

77th Annual AAFS Scientific Conference

Tentative Schedule - *Subject to Change*

Start	End	Session / Event	Event Location
Saturday, February 15, 2025			
12:00 PM	- 5:00 PM	ASB Board Meeting (Not Open to Public)	Hilton Marshall
Sunday, February 16, 2025			
8:00 AM	- 1:00 PM	ASB Board Meeting (Not Open to Public)	Hilton Marshall
11:00 AM	- 2:00 PM	National Safety Council: ADID Division Meeting	Hilton Carroll
1:00 PM	- 5:00 PM	AAFS Registration Open	Charles St. Lobby
1:00 PM	- 4:30 PM	AAFS Speaker Ready Room	BCC 318
Monday, February 17, 2025			
6:45 AM	- 4:30 PM	AAFS Speaker Ready Room	BCC 318
6:45 AM	- 5:00 PM	AAFS Registration Open	Charles St. Lobby
8:00 AM	- 5:00 PM	AAFS Board of Directors	Hilton Paca
8:30 AM	- 5:00 PM	W1. <i>Pediatric Fracture Healing in Cases of Suspected Non-Accidental Trauma: Clinical, Radiographic, Anthropological, and Histological Perspectives and New Technologies</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 345
8:30 AM	- 5:30 PM	W3. <i>A Military Criminal Investigative Organization and the Boon and Bane of Technology</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 343
8:30 AM	- 4:35 PM	W4. <i>Forensic Science Adaptation to Artificial Intelligence</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 314
8:30 AM	- 4:15 PM	W5. <i>The Sherry Black Investigation—A Journey for Justice</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 339
8:30 AM	- 5:00 PM	W6. <i>NIST/MSP Hypergeometric Sampling Software for Seized-Drug Analysis</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 316
8:30 AM	- 6:00 PM	W7. <i>DSM Demystified: Medical Disorders in the Courtroom</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 317
8:30 AM	- 4:45 PM	W8. <i>Forensic Postmortem Radiology and Medicolegal Death Investigations</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 341
8:30 AM	- 4:30 PM	W9. <i>Statistical Thinking for Forensic Science: From Probability to Black Box Studies to Likelihood Ratios</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 347
8:30 AM	- 12:00 PM	W10. <i>Alcohol Calculations and Expert Testimony: How ANSI/ASB BPR 122 and 037 Can Be Applied in Forensic Toxicology Cases</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 344
8:30 AM	- 12:00 PM	W11. <i>Sequencing 101</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 349
8:30 AM	- 5:00 PM	Special Session #1: Standards Around the World: How is the World of Standards Influencing the Future of Forensics?	BCC 324
9:00 AM	- 5:30 PM	IBFES	Hilton Douglass
1:00 PM	- 4:30 PM	W12. <i>Can Human Remains Detection Canine Teams Detect Residual Odor? Results of Odor Recognition Tests and Chemical Analysis</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 349
5:30 PM	- 6:30 PM	AAFS General Section Committee Chair Huddle	BCC 305
6:00 PM	- 7:00 PM	Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations (CFSO) Legislative Update Annual Report (Open to All Meeting Attendees)	
6:00 PM	- 8:00 PM	ASB Reception	Hilton Key 9
6:00 PM	- 7:00 PM	2024-25 Program Committee Reception (by Invitation Only)	Hilton Armistead
6:00 PM	- 8:00 PM	Student Academy Faculty Reception	Hilton Tilghman
6:00 PM	- 7:00 PM	Consortium of Forensic Science Organization - Legislative Update Annual Report	Hilton Carroll
Tuesday, February 18, 2025			
6:45 AM	- 4:30 PM	AAFS Speaker Ready Room	BCC 318
6:45 AM	- 6:00 PM	AAFS Registration Open	Charles St. Lobby
8:00 AM	- 5:00 PM	Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations - CFSO Board Meeting (Not Open to Public)	
7:00 AM	- 5:30 PM	The American Society of Forensic Odontology	Holiday 6
7:30 AM	- 9:30 AM	Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) Board of Trustees	Hilton Paca
8:00 AM	- 5:00 PM	Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations - CFSO Board Meeting (Not Open to Public)	Hilton Douglass
8:00 AM	- 5:00 PM	Special Session #2: Young Forensic Scientists Forum	BCC 314
8:30 AM	- 9:30 AM	Forensic Technology Case Break #1 - "Excited Delirium": Abuse, Use, and Bias of This Term in the Courtroom	BCC 324
8:30 AM	- 12:45 PM	FEPAC: Accreditation of Forensic Science Academic Programs Through the AAFS	
8:30 AM	- 5:00 PM	W2. <i>Implementing Recommendations From the NIST/NIJ Expert Working Group on Human Factors in Forensic DNA Interpretation Report</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 343
8:30 AM	- 5:00 PM	W13. <i>The Body as the Crime Scene: Traces, Signs and Scientific Methods</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 339
8:30 AM	- 5:30 PM	W14. <i>The Longest Journey Starts with a Single Step: Evaluating Biological Results Given Activity Level Propositions-The Problem, the Theory, the Solution, and Strategies for Implementation</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 341
8:30 AM	- 4:45 PM	W15. <i>Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Forensic Education: The Good, the Great, and the Truth</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 301
8:30 AM	- 6:00 PM	W16. <i>How to Be a Long-Term Unidentified and Missing Persons Investigator: The Investigators' Toolkit</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 349
8:30 AM	- 5:00 PM	W17. <i>Practical Neuropathology for Coroners and Medical Examiners: Basic Concepts and Advanced Principles</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 321
8:30 AM	- 12:30 PM	W18. <i>A New Frontier—Federal Agencies Paving a Way for Forensic Drug Analysis with AI</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 320
8:30 AM	- 12:30 PM	W19. <i>Unmasking the Evidence: How Defense Experts Prevented Wrongful Convictions</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 345

