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ASAFS 2026

**2026 Annual Meeting
The Lodge at Lake Gunterville
State Park**

May 26th - May 29th, 2026

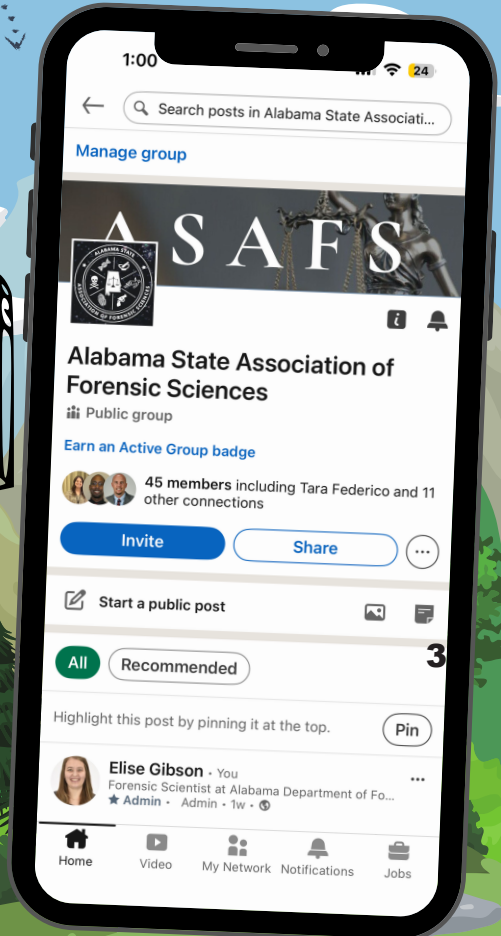
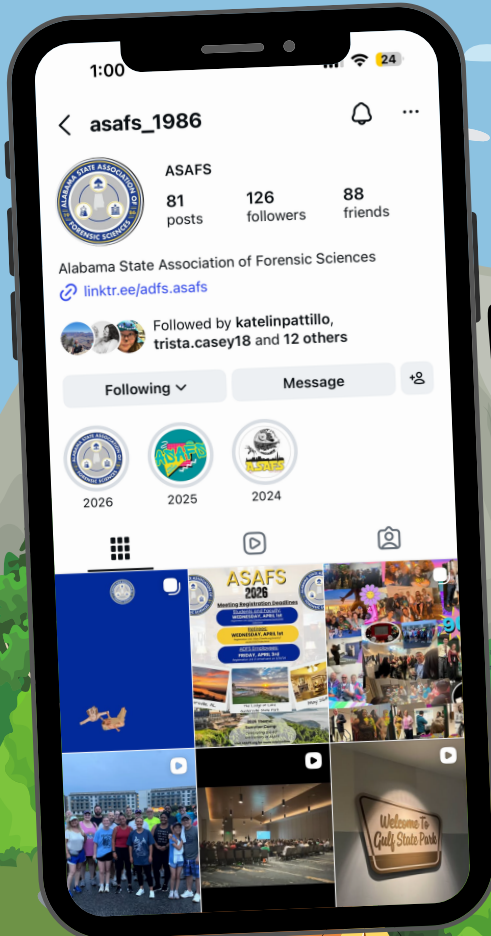
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Welcome to the 2026 Alabama State Association of Forensic Sciences Conference.

This year marks a truly special milestone as we celebrate 40 years of collaboration between the Alabama State Association of Forensic Sciences (ASAFS) and the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences (ADFS). For four decades, ASAFS has proudly supported the mission of ADFS and the broader forensic community through education, innovation, professional development, and scientific collaboration.

What began as a small network of dedicated forensic professionals has grown into a vibrant statewide community united by a shared commitment to justice and scientific excellence. Over the years, ASAFS has helped foster meaningful partnerships, encourage research, and promote consistent, ethical, and high-quality practices across every forensic discipline.

As we reflect on our history, we also celebrate the tremendous growth and momentum of our organization. ASAFS continues to expand opportunities for scientific exchange, professional networking, and interdisciplinary collaboration while strengthening the relationships that make our forensic community so impactful.

As your President, it is an honor to serve this organization and continue building upon the strong foundation established over the last four decades. The future of forensic science depends on collaboration, innovation, and the willingness to learn from one another—qualities that define ASAFS and its members.

We are excited to gather this year at the beautiful Lodge at Lake Guntersville State Park for ASAFS 2026. Throughout this conference, you will experience engaging scientific presentations, valuable networking opportunities, and meaningful discussions that showcase the outstanding work being accomplished throughout our forensic community.

