She also is retired from the US Military with 29 years of service.

Course Editors:

Diana K. Faugno, MSN, RN, CPN, SANE-A, SANE-P, FAFS, DF-IAFN, DF-AFN

Ms. Faugno is a leader in forensic nursing of sexual assault across the lifespan. As leader, she has served on a variety of boards, currently serving as the President of the Academy of Nursing and Treasurer and Founding Director of End Violence Against Women International. She is a prolific author, co-authoring the landmark *Color Atlas of Sexual Assault* (1997), and guiding the forensic nursing practices in assessment of children and adults alike with the latest being *Child Sexual Abuse Assessment* (STM, 2019). She lectures widely to interprofessional and multidisciplinary teams nationally and internationally on a variety of topics relating to sexual assault, injury assessment, and strangulation. As such, her multiple awards for vision (Virginia Lynch Award) and achievement span decades and include Fellow status from the American Academy of Forensic Science, Fellow from the Academy of Forensic Nursing, and Distinguished Fellow from the International Association of Forensic Nursing.

Patricia M. Speck, DNSc, ARNP, APN, FNP-BC, DF-IAFN, FAFS, FAFN, FAAN

Dr. Speck is a Professor and Coordinator of the Advanced Forensic Nursing at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Nursing. She is internationally recognized as a Board-Certified Family Nurse Practitioner and expert in advanced forensic nursing care of patients experiencing an intersection with the legal system. She consults globally with governments, universities, institutions, and Non-Governmental Organizations to evaluate and implement infrastructure change in response to victims of violence. As a forensic nursing practice expert and active researcher, she develops policy, evaluates programs and builds nursing workforce capacity through publication, education, and violence prevention initiatives. She held a number



of offices in organizations, noteworthy was President of the International Association of Forensic Nurses (2003-2004), Chair, American Public Health Association's Family Violence Prevention Forum/Caucus (2011-2013). She is the recipient of over 25 awards, including: Fellow American Academy of Forensic Sciences (2008), Distinguished Fellow, International Association of Forensic Nurses (2001) and Academy of Forensic Nursing (2018), and Fellow, American Academy of Nurses (2002). She is the recipient of over 25 awards and received the Lifetime Professional Impact Award from End Violence Against Women International in 2017.

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Dr. Baladerian is a licensed psychologist practicing in Palm Springs, CA. She specializes in working with sexual assault victims who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, and working with the general population. She provides trauma treatment to both direct and indirect (vicarious trauma) victims at her private practice. She has developed training programs for law enforcement, first responders, and SANE practitioners in adapting their practices to the needs of those with developmental disabilities.

Kathy Bell, MS, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P

Ms. Bell joined the Tulsa Police Department in 1994, where she established and manages the forensic nurse examiner program. She is currently SANE certified in Adults, Adolescents, and Pediatrics. Ms. Bell is an Academy of Forensic Nursing Board member and a Past-President of the International Association of Forensic Nursing, currently participating on many task forces, committees and forums nationally.

Amy Carney, PhD, NP, FAAFS

Dr. Carney is an Associate Professor of Nursing at California State University San Marcos, studies interpersonal violence and prevention of elder abuse, and is a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner. She is widely published on campus sexual assault and elder abuse. She is the past president of the Phi Theta chapter of STTI. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and a member of the Academy of Forensic Nursing and the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

Elizabeth Donegan, BS

Sergeant Elizabeth Donegan (Ret) is a 26-year veteran of the Austin Police Department. She led the Sex Crimes Unit for over 9 years, receiving wide recognized for its progressive approach toward investigating sexual assault and changing the culture surrounding the investigation of non-stranger sexual assault. Sgt. Donegan currently serves as Co-Chair of the Austin Travis County Sexual Assault Response and Resource Team and is a Board of Directors member for End Violence Against Women International.

