

Basic Medicolegal Death Scene Investigation

**Hosted by
The Washoe County Regional
Medical Examiner's Office**



**REGIONAL MEDICAL
EXAMINER'S OFFICE**

**and held at
The Regional Public Safety Training Center
5190 Spectrum Boulevard, Room 105
Reno, Nevada 89506**

Description: A basic death investigation course for new or seasoned coroners, death investigators, and law enforcement. The Basic Medicolegal Death Scene Investigation course provides an overview on key types of deaths and the basics of general death scene investigation. Topics will include suicide investigation, forensic anthropology, infant and child death investigation, blunt force trauma investigation, gunshot wound investigation, and several others.

October 17th-18th, 2024

This course is accredited by NV P.O.S.T to provide 14 hours of continuing education credit. 14 hours of ABMDI continuing education credit is also available

Schedule

October 17th

	Introduction- Dr. Laura Knight
0800-1100	Basic Death Scene Investigation- Kelli Oxborrow and Lauren Parke
1100-1200	Suicide Investigation & Suicide Assessment Tool- Zack Lucas
1200-1300	Lunch provided by Donor Network West
1300-1400	Natural Disease- Dr. Clare Bryce
1400-1600	Sudden Unexplained Infant and Child Death Investigation*- Georgia Petersen-Payne, Rudy Bein, and Dr. Irfan Chaudhry

*Includes hands-on SUIDI activity

October 18th

0800-0900	Blunt Force Trauma/MVA Deaths- Heidi Falconer
0900-1000	Fire Related Deaths/Exposure Deaths- Mackenzie Sullivan (Scene investigation) and Dr. Henry McNett (Autopsy findings)
1000-1100	Gunshot Wound Investigations- Sarah Turner (Scene investigation) and Dr. Clare Bryce (Autopsy findings)
1100-1200	Sharp Force Injuries- Kim Hill (Scene investigation) and Dr. William Sago (Autopsy findings)
1200-1300	Lunch provided by Nevada Donor Network
1300-1400	Drug-Related Deaths- Katheryn McMahon (Scene investigation) and Dr. Laura Knight (Autopsy findings)
1400-1500	Forensic Anthropology in Medicolegal Investigations- Dr. Marin Pilloud
1500-1530	Things Are Not Always What They Seem- Sarah Turner
1530-1600	DNA: Forensic Genetic Genealogy & Beyond- Sarah Turner

Cost

\$100 per registrant

Maximum of 80 registrants.

How to register

Please RSVP & pay using the link below:

<https://www.washoecounty.gov/coroner/register.php>

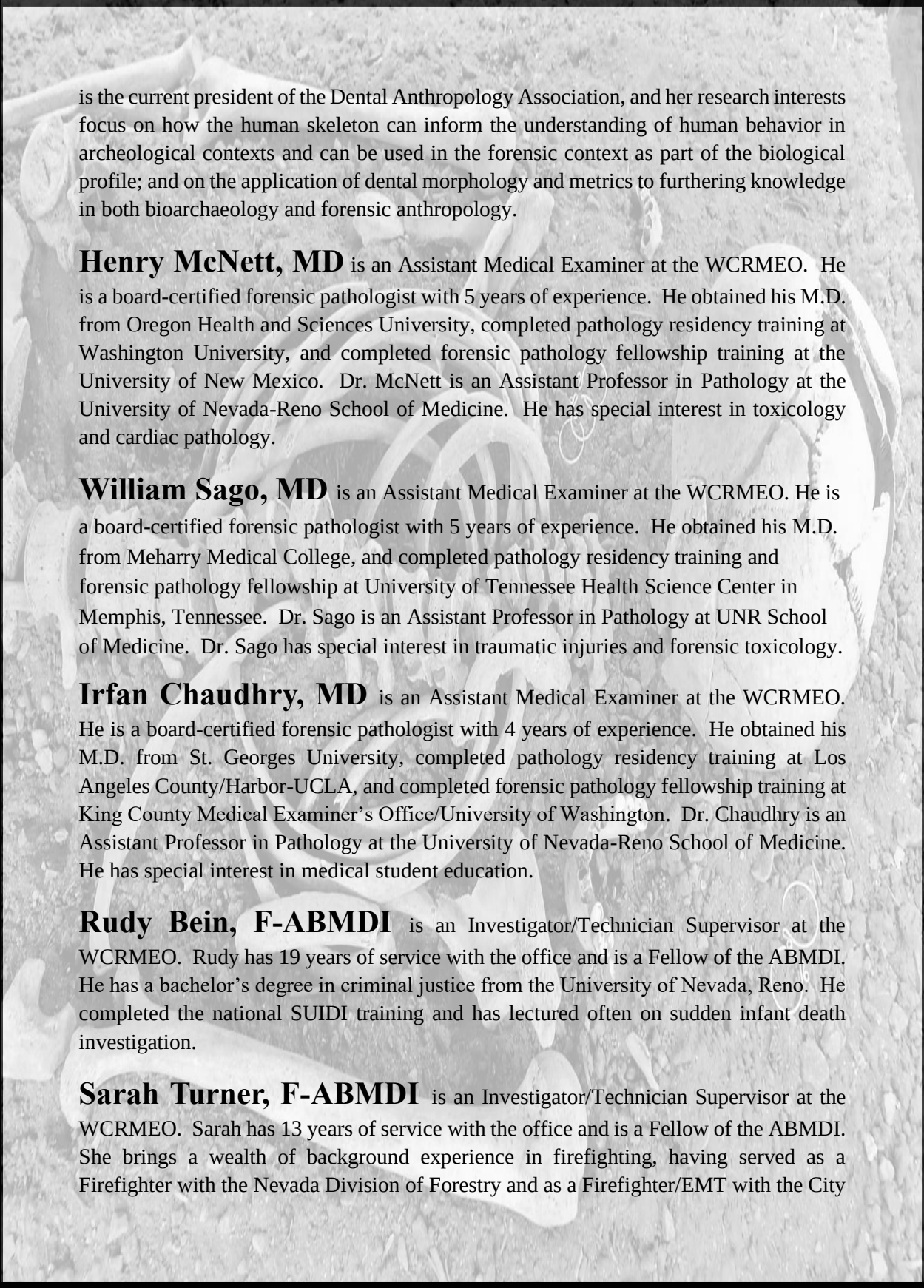
Deadline to register is October 4th, 2024

