

# Focus on Forensics

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## Study Abroad: Bristol England

By Sara Anderson

This past spring semester, I had the opportunity to study abroad as a forensic science major. Two other students from VCU and I studied at the University of the West of England (UWE) located in Bristol. It was a great experience and one that I think all those who are interested in should apply.

The academic setup is much different at UWE than VCU. The class sizes were smaller, which made it very easy to get to know the students and professors. All of my professors were always willing to listen to any questions or concerns that I had, and being at a new school in a foreign country, I had many. It was a much more hands-on program than at VCU. Theory presented in lecture was followed by practical application in lab, which really helped to reinforce the lessons taught. For example, we had a lecture about proper packaging techniques, and in the following lab class we put what we had been taught into practice by packaging evidence. Class schedules were on a two week cycle, so rather than having the same classes every week, classes alternated every other week,



Photo of the UWE Frenchay Campus



Drawing of the UWE Frenchay Campus

which was a nice change. Everyone I met there, students, faculty and staff, were all wonderful and UWE presented a great learning environment.

Bristol is a fantastic city in which to live. There is something for everyone. It is a city rich in history, but with all the modern amenities that anyone could wish. The City Centre is filled with great stores, restaurants, theaters and many other attractions. It is very easy to get around in Bristol - the bus system is extremely reliable, and once in the City Centre, everything is within walking distance. Bristol's location is also excellent. A train to the historic city of Bath takes less than fifteen minutes, and a bus ride to London takes about two and a half hours. Both places are well worth the trip. It is also easy to visit other countries when studying abroad in Europe. Europe is full of fascinating places and people to visit.

Being an international student is an unparalleled experience. It can open one's eyes to so many new things. In addition to the two other students from VCU, I had two roommates from France. They took time out to show the three of us around, introduce us to other international students and they even made us crepes from scratch. They helped us feel welcome in a place where we knew no one but each other. One of the best experiences was meeting new people from all over the world.

Deciding to study abroad was one of the best things that I have done while at VCU. It is truly a once in a lifetime experience. I loved every minute of it, and would not trade my time at UWE for the world.

For more information on Forensic Science at UWE, please visit their website at <http://science.uwe.ac.uk/ForensicScience/introduction.htm>.

If you are interested in study abroad, please contact Jennifer Ludovici at VCU's Education Abroad Office at (804) 828-8471. Visit their website at [http://www.vcu.edu/oie/eao/w\\_intro.html](http://www.vcu.edu/oie/eao/w_intro.html).

# Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission's (FEPAC's) visit to VCU



*Dr. Robert Bost, Dr. José Almirall, and Lydia de Castro, FEPAC's site visit team, meet with VCU Forensic Science faculty.*

In early October, the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission's (FEPAC) site team visited VCU's Forensic Science graduate program. The purpose of the visit was to survey and observe the program, and report back to the Commission their findings regarding potential accreditation. The Department expects to hear the results of the accreditation visit after the annual FEPAC accreditation meeting in February, 2006. Look for more details in our spring newsletter!

"The Campus Learning Center provides quality academic support to all Virginia Commonwealth University undergraduates. From one-on-one tutoring to SI sessions, the center offers free ways for students to gain a clearer understanding of a subject and to develop better methods for reviewing new information. The Campus Learning Center is located at 109 N. Harrison St. in the Education Annex."

*Are you struggling with math, chemistry, or biology courses?*

**You aren't alone! At the Campus Learning center, free, open, drop-in tutoring sessions are offered for the following courses! Times are subject to change.**

**BIOL 151 and 152** • M/W: 1pm - 8pm; T/R: 11am - 8pm; F: 11am - 5pm  
**BIOL 218** • M: 11am - 1pm, 5pm - 8pm; T/R: 11am - 8pm; W: 11am - 1pm, 5pm - 6pm; F: 11am - 1pm  
**CHEM 101 and 102** • M/T/W/R: 11am - 8pm; F: 11am - 5pm  
**CHEM 301** • M: 11am - 4pm, 5pm - 8pm; T: 11am - 1pm, 2pm - 8pm; W: 11am - 3pm, 5pm - 6pm; R: 11am - 8pm; F: 11am - 4pm  
**CHEM 302** • M: 11am - 2pm, 5pm - 8pm; T: 2pm - 8pm; W: 11am - 2pm, 4pm - 6pm; R: 11pm - 1pm, 3pm - 8pm; F: 11am - 1pm, 3pm - 5pm  
**CHEM 303** • M: 11am, 1pm; W: 11am - 2pm  
**CHEM 309** • M/W: 11am - 2pm; F: 11am - 1pm  
**MATH 200** • M: 11am - 1pm, 2pm - 8pm; T/W/R: 11am - 8pm; F: 1pm - 5pm  
**MATH 201** • M: 11am - 1pm, 5pm - 7pm; T: 11am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm; W: 11am - 1pm, 3pm - 8pm; R: 11am - 5pm, 6pm - 8pm; F: 3pm - 5pm  
**PHYS 201** • M: 11am - 2pm  
**PHYS 202** • M/W: 11am - 2pm; F: 11am - 1pm  
**STAT 210** • M/T: 1pm - 8pm; W: 1pm - 6pm; R: 1pm, 3pm - 8pm; F: 11am - 4pm

