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EDUCATION

University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL

July 2006

M.S. Forensic Science

University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO

May 2005

B.A. Biochemistry

• Minor: Chemistry

• Graduated with Departmental Honors

University of Lancaster, Lancaster, England

2004

Study Abroad

EXPERIENCE

ChemaTox Consulting

October 2019 - Present

Chief Forensic Toxicologist

• Expert consulting and testimony related to: toxicological testing methods including reliability, and accuracy of results; the review of toxicology results, and associated interpretation of the results, as they relate to a specific case; pure drug testing methods including reliability, and accuracy of results; the effects of drugs, including alcohol, on the human body with a focus on impairment relating to the performance of tasks such as the ability to operate a motor vehicle, sex assault, and homicide cases.

ChemaTox Laboratory, Inc.

May 2006 - September 2019

Forensic Chemist/Toxicologist, Lab Director

• Responsible for alcohol analysis in blood samples. Validation and calibration of the Headspace Gas Chromatographs. Other responsibilities include the analysis of blood and other body fluids for the presence of drugs and other toxic substances using Immunoassay and Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry. Expert testimony on alcohol analysis, drug determination and the effects of drugs and alcohol on the body. Providing services to governmental and private agencies for analysis of body fluids and tissues for alcohol, drugs and other toxic substances. Supervise laboratory operations and train personnel.

University of Illinois Chicago, College of Pharmacy

August 2005 - July 2006

Forensic Science M.S. Program Teaching Assistant

• Assisting professors prepare for class by photocopying and providing any necessary equipment for the lecture. Set up lab experiments for students to complete. Make reagents for student labs. Help students with class-related issues.

University of Colorado Boulder, Biochemistry Laboratory

Student Researcher supervised by Dr. Shelley Copley

May 2003 - July 2005

• Developed a new research project from a previously unnoticed pattern I observed. Designed and implemented effective methods for conducting my research. Wrote a final report summarizing my two years of research and drawing conclusions on its possible implications.

University of Colorado Boulder, Chemistry and Biochemistry Department $Fall\ 2003,\ Fall\ 2004$

Teaching Assistant

• Introduction to General Chemistry teaching assistant for two semesters. Wrote and graded quizzes, instructed students on the proper use of equipment and chemicals in the lab, supervised lab activities and evaluated students for part of the final grade.

PRESENTATIONS

Drug Testing: Monitoring Drug and Alcohol Abuse - Presenter

December 5th 2008

Colorado Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education in Colorado, Inc. Accredited Class

SOFT Young Forensic Toxicologist Symposium - Effect of Changing Marijuana Laws on Toxicology Laboratories - Speaker

October 27th 2013

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

SOFT-TIAFT Young Forensic Toxicologist/Scientists Symposium

September 25th 2011

- DUID Laws and Legislation in the US - Speaker

Joint Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists and The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

Expert Testimony

February 27th 2012

Colorado Senate State, Veteran and Military Affairs Committee

• Testified as an Expert in Forensic Toxicology regarding SB 12-117: Concerning the establishment of a THC blood content threshold for the purpose of charging a person with the criminal offense of DUI per se.

The Changing Landscape of Marijuana Legislation and DUID testing in Colorado

October 23rd 2014

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

Green Lab - Teacher

November 19th 2015

Understanding Legal Marijuana, LLC.

Buyer Beware: Cannabinoid Analysis in Cannabis Products

December 9th 2015

A Legal "PotPourri"- American College of Medical Toxicology

The Changing Landscape of DUID Testing and Legalized Marijuana

June 23rd 2016

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SOFT Workshop Is This What the Doctor Ordered? Medical Marijuana Update - The Colorado Experience

October 18th 2016

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

April 18th 2011

Workshop "Progress in Field Forensics"	June 4 th 2008
American Society for Mass Spectrometry Annual Meeting	
The Colorado Experience - Marijuana	May 31st 2017
Drugs and Driving Symposium - Centre of Forensic Sciences Canada	
Tox 101 - Teacher	April 27 th 2016
CDAC Impaired Driving Class	
DRE Toxicology Update	May 25 th 2017
WY Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving	
Toxicology for the Prosecutor	May 25 th 2017
WY Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving	
Marijuana Commercialization Impact	April 25 th 2017
IACT	
DUI Update 2010 - Teacher	January 21st 2010
Colorado Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education in Colorado, Testing for Drugs in Blood and Urine: What it Does and Doesn't Mean	Inc. Accredited Class.
Marijuana Tox 101	May 19 th 2017
CDAC	
Sleep-Driving is a Nightmare: Driving Under the Influence of Zolpidem Cases in Colorado Annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting	February 19 th 2015
Guest Lecture - Forensic Toxicology	January 24 th 2019,
Guest Lecture - Porchsic Toxicology	January 19 th 2017,
	January 18 th 2018
CSU	
Toxicology and Prosecution	December 18 th 2018
CDAC	
Advanced DUI Program	October 18 th 2018
CBA CLE Office	