Most importantly, this conference is about people—the scientists, investigators, educators, students, and partners who dedicate themselves every day to advancing forensic science and serving justice with integrity.

Thank you for being part of this milestone celebration and for your continued support of ASAFS and ADFS. Together, we honor our past, celebrate our progress, and shape the future of forensic science in Alabama.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Sanders".

Justin E. Sanders
President Alabama State Association of Forensic Sciences







Tuesday, May 26, 2026

12:00 - 3:00pm	Registration	Fireplace overlooking the terrace
5:00 - 7:00pm	ASAFS Camp Games 4242 Aubrey Carr Scenic Dr. Guntersville, AL 35976	Beach Pavilion
7:00 - 9:00pm	ASAFS Welcome Dinner	Beach Pavilion

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

7:00 - 8:00am	Breakfast	Pinecrest Dining
8:00 - 9:00am	State of the Department Director Angelo Della Manna	Grandview Ballroom
9:00 - 11:30am	Keynote Address* Dr. Giovanna Vidoli Forensics and Anthropology: Beyond the Skeleton	Grandview Ballroom
11:30 - 1:00pm	Vendor Booths Open	Grandview Hallway
11:30 - 1:00pm	Lunch & Poster Session	Pinecrest Dining

**CME eligible*



1:00 - 5:00pm	Discipline Workshops Administration Death Investigation* Drug Chemistry Firearms/Toolmarks Forensic Biology Information Technology Toxicology/IC	Goldenrod Grandview Camelia Boardroom Azalea 3 Azalea 2 Dogwood
3:00 - 3:30pm	Networking Break	Fireplace overlooking the terrace
5:00 - 7:00pm	Vendors Social	Hickory Lounge
7:00 - 9:00pm	Dinner	Grandview Ballroom
9:00 - 11:00pm	Hospitality Suite	Hickey Lounge

Thursday, May 28, 2026

5:45 - 7:00am	Fun Run <i>1500 Sunset Dr. (~15 min. drive)</i>	Guntersville Parks & Rec Center
7:00 - 8:00am	Breakfast	Pinecrest Dining
8:00 - 12:00pm	Breakout Sessions	Azalea 3 Boardroom Dogwood Goldenrod
10:00 - 10:25am	Networking Break	Fireplace overlooking the terrace

*CME eligible



10:00 - 1:00pm	Vendors Open	Grandview hallway
12:00 - 1:00pm	Lunch	Pinecrest Dining
1:00 - 5:00pm	Excursions Ziplines Pontoon Boats	Front Lobby Front Lobby
7:00 - 10:00pm	Dinner <i>DJ/Dancing</i>	Grandview Ballroom
9:30 - 11:00pm	Hospitality Suite	Hickory Lounge