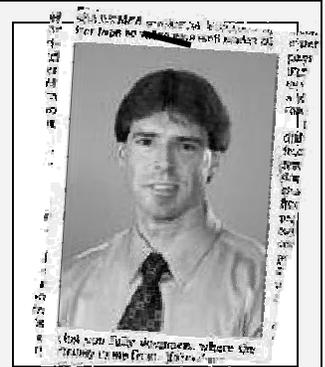
*Please check the Learning Center website for up to date information and a complete listing of tutoring sessions at <http://www.bas.vcu.edu/clc/> for up to date information. Tutoring is not available through the learning center for BIOL 300, BIOL 310, BIOC 403, CHEM 300, or CHEM 401.*

# Getting TO Know... part 1

Welcome to a new addition to the forensic science newsletter. Each issue, we will get to know a faculty or staff member in the Department.

## Hazelrigg, E.

Name: Eric Hazelrigg DOB: unknown Number of years at VCU: less than one  
 Detailed description: Eric Hazelrigg is an instructor in Forensic Science at VCU. He teaches such courses as Microscopy and Instrumentation in Forensics and worked as a trace evidence examiner in the Virginia Department of Forensic Science's Central Laboratory for 18 years.  
 What is your favorite book? Dr. Seuss - Star-belly Sneetches  
 Coke or Pepsi? Milk!  
 Do you prefer a Mac or a PC? PC  
 Where did you go to school? What degrees? Virginia Commonwealth University - B.S. in Biology, M.S. in Criminal Justice  
 Where did you grow up? Hackettstown, NJ until the age of ten, then Bedford, VA  
 Do you have any pets? No, but thinking of splurging on a goldfish  
 If you weren't working in this field, what would you be doing? Construction  
 What attracted you to VCU? Having gone to VCU myself and having been involved with the forensic science program when I worked at DFS, I was aware that it was a quality program and wanted to become a part of it  
 What sound do you love? Lately, silence  
 What sound do you hate? The buzzing of the alarm clock in the morning  
 What profession would you *not* like to participate in? Accounting  
 What is your favorite word? Friday What is your least favorite word? Monday  
 What did you have for breakfast this morning? An English muffin and two hard boiled eggs  
 What countries have you visited? Italy, Germany, Canada, Bermuda, Bahamas, & Mexico  
 What was your favorite course in college? Parapsychology (B.S.), Trace Evidence (M.S.)  
 What are some of your hobbies? Guitar, woodworking



## Marland, K.

Name: Kristin Marland DOB: unknown Number of years at VCU: less than one  
 Detailed description: Kristin is the new Administrative Assistant in the Department of Forensic. Her office is housed in 1000 W Franklin Street with Dorothy Fillmore.  
 What is your favorite book? The Dogs of Babel  
 What kind of car do you wish you drove? A Nissan Murano  
 Do you prefer a Mac or a PC? Mac  
 Where did you grow up? In Portsmouth, VA - for 18 years  
 Where did you go to school? What degrees? Radford University - Bachelor of Music (2003) University of Florida - Master of Music (2005)  
 What is one of your pet peeves? Toilet paper that rolls off the back of the roll, not off the front.  
 Coke or Pepsi? Coke, without a doubt. Coke in a can is the best.  
 Do you have any pets? Two dogs - Chancey (dachshund, jack russell mix) and Razzle (terrier mix) - and a new addition, a kitten named Ophelia  
 If you weren't working in this field, what would you be doing? Teaching music at the collegiate level or working in the creative design field  
 What did you have for breakfast this morning? Count Chocula cereal  
 What is a project you are currently working on that does not have to do with your field? I'm working on creating a DVD of video and pictures from a recent trip to Singapore and Hong Kong  
 If you were a super-villain, what would be your super powers? The ability to produce firewood at the snap of a finger. That stuff just always seems to run out!  
 What is your favorite phrase? "And the Florida Gators win!!!!!"  
 What was your favorite course in college? Astronomy, which I was able to take for 2 semesters as the only sciences for my bachelor degree - no chemistry, no biology, only astronomy!  
 What is your favorite joke? Two muffins are sitting in an oven in a muffin tin, getting baked. They're just minding their own business, doing what muffins do. One muffin wipes his brow and says, "Whew, it sure is hot in here!" The other muffin jumps and exclaims, "HOLY COW! A TALKING MUFFIN!!!"  
 What are some of your hobbies? Playing classical piano and French horn, video and music editing and creation, webpage design, collecting and assembling legos, home decorating