Colorado Senate Judiciary Committee

• At the request of Sen. Steven King testified as an Expert in Forensic Toxicology regarding HB11-1261: Concerning the establishment of a THC blood content threshold for the purpose of charging a person with the criminal offense of DUI per se.

DA TrainingOctober 6th 2017

Jefferson County

Expert Testimony

Cannabis and Driving 101

September 13th 2018

CDAC

Toxicology for Coroners - Presenter

June 13th 2009

Colorado Coroners Association 21st Annual Death Investigation Conference

Comprehensive DUI/D: Toxicology - Teacher

December 13th 2013,

September 27th 2013,

September 9th 2013,

August 28th 2014,

April 19th 2013, March 21st 2013, March 14th

2014, August 8th 2014

Colorado District Attorneys' Council

Blood Alcohol Analysis 101 - Teacher

November 11th 2008,

September 9th 2008

Colorado Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education in Colorado, Inc. Accredited Class

DFSA Training for Police

August 7th 2018

Denver Police Department

Zolpidem and Driving - Case Reviews from Colorado

July 5th 2012

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

Stories from states that have decriminalized cannabis

June 26th 2019

National Safety Council Cannabis Symposium: Cannabis: It's Complicated

Improving Colorado's Road Health Summit Keystone Conference

June 5th 2015

Resort - Panelist: Marijuana Driving

CDOT Highway Health Summit

The Toxicology of Marijuana

June 5th 2014

Missouri DWI/Traffic Safety and DRE Recertification Conference

Buyer Beware: Analysis of Cannabis Products for Sale

May 5th 2017

CAT - The Future Looks Green

Drugs in our World Today

May 3rd 2017

Torrey Pines High School

Criminalist Panel - What they can and can't do / how to prep a

June 1st 2017

criminalist

California District Attorneys Association Drug Impaired Driver Training for Law Enforcement & Prosecution Professionals

Drug Testing 101

May 17th 2019

El Paso County Court

Toxicology in DUI/DUID Cases	November 13 th 2019
Colorado Criminal Defense Bar	
Sleep-Driving is a Nightmare: Driving Under the Influence of Zolpidem Cases in Colorado California Association of Toxicologists	May 2 nd 2015
Colorado: The ongoing experiment in progressive marijuana policy California Association of Toxicologists	May 2 nd 2014
Ç	A: 1 2rd 2016
Buyer Beware: High Grade THC Products Are Here to Stay CAT	April 3 rd 2016
Tox 101 for DRE's WDOT	May 1 st 2016
Forensic Science	2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Analysis of Δ 9-tetrahydrocannabinol Driving Under the Influence of Drugs Cases 2014 in Colorado from January 2011 to February 2014

Sarah Urfer; Jaime Morton; Vanessa Beall; Jeanna Feldmann; Justin Gunesch *Journal of Analytical Toxicology* 38.8: 575-581 doi:10.1093/jat/bku089

Annual Molecular Cellular Developmental Biology Mentors Meeting

CERTIFICATIONS

Diplomate - Forensic Toxicology

American Board of Forensic Toxicology

CONTINUING EDUCATION

International Association of Chiefs of Police DRE Section Conference July 28th-30th 2014 **on Drugs, Alcohol and Impaired Driving**

Phoenix, AZ

CDAC Traffic Safety Training Program: Marijuana Related Impaired August 12th 2016 **Driving**

Lakewood, CO

• Presenter and attendee

The International Association for Chemical Testing Annual Meeting *April 24th-28th 2017* Colorado Springs, CO

California Association of Toxicologists meeting

November 7th-8th 2014

San Diego, CA

California Association of Toxicologists meeting

November 5th-7th 2015

Orange County, CA

Colorado Coroners Association 29th Annual Death Investigation Con- June 7th-9th 2017 ference