Speakers

Laura Knight, MD is the Chief Medical Examiner and Coroner at the WCRMEO. A board-certified forensic pathologist with over 15 years of experience, she is also an Associate Professor in Pathology and Pediatrics at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, a fellow of the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME), served on the Board of Directors of NAME, served on the National Panel on Sudden Unexplained Deaths in Pediatrics as a committee Chair, and is a current member of the NIST/DOJ Organization of Scientific Area Committees in the area of medicolegal death investigation. She is the current Chair of the Nevada Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities and the Nevada State Disaster Identification Coordination Committee. Dr. Knight has special interest in infant and child deaths, suicide prevention, organ/tissue donation, and mentoring medical students and future forensic pathologists.

Clare Bryce, MD is the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner at the WCRMEO. She is a board-certified forensic pathologist and neuropathologist with over 15 years of experience. She is an adjunct Associate Professor at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York and serves on several national committees. She is also the Nevada Delegation Chair of the College of American Pathologists House of Delegates. Dr. Bryce has a special interest in neuropathology and natural disease processes at autopsy.

Marin Pilloud, PhD is a board-certified forensic anthropologist (D-ABFA) who examines skeletonized remains at the WCRMEO. She is an Associate Professor in the Anthropology Department at the University of Nevada, Reno, and the Graduate Program Director, overseeing graduate students in forensic anthropology and bioarchaeology research projects across the globe. She obtained her PhD from Ohio State University, and is a fellow of the American Association of Forensic Sciences. Dr. Pilloud



is the current president of the Dental Anthropology Association, and her research interests focus on how the human skeleton can inform the understanding of human behavior in archeological contexts and can be used in the forensic context as part of the biological profile; and on the application of dental morphology and metrics to furthering knowledge in both bioarchaeology and forensic anthropology.

Henry McNett, MD is an Assistant Medical Examiner at the WCRMEO. He is a board-certified forensic pathologist with 5 years of experience. He obtained his M.D. from Oregon Health and Sciences University, completed pathology residency training at Washington University, and completed forensic pathology fellowship training at the University of New Mexico. Dr. McNett is an Assistant Professor in Pathology at the University of Nevada-Reno School of Medicine. He has special interest in toxicology and cardiac pathology.

William Sago, MD is an Assistant Medical Examiner at the WCRMEO. He is a board-certified forensic pathologist with 5 years of experience. He obtained his M.D. from Meharry Medical College, and completed pathology residency training and forensic pathology fellowship at University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. Sago is an Assistant Professor in Pathology at UNR School of Medicine. Dr. Sago has special interest in traumatic injuries and forensic toxicology.

Irfan Chaudhry, MD is an Assistant Medical Examiner at the WCRMEO. He is a board-certified forensic pathologist with 4 years of experience. He obtained his M.D. from St. Georges University, completed pathology residency training at Los Angeles County/Harbor-UCLA, and completed forensic pathology fellowship training at King County Medical Examiner's Office/University of Washington. Dr. Chaudhry is an Assistant Professor in Pathology at the University of Nevada-Reno School of Medicine. He has special interest in medical student education.

Rudy Bein, F-ABMDI is an Investigator/Technician Supervisor at the WCRMEO. Rudy has 19 years of service with the office and is a Fellow of the ABMDI. He has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Nevada, Reno. He completed the national SUIDI training and has lectured often on sudden infant death investigation.

Sarah Turner, F-ABMDI is an Investigator/Technician Supervisor at the WCRMEO. Sarah has 13 years of service with the office and is a Fellow of the ABMDI. She brings a wealth of background experience in firefighting, having served as a Firefighter with the Nevada Division of Forestry and as a Firefighter/EMT with the City

of Reno. Sarah has a particular interest in safety, quality assurance, and autopsy procedures.

Kelli Oxborrow, D-ABMDI is an Investigator/Technician Supervisor at the WCRMEO. Kelli has 12 years of service with the office. She is a diplomate of ABMDI, and a Fellow of the International Association of Coroners & Medical Examiners. She has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Nevada, Reno, and a particular interest in the mental health and wellness of last responders. Kelli serves on the ABMDI Advisory Council, the NAME ad hoc Workplace Stress and Wellness Committee, and local Peer Support. She has presented nationally at the annual NAME Scientific Meeting.

Other presenters are full- and part-time

Medicolegal Death Investigators/Technicians:

Heidi Falconer, D-ABMDI, ACP, CNA

Kim Hill, M.Ed.

Zackery Lukas, NREMT-P

Katheryn McMahon, B.S., D-ABMDI

Lauren Parke, B.S., D-ABMDI

Georgia Petersen-Payne, B.S., D-ABMDI

Mackenzie Sullivan, B.A., D-ABMDI