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8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	W20. <i>Signed by Hand or by Machine?</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 311
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	W21. <i>All Rise 2.0: Navigating the Judicial Process as an Expert Witness</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 347
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	W22. <i>Chasing the Dragon: Navigating Death Investigations in the Era of Novel Psychoactive Substances</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 344
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	NIJ R&D Symposium	BCC 309
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	AAFS Student Academy	Hilton Key 1-6
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Forensic Technology Case Break #2 - The Collapse of Surfside: A Multifaceted Approach to Disaster Victim Identification	BCC 324
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	The American Society of Forensic Odontology - Lunch and Business Meeting	Key 7
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	AAFS 2024-25 Section Officers Luncheon and Meeting (by Invitation Only)	Hilton Peale
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Special Session #3: Interdisciplinary Symposium	BCC 324
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	W23. <i>A Skeletal Atlas of Elder Abuse: Beta Testing a Digital Diagnostic and Educational Tool</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 345
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	W24. <i>ANSI/ASB Standard 175, Standard for Interpreting, Comparing, and Reporting DNA Test Results Associated With Failed Controls and Contamination Events: Understanding, Implementation and Legal Issues</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 347
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	W25. <i>Death of an "Expert" Witness: Discrediting Document Examiners Who Violate Acknowledged Standards or Binding Laboratory Policies, or Who Express Handwriting Opinions with Low Levels of Certitude</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 320
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	W26. <i>Expanding the Forensic Professional's Toolbox: New Technological Resources for the Evaluation of Evidence</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 311
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	W27. <i>Mind Games and Machines: Navigating Cognitive Biases in Forensic Technologies</i> (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 344
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	FEPAC Program Directors Meeting	
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	NIJ R&D Symposium Poster Session (Posters available for viewing 12:00pm - 7:00pm)	BCC 307
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	CARFS Poster Reception	Hilton Carroll
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	AAFS Welcome Reception	Hilton Key Ballroom
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Employment Forum	Hilton Key Ballroom
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Humanitarian and Human Rights Resource Center (HHRRC) Poster & Networking Session	Hilton Key Pre-Function
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Diversity and Inclusion in Forensic Sciences Forum & Reception	
Wednesday, February 19, 2025		
6:45 AM - 4:30 PM	AAFS Speaker Ready Room	BCC 318
6:45 AM - 5:00 PM	AAFS Registration Open	Charles St. Lobby
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	ABC Certification Exam	Tubman B
7:15 AM - 8:15 AM	Forensic Technology Case Break #3 - Forensic Identification of Synthetic Data: Identification and Isolation Techniques	BCC 321
7:15 AM - 8:15 AM	Forensic Technology Case Break #4 - Maximizing the Impact of Social Science Research and Evaluation on Forensic Science: The NIJ's Role in the Integration of Science	BCC 324
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	AAFS Keynote Session (Open to All Meeting Attendees)	BCC Ballroom
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	AAFS Plenary Session (Open to All Meeting Attendees)	BCC Ballroom
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Poster Sessions – Criminalistics, General, Pathology/Biology, YFSF Posters will be available for viewing from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Presenting authors will be available for discussion from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	BCC Hall AB
11:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Exhibits Open	BCC Hall AB
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Criminalistics Section Luncheon (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 307
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Digital & Multimedia Sciences Section Luncheon (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 347
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Jurisprudence Section Luncheon (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 343
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Pathology/Biology Section Luncheon (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 314
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Section Luncheon (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 344
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Toxicology Section Luncheon (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 309
12:45 PM - 1:45 PM	General Section Mentor/Mentee Gathering	BCC 321
1:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Anthropology Section Business Meeting	BCC 339
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Criminalistics Section Business Meeting	BCC 307
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Questioned Documents Section Business Meeting	BCC 345
1:15 PM - 3:15 PM	Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Section Business Meeting	BCC 344
1:30 PM - 3:15 PM	Digital & Multimedia Sciences Section Business Meeting	BCC 347
1:30 PM - 3:15 PM	Engineering & Applied Sciences Section Business Meeting	BCC 320
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Forensic Nursing Science Section Business Meeting	BCC 311
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Pathology/Biology Section Business Meeting	BCC 314
1:30 PM - 3:15 PM	Toxicology Section Business Meeting	BCC 309
1:45 PM - 3:15 PM	General Section Business Meeting	BCC 321
1:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Jurisprudence Section Business Meeting	BCC 343
2:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Odontology Section Business Meeting	BCC 316
3:45 PM - 5:30 PM	AAFS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING	BCC Ballroom

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5:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Society of Forensic Anthropologists Member Meeting	Carroll AB
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	University of New Haven: Forensic Alumni Event	Hilton Key 1
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	ABC Ice Cream Social - RSVP Required	Tubman A
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Toxicology Section Poster Session	BCC 307
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Bring Your Own Slides (BYOS) (Open to All Meeting Attendees)	BCC 321
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Friends of Sam Houston University Reception	Key 5
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Forensic Science Reception	Hilton Paca
Thursday, February 20, 2025		
6:45 AM - 4:30 PM	AAFS Speaker Ready Room	BCC 318
6:45 AM - 5:00 PM	AAFS Registration Open	Charles St. Lobby
7:15 AM - 8:15 AM	Forensic Technology Case Break #5 - The Role of Y-STR Analysis in Forensic Genetic Genealogy (FGG)	BCC 307
7:15 AM - 8:15 AM	Forensic Technology Case Break #6 - Fiction vs. Science: The Yara Gambirasio Case on Netflix™	BCC 324
Morning Scientific Sessions		
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Criminalistics Session I	BCC Ballroom II
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Criminalistics Session II	BCC Ballroom I
8:00 AM - 11:35 AM	Engineering & Applied Sciences Session	BCC 320
8:00 AM - 11:10 AM	Forensic Nursing Science Session	BCC 343
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Pathology/Biology Session I	BCC 339
8:00 AM - 11:20 AM	Questioned Documents Session	BCC 345
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Toxicology Session	BCC 316
8:10 AM - 11:30 AM	Digital & Multimedia Sciences Session	BCC 344
8:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Anthropology Session I	BCC 314
8:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Anthropology Session II	BCC 321
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Criminalistics Session III	BCC Ballroom IV
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	General Session I	BCC 307
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	General Session II	BCC 309
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Jurisprudence Session	BCC Ballroom III
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Odontology Session	BCC 347
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Pathology/Biology Session II	BCC 324
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Session	BCC 311
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Exhibits Open	BCC Hall AB
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Poster Sessions – Anthropology, Criminalistics, Engineering, Jurisprudence, Odontology, Pathology/Biology, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, YFSF Posters will be available for viewing from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Presenting authors will be available for discussion from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	BCC Hall AB
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Luncheon #1: Empowering Forensic Science: How Technology, Building Intelligence, and Human-Centered Design Can Revolutionize the Forensic Workplace (Pre-Registration Required)	BCC 349
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Journal of Forensic Sciences Editorial Board Luncheon	BCC 301
Afternoon Scientific Sessions		
1:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Anthropology Session I	BCC 314
1:00 PM - 5:35 PM	Criminalistics Session I	BCC Ballroom II
1:00 PM - 5:55 PM	Criminalistics Session II	BCC Ballroom I
1:00 PM - 5:50 PM	Criminalistics Session III	BCC Ballroom IV
1:00 PM - 4:10 PM	Engineering & Applied Sciences Session	BCC 320
1:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Multidisciplinary Session: Engineering / Applied Sciences and Forensic Nursing Science	BCC 343
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	General Session I	BCC 307
1:00 PM - 4:45 PM	General Session II	BCC 309
1:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Jurisprudence Session	BCC Ballroom III
1:00 PM - 4:50 PM	Odontology Session	BCC 347
1:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Pathology/Biology Session I	BCC 339
1:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Multidisciplinary Session: Pathology/Biology / Toxicology	BCC 324