Colorado Springs, CO

Colorado Coroners Association 30th Annual Death Investigation Confer- June 8th 2018 ence

Fort Collins, CO

California Association of Toxicologists 50th Anniversary Meeting

May 5th-6th 2017

San Diego, CA

California Association of Toxicologists meeting

May 2nd-3rd 2016

Incline Village, NV

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

October 27th-31st 2008

Phoenix, AZ

Workshops

• Effects of Drugs on Human Performance and Behavior - A Borkenstein Sampler

Joint Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists and The Interna- September 25th-30th 2011 tional Association of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

San Francisco, CA

Workshops

- Pairing Clinical & Postmortem Toxicology Findings for Interpretive Purposes
- Spice: Detection in Various Biological Matrices
- Scientific Writing for Dummies and Smarties Too!
- Publishing in Journals for Forensic Toxicologists

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

October 20th-24th 2014

Grand Rapids, MI

Workshops

- Implementing the DUID Laboratory Recommendations
- A Practical Approach to Calculating and Reducing Uncertainty of Measurement in the Laboratory
- The Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program with Demonstration DRE Evaluation and Mock Court

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

October 19th-23rd 2015

Atlanta, GA

Workshops

- The Role of Benzodiazepines in DUID
- Sample Preparation in Forensic Toxicology: Back to the Past and a Look into the Future (Teacher)
- Expert Testimony: How to be Comfortable in an Uncomfortable Situation-The Basics (Workshop Chair)

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

October 19th-23rd 2009

Oklahoma City, OK

Workshops

- "Newer" Prescription Drugs: Impairment Potential and Identified Polypharmacies
- Bridging the Gap in Postmortem Laboratory Practices and Case Interpretations
- Envenomations: Toxins, Anti-Venoms and Clinical Course
- Toxicology of Opiate Overdose: Strategies for Analysis and Interpretation

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

October 18th-22nd 2010

Richmond, VA

Workshops

- Marijuana Pharmacology
- Drug Recognition Expert Program Principles and Practice
- To Err Is Human... To Identify It Is Divine

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

October 17th-21st 2016

Houston, TX

Workshops

• Is This What the Doctor Ordered? Medical Marijuana Update

Colorado Coroners Association 26th Annual Death Investigation Con- June 18th-20th 2014 ference

Fort Collins, CO

Completed three day training seminar on Medicolegal Death Investigation

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

October 14th-18th 2019

San Antonio, TX

IACP Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol, and Impaired Driv- August 13th-15th 2016 ing

Denver, CO

Missouri DWI/Traffic Safety and DRE Recertification Conference

June 5th-6th 2014

Osage Beach, MO

Colorado Coroners Association 20th Annual Death Investigation Con- June 12th-14th 2008 ferenc

Cripple Creek, CO

• Completed three day training seminar on Medicolegal Death Investigation

Colorado Coroners Association 21st Annual Death Investigation Con- June 11th-13th 2009 ference

Colorado Springs, CO

• Completed three day training seminar on Medicolegal Death Investigation

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

October 8th-12th 2018

Minneapolis, MN

Colorado Coroners Association 22nd Annual Death Investigation Con- June 10th-12th 2010 ference

Colorado Springs, CO

• Completed three day training seminar on Medicolegal Death Investigation

Colorado Coroners Association 23rd Annual Death Investigation Con- June 8th-11th 2011 ference

Blackhawk, CO

• Completed three day training seminar on Medicolegal Death Investigation

Colorado Coroners Association 28thth Annual Death Investigation June 8th-10th 2016 Conference

Fort Collins, CO

Workshops

• Completed three day practical medicolegal death investigation training course

Colorado Coroners Association 27th Annual Death Investigation Con- June 3rd-5th 2015 ference

Colorado Springs, CO

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

July 1st-6th 2012

Boston, MA

Workshops

- Opioid Drugs: 21st Century Killers
- Polypharmacy & Human Performance in Antipsychotic Cases

The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists August 30th - September 4th 2015 Meeting

Florence, Italy

California Association of Toxicologists meeting

May 1st-2nd 2015

San Francisco, CA

Joint Society of Forensic Toxicologists and The International Asso- January 6th-11th 2018 ciation of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

Boca Raton, FL

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting *October 30th - November 4th 2022*

Cleveland, OH

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

October 30th - November 3rd 2023

Denver, CO

Canada Drugs and Driving Symposium - Centre of Forensic Sci- May 31st - June 1st 2017 ences Canada

