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Professional Vita **Ann Spong**

Formal Education

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.

Professional Meetings, Workshops, and Specialized Courses

- California Association of Criminalists (CAC): DNA Workshop; September 2017
- CAC: Spring Seminar Workshop; DNA: Probabilistic Genotyping; May 2015
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); DNA Analyst Webinar Series: Probabilistic Genotyping & Software Programs (Part 1); May 2014
- NIST; DNA Mixture Interpretation Workshop & Webcast; April, 2013
- CAC: DNA Workshop, Spring Seminar, 2012
- CAC: General Meeting; DNA Workshop; Hair Workshop; Fall Seminar, 2011
- CAC: Fall 2011 Seminar; Non-Human DNA Workshop; October 2011
- CAC: General Meeting; Advanced DNA Mixture Interpretation Workshop; Fall Seminar, 2010
- CAC: General Meeting; QA/QC Study Group; Spring Seminar, 2010.
- CAC: General Meeting; Courtroom Presentation of Evidence; Fall Seminar, 2009
- CAC: General Meeting; DNA Workshop; Spring Seminar, 2008
- Promega: International Symposium on Human Identification, 2007
 - Expert Witness Testimony Workshop
 - Generating DNA Profiles from Difficult Samples Workshop

- CAC: General Meeting; DNA Workshop; Spring Seminar, 2007
- Applied Biosystems Seminar: Future Trends in Forensic DNA Technology, September, 2004
- CAC: DNA Quantification: Using Quantifiler Kits and Real-Time PCR; Fall Seminar, 2003
- CAC: General Meeting; General Statistics Workshop; DNA Users Group; Spring Seminar, 2003
- CAC: General Meeting; DNA Users Group, Spring Seminar, 2003
- D1S80 Workshop by the Department of Justice, Berkeley, CA
- CAC: General Meeting; DNA Users Group, Fall Seminar, 1995
- CAC: General Meeting; DNA Users Group, Spring Seminar, 1995
- CAC: General Meeting; DNA Users Group, Fall Seminar, 1994
- CAC: General Meeting; DNA Users Group, Spring Seminar, 1994
- CAC: General Meeting; DNA Users Group, Fall Seminar, 1993

Occupational History

- 2008 – Senior Forensic Scientist, Technical Associates, Inc., Ventura, CA.
- 2007- Laboratory Safety Officer, Technical Associates, Inc., Ventura, CA.
- 2006-2008 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

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

Professional Organizations

- 1999-2000 Forensic Science Society

Publications and Presentations

- 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."
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