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## **Professional Vita** **Ann Spong**

### **Formal Education**

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Master of Science, Criminalistics; California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA), Los Angeles, CA, 1996.

Bachelor of Arts, Biology; University of California, San Diego, CA, 1989. Minors: Art History and Psychology.

Pertinent coursework: Molecular and Cell Biology, Biochemistry, Genetics, Physical and Trace Evidence, Forensic Serology.

### **Specialized Courses and Workshops**

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- California Association of Criminalists (CAC) Fall 2011 Seminar; DNA workshop; October 2011
- CAC: Fall 2011 Seminar; Hair workshop; October 2011
- CAC: Fall 2010 Seminar; Non-Human DNA workshop; October 2011
- CAC: Advanced DNA Mixture Interpretation Workshop; December 2010
- CAC: Spring 2010 Seminar; QA/QC Study Group; March 2010.
- CAC: Fall 2009 Seminar; General Meeting; Courtroom Presentation of Evidence, October 2009
- CAC, Spring 2008 Seminar, DNA Workshop; May 2008
- Promega: International Symposium on Human Identification, 2007
  - Expert Witness Testimony Workshop
  - Generating DNA Profiles from Difficult Samples Workshop
- CAC: Spring 2007 Seminar; DNA Workshop; March 2007
- CAC: Fall 2004 Seminar; DNA Quantification: Using Quantifier Kits and Real-Time PCR; October 2004
- CAC; Fall 2003 Seminar; General Statistics Workshop; October, 2003
- D1S80 Workshop by the Department of Justice, Berkeley, CA

## **Occupational History**

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- Jun 2008 – Senior Forensic Scientist, Technical Associates, Inc., Ventura, CA.
- 2007- Forensic Scientist, Laboratory Safety Officer, Technical Associates, Inc., Ventura, CA.
- 2006- Forensic Scientist, Technical Associates, Inc., Ventura, CA.
- 2005-2005 Forensic Scientist, Technical Associates, Inc., Ventura, CA.
- 2003-2004 Forensic Scientist, Technical Associates, Inc., Ventura, CA.
- 1999-2002 Forensic Scientist, Technical Associates, Inc., Ventura, CA.
- 1993-1996 Forensic Scientist, Technical Associates, Inc., Altadena, CA.
- 1992-1993 Graduate Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice, CSULA, Los Angeles, CA.

## **Teaching Projects**

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Assist in teaching laboratory sessions, and preparation of laboratory materials, CSULA, "Advanced Criminalistics: Forensic DNA Analysis, RFLP and PCR Technologies".

## **Professional Organizations**

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- 1999-2000 Forensic Science Society
- 1993-1996 California Association of Criminalists (CAC)

## **Professional Meetings**

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- CAC: Fall 2009 Seminar; October 2009
- CAC: Spring 2008 Seminar; May 2008
- Promega: International Symposium on Human Identification, 2007
- CAC: Spring 2007 Seminar; May 2007
- CAC: Fall 2004 Seminar; October 2004
- Applied Biosystems Seminar: Future Trends in Forensic DNA Technology, Sept 2004

- CAC: Fall 2003 Seminar; General Meeting and DNA Users group
- CAC General Meeting and DNA Users group meeting, Reno, CA
- CAC General Meeting and DNA Users group meeting, Walnut Creek, CA
- CAC General Meeting and DNA Users group meeting, San Pedro, CA
- CAC General Meeting and DNA Users group meeting, Pasadena, CA
- CAC General Meeting and DNA Users group meeting, San Diego, CA

## **Publications and Presentations**

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- 1997 Taylor, M.S., A. Challed-Spong, E.A. Johnson, Ph.D.; "Co-Amplification of the Amelogenin and HLA DQ-Alpha Genes: Optimization and Validation"; J. of Forensic Sciences, January 1997.
- 1994 Taylor, M.S., A. Challed, E.A. Johnson, Ph.D.; 9 Oct 1994, Promega Meeting 1994 poster; "Co-Amplification of the Amelogenin Gene with DQ-Alpha Utilizing the AmpliType Reaction Mix and Amplification Process".
- 1994 Taylor, M.S., A. Challed, E.A. Johnson, Ph.D.; 12 May 1994; California Association of Criminalist (CAC), Spring 1994 Seminar; "Co-Amplification of the Amelogenin Gene with DQ-Alpha Utilizing the AmpliType Reaction Mix and Amplification Protocol".
- 1994 Taylor, M.S., A. Challed; 12 May 1994; CAC, Spring 1994 Seminar; "Tracking Down DNA Contamination in Reagents".
- 1993 Longhetti, A., Challed, A.; 18 February 1993; American Academy of Forensic Science 1993 Annual Meeting, Poster; "DNA Analysis: Policies and Procedures Currently Employed by Forensic Science Laboratories.