Toronto, ON

California Association of Toxicologists meeting

May 2nd-3rd 2014

Sacramento, CA

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

October 28th - November 1st 2013

Orlando, FL

Workshops

• SWGTOX Standard Practices for Method Validation in Forensic Toxicology

• Marijuana: Old drug, New data

• Usual causes of death: Analysis to interpretation

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

September 26th - October 1st 2021

Nashville, TN

Annual Society of Forensic Toxicologists meeting

September 2020

Online

Annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting

February 22nd-27th 2016

Las Vegas, NV

Annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting

February 22nd-26th 2010

Seattle, WA

Workshops

- Assessment and Interpretation of Toxicology in Neonatal, Paediatric, and Geriatric Deaths
- Investigation of Deaths in Custody Evolution of Police Practices and Medical Examiner Methods
- Navigating the World of Forensic Journals & Forensic Information

Annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting

February 21st-25th 2011

Chicago, IL

Workshops

- Tips and Tricks to Improve the Interpretative Value of Postmortem Toxicology
- K2 and Beyond: A Synthetic Cannabinoid Primer

Annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting

February 19th-23rd 2024

Denver, CO

Annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting

February 18th-23rd 2019

Baltimore, MD

Workshops

• Interdisciplinary Symposium - Insane or Just Bad? The Anatomy of the Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) Defense

Annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting

February 19th-23rd 2018

Seattle, WA

Workshops

• Pharmacogenomics: Uses in Forensic and Clinical Toxicology

Annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting

February 18th-22nd 2013

Washington, DC

Workshops

- Beyond the Numbers: An Objective Approach to Forensic Toxicological Interpretation
- Developments in Emerging and Designer Drug Markets 2013

The Robert F. Borkenstein Course on the Effects of Drugs on Human October 1st-5th 2012 Performance and Behavior

Philadelphia, PA

Through the Indiana University Robert F. Borkenstein Center for Studies of Law in Action and The Center for Forensic Science Research & Education

Topics: DUID Overview; National Roadside Survey and Crash Risk Assessment; DRE Program Overview; Principles of Pharmacology and Drug Effects - Stimulants, Hallucinogens, Benzodiazepines, CNS Depressants, Opiates, and Cannabinoids; Effects on Human Performance and Behavior - Cocaine, Amphetamines, MDMA, Carisoprodol, Butalbital, Opiates, Cannabis, Synthetic Cannabinoids, Hallucinogens, and Dissociative Drugs; Effects of Drugs on Driving - Benzodiazepines, Zolpidem, and Imidazopyridines; On Road Driving Studies - CNS Depressants - Antidepressants, and Anxiolytics, Cannabis, and MDMA; Evaluation of SFST's for Detection of Marijuana Impairment; Case Studies of "Bath Salts" Compounds; Survey of Analytical Practices in Labs Serving DUID Programs; DUID Information Resources; Forensically Defensible Drug and Alcohol Testing in DUID - Laboratory Aspects; Implementation of Zero Tolerance DUID Laws in Scandinavia; DUID Investigation and Legal Approaches in England; Presenting DUID Evidence in Court - Direct Exam, Cross Examination, and Redirect

Postmortem Interpretive Toxicology

January 26th-30th 2015

Philadelphia, PA

- Forensic Pharmacology & Toxicology of Major Drug Categories Design of Analytical Approaches
- Interpretation of Results
- Assessment of Postmortem Redistribution

Summation of AAA study "An Evaluation of Data from Drivers Arangust 15th 2016 rested for Driving Under the Influence in Relation to Per se Limits for Cannabis"

Presented by Barry K. Logan, Ph.D., F-ABFT

Presenting Courtroom Testimony Regarding Drug and Alcohol Lab Test June 4th 2013 **Results**

Taught by Chris Halsor, TSRP, Colorado District Attorneys' Council

WY Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving

May 25th 2017

Laramie, WY

Annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting

February 13th-18th 2017

New Orleans, LA

DRI Marijuana Law Seminar

June 23rd-24th 2016

Boulder, CO

IACP/NHTSA Drug Evaluation and Classification Training - Audited May 16th-27th 2016 WDOT Drug Recognition Expert 7-Day School