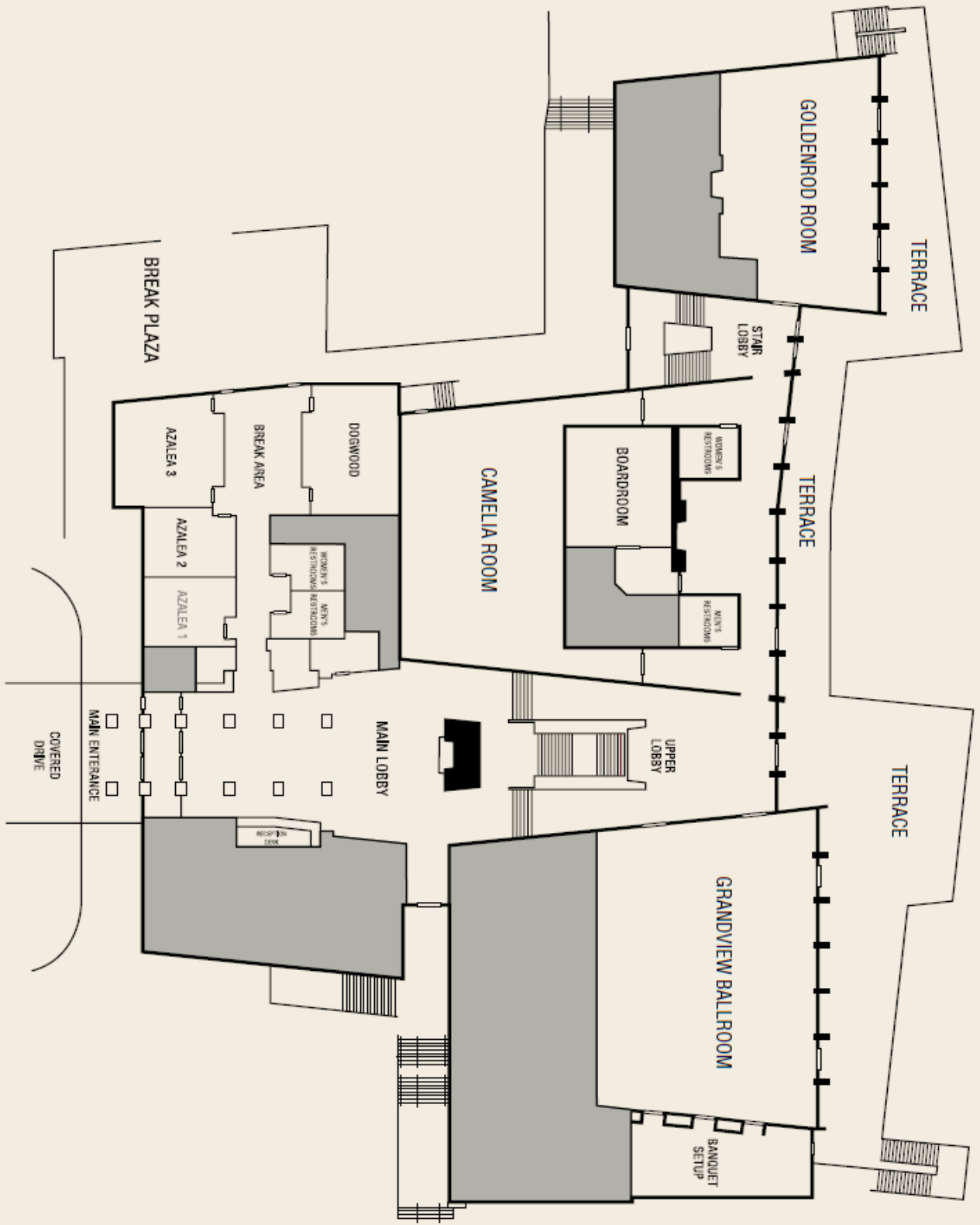
Friday, May 29, 2026

7:00 - 8:00am	Breakfast	Pinecrest Dining
8:00 - 10:15am	Discipline Updates	Grandview Ballroom
10:15 - 10:45am	Networking Break	Fireplace overlooking the terrace
10:45 - 12:00pm	Business Meeting	Grandview Ballroom

The College of Community Health Sciences at The University of Alabama designates this live activity for a maximum of *[number of credits]* AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the College of Community Health Sciences at The University of Alabama through the joint providership of The College of Community Health Sciences at The University of Alabama and the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences. The College of Community Health Sciences at The University of Alabama is accredited by the Medical Association of the State of Alabama to provide continuing medical education for physicians.





Floorplan



Dr. Giovanna Vidoli



Forensics and Anthropology: Beyond the Skeleton

Dr. Giovanna Vidoli is the Director of the Forensic Anthropology Center at the University of Tennessee and a Board-Certified Forensic Anthropologist. Previously, Dr. Vidoli served as a Research Professor at the Center and was Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator on seven federally funded grants. Prior to joining the University of Tennessee in 2013, she served as Assistant Director for World Trade Center Operations (2004–2006) at the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, New York. Her current research focuses on comparing different modalities of burial search, including the use of Ground Penetrating Radar. Dr. Vidoli brings extensive operational experience, academic leadership, and research innovation to the field of forensic anthropology.

The Forensic Anthropology Center at the University of Tennessee (FAC) is a world-renowned leader in forensic anthropology research, training, and applied casework. Located at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, the Center is internationally recognized for advancing the scientific study of human skeletal biology in medico-legal contexts.

Founded in 1987 by pioneering forensic anthropologist Dr. William M. Bass, the Center is home to the Anthropological Research Facility—widely known as the original “Body Farm.” Through the ethical donation of human remains, researchers conduct groundbreaking studies on human decomposition, skeletal analysis, trauma interpretation, and postmortem interval estimation. This research has significantly enhanced the accuracy and reliability of forensic investigations worldwide.

With a global reputation for innovation and excellence, the Forensic Anthropology Center at the University of Tennessee continues to shape best practices in forensic science and remains a cornerstone institution in the advancement of forensic anthropology.



Administration Workshop ASAFS 2026

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

1:00 PM-
5:00 PM

Administrative Discipline Meeting

Holli Baker, Deputy Director - Administrative Services

(30 minutes) **Alacourt: What It Is and How We Can Use It [M. Bass]**

Alacourt, the online records portal maintained by the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts, provides access to court-related records and services for the State of Alabama judicial system. The platform allows authorized users to search criminal, civil, and other court case information, including parties involved, case status, filings, and hearing dates.