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Session	BCC 311
1:00 PM - 4:20 PM	Questioned Documents Session	BCC 345
1:10 PM - 4:40 PM	Digital & Multimedia Sciences Session	BCC 344
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Toxicology Session	BCC 316
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Professional Deep Dive #1 - Leveraging Forensic Science Standards Development to Boost Your Professional Growth	BCC 321
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	AAFS Exhibitor Appreciation Reception (By invitation only)	BCC 301
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Professional Deep Dive #3 - Legal Admissibility of Digital Evidence in the Era of AI Generated/Synthetic Media	BCC 324
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Last Word Society Speaker Preconvene	BCC 306
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	ABFA Diplomate Reception	Hilton Pickersgill

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6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Fire Debris Discussion	Hilton Mencken
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	University Fair	BCC Hall AB
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	AAFS 76th Annual Wine & Cheese Reception	BCC Hall AB
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Toxicology Open Forum	BCC 316
8:00 PM	10:30 PM	Last Word Society & Trivia Night	BCC Ballroom I
Friday, February 21, 2025			
6:45 AM	4:30 PM	AAFS Speaker Ready Room	BCC 318
6:45 AM	4:00 PM	AAFS Registration Open	Charles St. Lobby
7:15 AM	8:15 AM	Forensic Technology Case Break #7 - Unveiling Forensic Signatures: Leveraging Soil Microbiome and Enzymatic Responses to Detect Cyanide-Induced Deaths	BCC 309
7:15 AM	8:15 AM	Forensic Technology Case Break #8 - Forensic Examination of Environmental Crime and Its Solutions	BCC 324
8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Professional Deep Dive #3 - Determining the Viability of Breathwork and Meditation as Intervention Techniques for Stress in the Forensic Science Community	BCC 321
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Professional Deep Dive #5 - Misconceptions and Limitations of Words Commonly Used in the Forensic Sciences—What Do They REALLY Mean?	BCC 321
Morning Scientific Sessions			
8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Anthropology Session	BCC 314
8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Criminalistics Session I	BCC Ballroom II
8:00 AM	11:50 AM	Engineering & Applied Sciences Session	BCC 320
8:00 AM	11:15 AM	Forensic Nursing Science Session	BCC 343
8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Pathology/Biology Session I	BCC 339
8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Toxicology Session	BCC 316
8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Criminalistics Session II	BCC Ballroom I
8:20 AM	11:20 AM	Digital & Multimedia Sciences Session	BCC 344
8:30 AM	11:30 AM	General Session I	BCC 307
8:30 AM	11:30 AM	General Session II	BCC 309
8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Jurisprudence Session I	BCC Ballroom III
8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Jurisprudence Session II	BCC Ballroom IV
8:30 AM	11:00 AM	Pathology/Biology Session II	BCC 324
8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Session	BCC 311
8:40 AM	11:20 AM	Questioned Documents Session	BCC 345
9:00 AM	11:55 AM	Pathology/Biology Session III - Jay Dix Memorial Lecture Series	BCC 347
9:00 AM	1:00 PM	Exhibits Open	BCC Hall AB
11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Passport to Prizes in the Exhibit Hall	BCC Hall AB
11:30 AM	12:00 PM	AAFS 2024-25 Nominating Committee	BCC 305
11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Poster Sessions – Anthropology, Criminalistics, Engineering & Applied Sciences, General, Pathology/Biology, Questioned Documents, YFSF Posters will be available for viewing from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Presenting authors will be available for discussion from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	BCC Hall AB
12:00 PM	1:30 PM	AAFS Past Presidents Council Luncheon	BCC 301
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1:00 PM	5:05 PM	Criminalistics Session I	BCC Ballroom II
1:00 PM	5:45 PM	Criminalistics Session II	BCC Ballroom I
1:00 PM	1:40 PM	Forensic Nursing Science Session	BCC 343
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1:00 PM	4:10 PM	Pathology/Biology Session II	BCC 324
1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Session	BCC 311
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Questioned Documents Session - The Forensic Document Examiner Forum	BCC 345
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Toxicology Session - 24th Annual Postmortem Pediatric Forensic Toxicology Session	BCC 316
1:10 PM	4:30 PM	Digital & Multimedia Sciences Session	BCC 344
2:00 PM	4:45 PM	Pathology/Biology Session III - Jay Dix Memorial Lecture Series	BCC 347
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Professional Deep Dive #6 - Using Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy (FIGG) Technology Ethically & Responsibly	BCC 321
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Membership New Section Officer Application and Requirement Training	BCC 302
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	AAFS 2024-25 Board of Directors Orientation	BCC 302
5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Criminalistics Special Session: Believe It or Not!	BCC Ballroom II
8:00 PM	11:00 PM	Closing Celebration: Club 77 (Ticket Purchase Required)	