Laramie, WY

Annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting

February 20th-24th 2012

Atlanta, GA

Workshops

- High-Profile Cases: The Los Angeles Experience
- Using Pharmacokinetics to Analyze Forensic Toxicology Cases
- Hell on Earth Just Another Day at Work: An Overview of the Tri-State Crematory Catastrophe

Annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting

February 17th-21st 2014

Seattle, WA

Workshops

- Designer Drug Detection in Forensic Toxicology: From Basics to Brilliant!
- Root Cause Analysis When Blaming the Analyst Completely Misses the Point
- Managing the 21st Century Forensic Science Organizations

Annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting

February 16th-20th 2015

Orlando, FL

Annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting

February 16th-20th 2009

Denver, CO

Workshops

- Solid Phase Extraction in Forensic Science Principles and Applications
- Pharmacology and Pharmacokinetics for Forensic Toxicologists

The Robert F. Borkenstein Course on Alcohol, and Highway Safety: May 12th-17th 2012 Testing, Research and Litigation

Bloomington, IN

Through the Indiana University Robert F. Borkenstein Center for Studies of Law in Action and The Center for Forensic Science Research & Education

Topics: The Legal Framework for DUI - Constitutional Issues and Case Law; Historical Perspectives on Alcohol; Testing in Traffic Law Enforcement; Chemistry and Biochemistry of Alcohol; Physiology of Alcohol; Pharmacology of Alcohol; Biochemical and Physiological Research on the Disposition and Fate of Alcohol in the Body; Principles and Application of Standardized Field Sobriety Tests; Recent Research on Forensic Aspects of Alcohol; Approaches to Widmark Calculations; Practice and Pitfalls of Retrograde Extrapolation; Cognitive and Psychomotor Domains of Driving;

Assessing Alcohol Impairment Through the Use of Driving Simulators; Testifying about Alcohol and Driving Impairment; Forensically Defensible Blood Alcohol Analysis; Breath Alcohol Instrumentation: Theory and Practice; Predicting Impairment: The Role of BAC and Complexity of the Driving Task; Basic Principles of Mathematics and Statistics in Alcohol Toxicology; Analysis of and Response to Defense Challenges in Forensic Alcohol Testing; ISO 17025 Accreditation for Breath Alcohol Calibration Laboratories; Uncertainty of Measurement Determination in Blood and Breath Alcohol Testing; The Confrontation Clause and Scientific Testimony; Expert Testimony: Basic Principles; Expert Testimony: Practical Considerations

CDAC Impaired Driving Class

March 16th-19th 2016

Aspen, CO

A Legal "PotPourri"- American College of Medical Toxicology

December 9th-10th 2015

Denver, CO

Green Lab Understanding Legal Marijuana, LLC.

November 19th 2015

Denver, CO

PROJECTS

Master's Research Project

• Conducted research at ISP Forensic Science Center Chicago on the on-column thermal decomposition properties of propoxyphene and norpropoxyphene using gas chromatography mass spectrometry (GC/MS). From this research I was able to develop a procedure to analyze propoxyphene such that it does not break down on column.

COMMITTEES

Young Forensic Toxicologist Committee

January 2012 - Present

Society of Forensic Toxicologists

- 2014 Co-Chair
- 2015-2016 Chair
- 2017 Executive Committee

Subcommittee on toxicology/pharmacology

July 2012 - July 2013

Advisory Committee for the Evaluation of Controlled Substance Analogs

Alcohol, Drugs & Impairment Division

October 2014 - Present

National Safety Council

• Chair since February 2017

Driving Under the Influence of Drugs

May 2015 - Present

California Association of Toxicologists

AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Forensic Sciences

Member

• Toxicology Section

American Chemical Society

Member

The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists

Member

National Association of Medical Examiners

Affiliate Member

Society of Forensic Toxicologists

Member

SCHOLARSHIPS

Chemistry Club University of Colorado Boulder

August 2001 - May 2005

Tour Biochemistry Scholarship

2004 - 2005

Touff Memorial Chemistry Scholarship

2003 - 2004

SPECIAL COURSES

Miscellaneous

- Forensic Drug Analysis and Toxicology
- Forensic Chemistry and Trace Evidence
- Expert Witness Testimony
- QA/QC in Forensic Laboratories
- Forensic Analysis of Biological Evidence
- Physical Pattern Evidence Analysis
- Organic Structure Determination using NMR, UV-spec, IR-spec and MS data