# FORENSIC SCIENCE STUDENT CLUB

THE FORENSIC SCIENCE STUDENT CLUB IS DEVOTED TO PROVIDING A FUN, INTERESTING, & ENTHUSIASTIC ENVIRONMENT TO LEARN ABOUT FORENSIC SCIENCE OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM.

[HTTP://WWW.STUDENTORG.VCU.EDU/FSSC](http://www.studentorg.vcu.edu/fssc)

## CAREER WORKSHOP

The FSSC wants to help you present yourself in the most advantageous way to potential employers and continuing education programs. We coordinate a Forensic Science Career Workshop annually to aid in your future's preparation. This year we are having two! If you were unable to attend the previous workshop held in September, or would like more information, please attend our Spring semester Career Workshop, which will be held Tuesday, January 31 from 3-5 PM in the Forum Room, Student Commons.

The FSSC is working with Forensic Science faculty to bring you information about various forensic science jobs, professional organizations, resume building techniques, and the utility of internships/independent studies. Haley Sims, of the Career Center will again discuss pertinent interview skills and the multiple resources you can access, including mock interviews. Several students also will speak on their experience with out-of-classroom education and preparation techniques for the GREs, LSATs, and MCATs.

*"Two days after the workshop I had an interview at DFS... some interview tips that Haley Sims gave were of great use to me; I had a really good interview... I found out this morning that I got the job... it (the workshop) was really beneficial to me. Thanks!"*  
- Jessica Smith,  
VCU Graduate Student

### How do I become an FSSC Member?

- Our club is open to all majors and class levels. To become a member simply email [blinnbm@vcu.edu](mailto:blinnbm@vcu.edu) with your request!

### Is Blackboard important to the FSSC?

- YES!! The FSSC will communicate primarily through Blackboard. We will have our website updated soon, but please check Blackboard for last minute changes & updates.

*The Forensic Science Student Club is here to help you to take full advantage of your education. It is up to you to be an ACTIVE member. An active member is one who attends as many events & meetings as their schedule allows. We encourage you to voice any opinions, comments, and concerns about our events. Your participation and contribution help to make YOUR club the best it can be.*

The FSSC took a few field trips to the VA Beach Aquarium and Science Museum in October. The "Crime Scene Insects" Exhibit was full of interesting facts and histories. The exhibit is available through 1/8/06. You should check it out if you are interested!

The FSSC is interested in venturing out of Richmond to learn about forensic sciences. A few groups went to see a Crime Scene Insect Exhibit in VA Beach. Check it out at [HTTP://WWW.CSI-EXHIBIT.COM/INDEX.HTML](http://www.csi-exhibit.com/index.html)

The FSSC is also planning a trip to the Spy Museum in Washington, DC. Check out their exhibits at [HTTP://WWW.SPYMUSEUM.ORG/SEE/](http://www.spymuseum.org/see/)

If you learn of any exhibits, conferences, and the like in which the club might be interested in, please let us know. Thank you for your support!

*Scenes from the FSSC Meet and Greet 2005*



## Letter from the FSSC President

Hello and welcome to VCU this Fall 2005!

You are almost one semester closer to your forensic science professional career! We at the FSSC are doing our best to bring forensic science to you outside the classroom. Not only do we invite expert guest lecturers to speak to the club, we also encourage networking and leadership amongst the students. If we have not yet had the pleasure of meeting you at any of our past events, please introduce yourself at our next one!