Kathy Gill-Hopple, PhD, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P



Dr. Gill-Hopple has 18 years of experience as a Forensic Nurse, in pediatrics, adolescents, adults and elders, both living and deceased. She is the Manager of the Forensic Nursing Program at the Medical College of South Carolina. Dr. Gill-Hopple lectures widely about sexual assault, intimate partner violence and human trafficking in promoting trauma-informed care and multidisciplinary collaboration. She serves as a Board Member and Committee Chair for the Academy of Forensic Nursing and is a member of the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

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Ms. Holbrook is currently Director of Forensic Nursing at Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore, which coordinates care to victims of interpersonal violence for all hospitals in Baltimore City. After working in the field of critical care, Mrs. Holbrook founded a Forensic Nurse Examiner Program in Delaware that became a model of the United States. She has testified on Capitol Hill, is an expert for the Department of Justice, a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, an ANCC Magnet Nurse of the Year, a Most Influential Marylander, a Distinguished Fellow in the Academy of Forensic Nursing, on the Board of the National Strangulation Institute, and lectures both nationally and internationally on violence related topics. She has pioneered the use of the Alternate Light Source in strangulation cases and set precedence in International court systems.

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Ms. Johnson is a board-certified women's health nurse practitioner, board-certified advanced forensic nurse, and sexual assault nurse examiner with more than 20 years' experience in practice. She currently works as assistant manager of a comprehensive forensics program in the Midwest and is the president and owner of Johnson Legal Nurse Consulting, LLC.

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Dr. Mitchell is a Clinical Associate Professor at Texas A & M University. She began her forensic nursing career in 1992 as the coordinator of the Forensic Nurse Examiners in Richmond, Virginia, transferred in 1999 to the Deputy Chief Forensic Nurse Investigator at the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office in Houston, followed by the role of Administrative Director of Forensic Nursing Services, Risk Management and Patient Safety for Harris Health System (2008-2017). She is a Past-President of the International Association of Forensic Nursing, Currently,



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Wendy L. Patrick, JD, PhD

Dr. Patrick is a District Attorney in San Diego California (CA) assigned to the Special Operations Division where her vast experience includes prosecution of sexually violent predators, human traffickers, stalkers, rapists, and child molesters. Dr. Patrick is President of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (San Diego Chapter), past committee co-chair of CA District Attorney Association Sexual Violent Predators Committee and Human Trafficking Committee, a prolific editor and author, and quoted frequently by media. She volunteers with interprofessional organizations to improve response to victims and received Public Lawyer of the Year (CA State Bar Public Law Section award) and Heart Award (CA SART Award), both for significant contributions to the field of interpersonal violence. She lectures nationally and internationally about topics related to sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking.

Michael Prodan, MS

Captain Michael Prodan is the Special Agent in Charge - Criminal Investigative Profiler of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division's Behavioral Science Unit. He has 46 years of law enforcement experience, with over 35 years of investigating violent crime. He is one of only 34 graduates worldwide of the FBI's Police Fellowship in Criminal Investigative Profiling and Crime Scene Analysis at the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime. He has qualified as an expert witness in violent crime scene analysis and criminal sexual behavior in State Courts in Alaska, California, Oregon, South Carolina, Georgia and Texas.

Julie Renfroe, MBA, D-ABC

Ms. Renfroe began her career in forensic science in 1996, and works at the California Department of Justice - Bureau of Forensic Services, the San Francisco Police Department Crime Laboratory, and the US Drug Enforcement Administration - Western Regional Laboratory. She spent the last 10 years in management of the laboratory, presents frequently about DNA rapid analysis program, and helped standardize the California sexual assault evidence kit.

Catherine Rossi, MSN, RN, FNP-BC, SANE-A, SANE-P, DF-AFN

Ms. Rossi has an active forensic nursing practice in the Cone Health System since 1997, where she established and manages the Forensic Nursing Program. She is practicing a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner and SANE in Adults, Adolescents, and Pediatrics. She served as a Certification Commissioner in 2017 for the International Association of Forensic Nurses and currently serves as an active Board Member in the Academy of Forensic Nursing.

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