For ADFS, Alacourt can serve as a valuable resource for identifying relevant criminal and civil court matters, confirming party involvement, reviewing case progression, and obtaining publicly available court information that may support agency responsibilities.

This 30-minute training session is designed to provide participants with an overview of Alacourt, including how to access the system, navigate its primary functions, conduct effective searches, and apply available information in ways that may assist designated ADFS employees in carrying out their duties efficiently and accurately.

(1 hour) **Camp Rules Matter: Submitting Drug Chemistry Evidence the Right Way [T. McSpadden and M. Armstrong]**

Just like a successful summer camp experience depends on following the rules, successful drug chemistry analysis begins with proper evidence submission. Camp Rules Matter: Submitting Drug Chemistry Evidence the Right Way uses a fun summer camp theme to highlight the essential “camp rules” that ensure drug chemistry evidence arrives at the laboratory ready for efficient and accurate analysis.



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This presentation will walk participants through updates to the Drug Chemistry Evidence Submission Guidelines, with an emphasis on common submission errors that can delay testing. Attendees will learn how proper submission techniques improve turnaround times, maintain evidence integrity, and support reliable analytical results. Real-world examples and practical tips will help participants recognize potential pitfalls and apply straightforward solutions in their daily work. This presentation will also update participants on current iLIMS intake bugs and the bug spray we are using to eradicate those bugs.

(30 minutes) **Open Forum/Break**

(30 minutes) **Procurement Q&A [C. Williams]**

Have questions about procurement? Join us for an engaging and informative session featuring our in-house procurement expert. This is your opportunity to gain practical insights, clarify processes, and get real-time answers to your most pressing questions. Whether you're new to procurement or looking to deepen your understanding, this session is designed to provide valuable guidance, share best practices, and help you navigate procurement with confidence.

(1 hour) **Evidence Transfer Processes for To-Be-Worked and Ready-For-Return [H. Baker]**

This session explores best practices for striking the right balance between strong access control and the practical need to move evidence efficiently while maintaining seamless operations. Participants will gain insight into strategies that protect the integrity and security of evidence without creating unnecessary bottlenecks or disruptions. The discussion will cover real-world challenges, risk management approaches, and process improvements that support both compliance and operational effectiveness. Attendees will leave with actionable ideas to help optimize workflows and ensure critical processes continue to run smoothly.

Forensic Pathology | Death Investigation Workshop ASAFS 2026

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Forensic Pathology | Death Investigation Workshop

Speakers:

ADFS: Edward A. Reedy, Ph.D., M.D., Michael Merritt, Jessica Keel, Rebekah Boswell

Alabama Department of Public Health: Ashley Vice, Director of Quality Assurance and Registration, Center for Health Statistics

(1 hour) **Tusks and Teeth- A Review on Animal Related Deaths in Alabama** **CME eligible** Forensic Pathology Specialists Michael Merritt (Huntsville Medical) and Jessica Keel (Montgomery Medical)

(1 hour) **Certainty in Certification: Evaluating Alabama's New Death Certificate Program** **CME eligible**- Ashley Vice, Director of Quality Assurance and Registration, Center for Health Statistics

(30 minutes) **Break**

(1 hour) **Advancing Forensic Pathology: Implementation of Next - Generation Sequencing in Postmortem Investigation** **CME eligible** - Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Edward A. Reedy

(30 minutes) **General Forensic Pathology | Death Investigation Updates** **No CME**- Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Edward A. Reedy and Forensic Pathology Manager Rebekah Boswell



Drug Chemistry | Drug Chemistry Workshop ASAFS 2026

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

1:00 PM- **Drug Chemistry Discipline Update**

5:00 PM

1.5 Hours

Andrea Headrick

Presentation on current topics in Drug Chemistry to include, but not limited to:

- CARs, Deviations Requests, and Non-conforming Workflows
- Controlled Substance List Additions/Deletions
- LC TOF MS batches – what to send and how to send

30

Minutes

Selected Ion Monitoring (SIM)

Zack Oglesby

Presentation on SIM data to include, but not limited to:

- A defined understanding of utilizing a Targeted acquisition mode in gas chromatography–mass spectrometry (GC/MS) that improves sensitivity and precision.
- Identifying specific analytes, that may be difficult to analyze due to low concentration presence or sample matrix interference.
- Eliminate misconceptions regarding SIM analysis to include: sample size, sample matrix, and data interpretation.

1.5 Hours

Testifying Without Terror: A Drug Chemistry Expert's Guide

Tracy D'Alessandro, PhD

The Supreme Court's decision in *Smith v Arizona* restricts the prosecutor's ability to use surrogate witnesses to testify about forensic reports they did not prepare. In order to use a surrogate witness, predicate questions need to evolve to establish the surrogate witness's competency to testify to their own conclusions based on the information provided in the case record. This presentation will cover the types of questions a drug chemist should expect to answer to (1) establish competency and (2) convey results and conclusions based on case information.



Firearm and Tool Mark Workshop ASAFS 2026

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1:00 PM-5:00 PM

FATM Discipline Meeting

Adam C Grooms, FA-AFTE, Discipline Chief

(60 minutes) **Discipline Updates** – [A.Grooms]

Discussion of the FY2025- 26 production and staff awards for 2025. Team objectives and information for the FY2025-26 and the current state of FATM.

(30 minutes) **Cadre 3D Validation Updates** [A.Grooms]

Current plan for Cadre 3D validation and process planning for implementation.

(30 minutes) **Open Forum/Break**

(60 minutes) **Bring your own Slides “Interesting FATM Topics”** –[A.Grooms and FATM staff]

Presentation of slides on interesting topics from examination of cases during the 2025 work year. The presentation will consist of 10 minutes per individual and will provide 3-4 images on the topic.



Forensic Biology Workshop ASAFS 2026

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1:00 PM-5:00 PM **Forensic Biology Workshop**

(60 minutes) **Life Technologies**

Life Technologies will update us on their Rapid DNA workflow within a booking station. Additionally, Life Technologies will present on the SeqStudio genetic analyzer and the GeneMapper IDX 1.7.3 software.

(60 minutes) **Qiagen**

Qiagen will provide an overview of the EZ2 Connect Fx instrument and update us on the EZ2 DNA Investigator Sep&Prep Kit and its utility with processing challenging sexual assault samples.

BREAK

(120 minutes) **Forensic Biology Update – *ADFS Personnel Only***

Jason Kokoszka will provide an update on the Forensic Biology section, to include accomplishments of the previous year and future directions.



Information Technology ASAFS 2026

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1:00 PM-5:00 PM **Information Technology Discipline Meeting**
Bob Buel

(30 minutes) **Update on iLIMS Project** [Ballenger, Nguyen]
Update on the iLIMS project and discussion of relevant technical information on supporting iLIMS, targeting the TOX migration and upcoming FB migration.

(45 minutes) **Windows 11 Migration Project Status Report** [Clanton, Rainey]
This session will discuss the status of the Windows 11 migration project and provide an update.

(45 minutes) **Overview of ADFS Data Storage Updates** [Nguyen]
Overview of data storage changes for 2026, including overview of 45 Drives and current backup architecture.

(60 minutes) **Network Update: Project Status and Upcoming Network Initiatives** [Eiland]
Overview of completed network projects since last ASAFS, with an update on planned network-related deployments for 2026. ThousandEyes Demo!

(30 minutes) **Q&A and Break**

(30 minutes) **PAMS** [Zornnetr]
The presentation and demo session covers the exciting new PAMS application being released to the agency this summer.



Toxicology Workshop ASAFS 2026

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1:00 PM-
5:00 PM

Toxicology and Implied Consent Discipline Workshop

**Curt E. Harper, Ph.D., F-ABFT, Chief Toxicologist
Implied Consent Technical Director**

(30 minutes) Annual Toxicology Stats and Testimony Review (Harper)

Annual review of toxicology case statistics, notable testimony and transcript examples, updates to ASB 037 guidance, and discussion of recent legal developments including Smith v. Arizona and toxicology-specific evidentiary predicate approaches.

(2.5 hours) Agilent Revident – Toxicology and Drug Chemistry Applications (Peter Stone)

Overview of the Agilent Revident LC/Q-TOF high-resolution mass spectrometry platform and its applications in forensic toxicology and drug chemistry, including broad-spectrum drug screening, unknown identification, retrospective data analysis, and laboratory workflow automation.

(1 hour) Radox Evidence RABTA – Toxicology Applications (Victoria Anderson, virtual from Ireland)

Presentation on the Radox Evidence RABTA automated random-access biochip immunoassay platform and its new features in forensic toxicology screening. Topics will include high-throughput multiplex drug screening workflows, simultaneous multi-analyte detection, and new available testing kits for blood and oral fluid







Room Capacity - 30		
8:00 - 8:25 AM	Is Xylazine Being Replaced by Medetomidine in Fentanyl Cases in Alabama? Rapid Addition of NPS for Monitoring in Toxicology	Mary Ellen Mai
8:30 - 8:55 AM	The Darkside of Over-the-Counter Drug Use	Amanda Cetnarowski
9:00 - 9:25 AM	Retrospective Time-of-Flight (ToF) Screening of Forensic Toxicology Casework to Identify Novel Psychoactive Substances in Alabama	Katherine Smeltz
9:30 - 9:55 AM	Ten Years of Ethanol and Drugs in Alabama DFSA Casework	Clarissa Lawen
10:00 - 10:25 AM	Break	
10:30 - 11:25 AM	Pick Your Poison	Erin Shonsey, Ph.D.
11:30 - 11:55 AM	State of Alabama Regional Drug Trends (2025)	Keeyahna Foster

Moderators:

8:00 - 9:55am Tara Haynes

10:25 - 12:00pm Timothy McSpadden



Room Capacity - 30		
8:00 - 8:25 AM	Cisco Webex: Communications Work Tool	Chris McGuire
8:30 - 8:55 AM	Advancing Forensic Trace Analyses with Chemical Imaging Micro-Spectroscopy	James Cizdziel, Ph.D.
9:00 - 9:25 AM	The Path to ABMDI Certification: Steps, Strategies, and Success	Allysa Robinson
9:30 - 9:55 AM	Evaluation of the Restek Oral Fluid Extraction Accessory and Comparison to Current ADFS Extraction Methodology	Jessica Jackson
10:00 - 10:25 AM	Break	
10:30 - 11:25 AM	Integrating Lodox Imaging into Postmortem Practice: The Mobile Medical Experience	Collen Clay & Dr. Jonathan Newsom
11:30 - 11:55 AM	On Designing a Near Infrared Dorsal Hand Vein Authentication System	Thirimacho Bourlai, Ph.D.

Moderators:

8:00 - 9:55am Emilee Robison

10:25 - 12:00pm Rebekah Jones



Room Capacity - 75		
8:00 - 8:25 AM	Now That's What I Call Drugs	Trista Casey
8:30 - 8:55 AM	Drugs Gone Wild: Counterfeit Pharmaceutical Tablets	Stacy Sanderson
9:00 - 9:55 AM	North Carolina Asked, and Alabama Answered - When Old Evidence Told a New Story	Director Angelo Della Manna
10:00 - 10:25 AM	Break	
10:30 - 11:25 AM	The UHR Project – Using DNA Technology to Identify Victims *ADFS Employee Only*	Jason Kokoszka, Ph.D. & Nathan Rhea
11:30 - 11:55 AM	Accuracy of Fentanyl Field Test Kits	Lauren Heard

Moderators:

8:00 - 9:55am Damon Cooper

10:25 - 12:00pm Jace Daniels



Room Capacity - 40		
8:00 - 8:25 AM	Into the Unknown: Evaluating Time of Flight Drug Screening Against Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry Drug Screening	Kahleah Pell
8:30 - 8:55 AM	The Role of Ethanol Exposure: Evaluating the Presence of Volatiles in Pediatric Death Cases	Morgan Lawler
9:00 - 9:25 AM	Evaluation of Draeger DrugCheck 3000 (DDC3000) as an Approved Roadside Oral Fluid Device in Alabama	Jasmine Maxwell
9:30 - 9:55 AM	Glock Aftermarket Devices	Adam C. Grooms
10:00 - 10:25 AM	Break	
10:30 - 11:25 AM	Tusk and Teeth: A Review on Animal Related Deaths in Alabama	Michael Merritt
11:30 - 11:55 AM	The Final Dose: Postmortem Toxicology in Suicide Cases	Sara B. Howard

Moderators:

8:00 - 9:55am Justin Sanders

10:25 - 12:00pm Patricia Linley





ADFS Scientist Poster Presentation

Title	Presenter	Related Field
Investigating the Prevalence of Mitragynine in Suspected Overdose Cases in Alabama	Alana Murphy	Toxicology
The “Spicy” World of Synthetic Cannabinoids	Elise Gibson	Chemistry
The UHR Project - An Update After Two Years	Sara Olvey	DNA
Validation of an Automated Extraction for the Quantitation and Identification of Cannabinoids in Oral Fluid	Tara Federico	Toxicology
1,1-Difluoroethane in Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Cases - Intoximeter DMT Dual Sensor and Draeger Alcotest 7110	Ashley Entelisano	Implied Consent

Judges:

Curt Harper, Ph.D.

Tara Hayes

Rebekah Boswell

Adam Grooms

Erin Shonsey



Student Poster Presentations

Title	Presenter	Affiliation
Applying Signal Detection Theory Using Evofinder to a 10-Consecutively Manufactured Barrel Study that Included Damaged Bullets	Ruheen Charania	UAB
Assessing the Stability of Fentanyl in Human Toxicology Matrices: A Review of Ongoing Research and Future Work	Soleil Wallen	UAB
Counting Sperm Cells Removed from Cotton, Polyester, and Foam Swabs in a Differential Extraction Process Using Different Buffer Solutions	Paige Bowden	UAB
Silica Nanofibers in DNA Extracrction Columns	Joshua Adams	UAB

Judges:

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Tara Hayes

Rebekah Boswell

Adam Grooms

Erin Shonsey





Nathan Nguyen

Rachelle Shelton

Sami Anderson

Patrick Lemke

Tracy D'Alessandro

Patricia Linley

Stacie Terry

Jessica Jackson

Lana Murphy

Brendan Owen

Clarissa Lawen

Carmen Armstrong

Angelo Della Manna

Rebekah Boswell

Paige Bowden

Zach Oglesby

Melissa Armstrong

Katherine Smeltz

Lauren Heard

Justin Sanders

Mary Burns

Jessica Wong

Kahleah Pell

Timothy McSpadden

Morgan Lawler

Carl Mauterer



5:45 AM – 6:45 AM

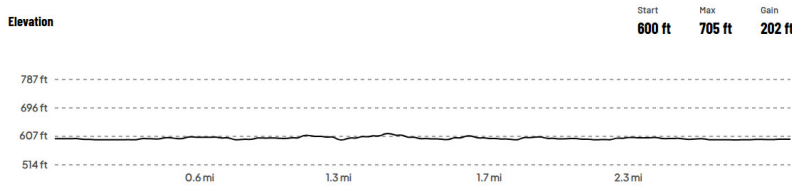
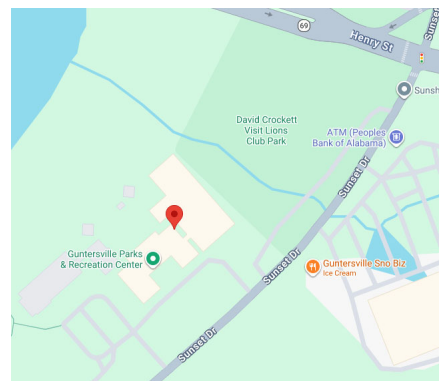
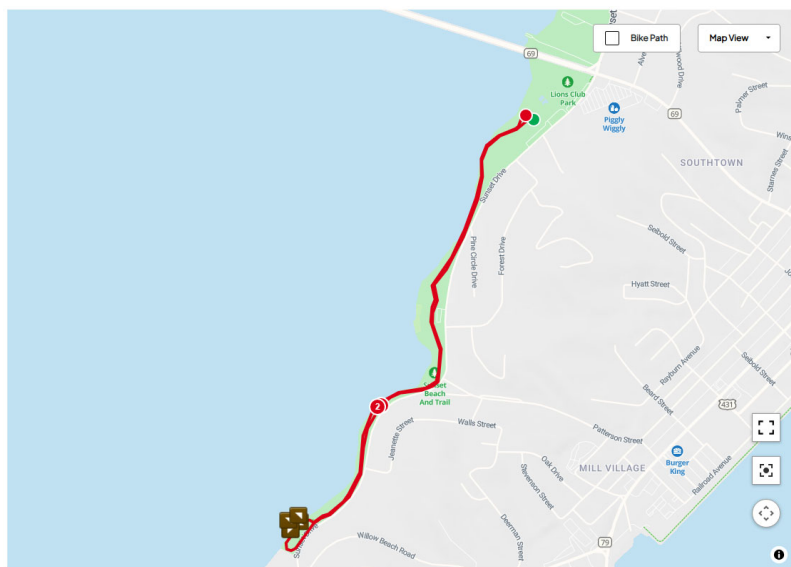
Location: Guntersville Parks & Recreation Center, 1500 Sunset Dr, Guntersville, AL 35976

Start your conference day off on the right foot with the annual ASAFS Fun Run! Each year, ASAFS offers this early morning opportunity for attendees to get moving, clear their minds, and enjoy a refreshing start to the day with colleagues and friends.

This year's Fun Run will be held at the Guntersville Parks & Recreation Center, located at 1500 Sunset Dr, Guntersville, AL 35976, offering beautiful views overlooking Lake Guntersville. The course is a flat, easy route suitable for all fitness levels, from casual walkers to experienced runners, making it an inclusive event for everyone.

The Fun Run will begin promptly at 5:45 AM and conclude at 6:45 AM.

Please note: The starting location is approximately 20 minutes from the lodge, so participants should plan accordingly to arrive on time and be ready for a prompt start.



Address:
Guntersville Parks & Rec Center
1500 Sunset Dr
Guntersville, AL 35976





Get ready to kick off the 2026 ASAFS Conference with an evening of energy, laughter, and unforgettable team competition at the Beach Pavilion on beautiful Lake Guntersville!

ASAFS is proud to recognize Agilent Technologies as the official sponsor of this year's Welcome Reception. We sincerely appreciate their continued support of the forensic science community and their commitment to advancing scientific collaboration and innovation.

Located at 4242 Aubrey Carr Scenic Dr, Guntersville, AL 35976, this year's Opening Reception features the Outrageous Games—a high-energy, fast-paced team-building event where attendees will go head-to-head in ten wildly entertaining and decidedly non-athletic relay races.

Designed to bring disciplines together, the games encourage communication, collaboration, and problem-solving while creating plenty of opportunities for fun and networking. Participants will be divided into four teams, each led by a different ASAFS officer and identified by a unique colored bandana.

If you did not previously sign up for the games, you can still participate! Anyone interested in joining should reach out to Justin Sanders or Kristin Umstead to be added to a team.

Please arrive by 4:45 PM for team assignments and pre-event instructions. The games will officially begin at 5:00 PM.

Each event will be scored separately, with teams earning points based on placement:

- 1st Place – 40 points
- 2nd Place – 30 points
- 3rd Place – 20 points
- 4th Place – 10 points

At the conclusion of the competition, the team with the highest overall point total will be crowned the Outrageous Games Champion. Medals will also be awarded to the overall 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams during the official awards ceremony.

The games themselves will feature a variety of fun and wacky physical challenges, along with one non-physical mental challenge designed to test teamwork and problem-solving skills. Teams will be intentionally large enough to allow participants to choose which activities they wish to participate in—there is absolutely no expectation to compete in every event. The goal is simple: have fun, build connections, and finish the evening happy and healthy.

The excitement will be brought to life by a professional sportscaster providing hilarious live play-by-play commentary throughout the evening. With colorful flags, outrageous props, an official awards platform, and non-stop action, expect a night full of friendly competition and memorable moments.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM and catered by Bama Boy Boils, who will be serving a rare treat for attendees. Thanks to the unique lakeside location, guests will enjoy a whole pig roast, along with chicken as an additional protein option for those who prefer something other than pork. Sides will include potato salad, coleslaw, and baked beans.

Following the games, the DJ will continue the music as attendees eat, drink, relax, and enjoy the atmosphere along the lake. As the sun begins to set over beautiful Lake Guntersville, attendees are invited to gather around the fire pit beginning at 8:00 PM for s'mores, conversation, and a perfect lakeside ending to the evening's festivities as we celebrate 40 years of ASAFS excellence and collaboration.



Zipline Company Tours

Looking for your next adrenaline-filled, breath-taking adventure? At Screaming Eagle at Lake Guntersville State Park, you can traverse the canopy with an eagle-eye view in the trees atop Taylor Mountain.

Level 1 General Information

- Level one includes ten zip lines and four suspension bridges with lengths up to 400 feet and heights up to 80 feet.
- Level one takes approximately one to two hours.
- Participants must be at least 8 years old and weigh at least 50 pounds.
- Participants must wear shoes with a closed toe and heel.

ASAFS is offering two opportunities for the Zipline Canopy Tour

- Tuesday, May 26 (prior to the opening reception)
- Thursday afternoon (during the standard excursion time)



Pontoon Boat Excursion

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: 11870 AL Hwy 227, Guntersville, Alabama 35976

Take a break from the conference and enjoy a relaxing afternoon cruising the beautiful waters of Lake Guntersville with fellow ASAFS attendees. This laid-back pontoon boat excursion offers the perfect opportunity to unwind, network, and take in the scenic views while spending time with friends and colleagues.



Whether you prefer relaxing in the sun, enjoying the breeze from the water, or simply sharing conversations away from the meeting rooms, this excursion is designed to provide a fun and casual atmosphere for everyone onboard.

Attendees are encouraged to bring sunglasses, comfortable clothing, and their favorite lake-day attitude as we enjoy an afternoon of relaxation, laughter, and great company on one of Alabama's most beautiful lakes.

Beach Complex

Our sandy beach is maintained daily. Located in the Lake Guntersville State Park campground, it serves as a welcoming retreat for families. Beach hours are from sunrise to sunset. Animals, glass containers, and grills are not allowed on the beach. Fee free to setup chairs and relax by the lake.





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