This academic year the FSSC is emphasizing applications of forensic science through our **Case Study Series**. We have several guest speakers lined up to present the importance and application of their specific discipline to forensic science. Our first speaker was Dr. Hal Deadman, who presented "The value of hair and fiber evidence". Mel Bishop, a Forensic Entomologist, was the second speaker in our series, discussing his current research at the Body Farm. Please check out our website for details and future events.

I wanted to also take this opportunity to let you all know that we take everyone's varied and hectic schedules into consideration. Unfortunately, between speaker and room availability, we are unable to please everyone. If you are unable to attend a lecture due to scheduling conflicts and we have recorded the presentation, you are welcome to check it out from us!

We appreciate your feedback, both positive and negative, at all times. Let us know how you liked or disliked any of our meetings and events. Your voice helps us to bring you what you want out of the club and your college career. Let your voice be heard and we hope to see and meet you at our events!

Best wishes,  
Briana Blinn  
President, Forensic Science Student Club  
[blinnbm@vcu.edu](mailto:blinnbm@vcu.edu)



## Faculty in the News

### VCU Professor receives Distinguished Service Award

VCU Professor in Forensic Science, Chemistry, and Pharmacology/Toxicology, Dr. Al Poklis, was recently awarded a Distinguished Service Award from the American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT) for fifteen years of service as chairman and proctor of the Board Examination.

For more information on Dr. Poklis, please visit <http://www.bas.vcu.edu/forensics/faculty/poklis.html>.



From left to right: ABFTS President Dr. Yale Caplan and VCU Professor Dr. Al Poklis

## A Graduate Research Internship Experience

By Michael L. Silvia

During the past summer, I had the chance to participate in a VCU graduate research internship at the Virginia Department of Forensic Science. In the Forensic Biology section at the Eastern Laboratory in Norfolk, Virginia, I conducted a somatic mutation study on the hair roots of an individual. Promega Corporation's PowerPlex® 16 BIO System was utilized to genotype the hair roots following extraction with the DNA IQ™ System and a Biomek® 2000 robotic platform. One potential somatic mutation was observed among 143 head hair roots tested, and five potential somatic mutations were found in 47 pubic hair roots tested. The rate of occurrence of these potential mutations and possible models to explain the results were examined. Awareness of somatic mutation and the findings of this study could prove important in forensic science casework. Therefore, I presented my findings at the Department of Forensic Science to both classmates and several current examiners. I will also be presenting a poster at the National Academy of Sciences Sackler

Colloquium displaying the findings of the somatic mutation study. The information imparted to examiners from this research project may prove helpful, if a somatic mutation were to be encountered during casework, in answering questions that might arise at or before a trial.

“Overall, the VCU internship has been a great experience that I believe will serve me well for years to come.”

During my internship, I learned a lot about forensic DNA casework processing. Although I was not able to follow an examiner working a case from beginning to end, I was able to observe most aspects of the process including loading and running STR genotyping and product gels, as well as color separation and analysis of STR typing gels via the appropriate computer software. Also, the

work I performed while conducting my research was similar to casework sample genotyping. Although it did not include evidence handling or serological exams, I was able to watch examiners carry out those procedures on a few occasions. I now feel confident in knowing the process and in my own ability to perform these tasks in the future. My graduate research internship experience has become the cornerstone of my CV as I send it out to potential employers.

In addition to the laboratory experience, I gained valuable knowledge by viewing the court testimony of forensic examiners. I gained experience in networking, and my internship mentor and committee members will be valuable contacts in the field for me as I continue to apply for jobs. I would like to thank Dave Pomposini, the internship mentor, and the other committee members Dr. Susan Greenspoon and Dr. William Eggleston for their indispensable help and support. Overall, the VCU internship has been a great experience that I believe will serve me well for years to come.

## Can't make it the AAFS meeting in Seattle?

Here's another chance to make it to a national professional meeting!

The 43rd Annual Meeting of ACJS (the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences) will be held in Baltimore, Maryland from February 28 - March 4, 2006. The meeting is entitled "Investing in Quality: The Philosophy and Practice of Assessment in Criminal Justice."

VCU's own Dr. Marilyn Miller and Dr. Bill Eggleston will be participating in a roundtable discussion entitled "The Presence of Forensic Science in Criminal Justice Curriculum".

Dr. Henry Lee, renowned investigator, will be giving the keynote speech for the meeting on Saturday, March 4.

ACJS meeting information and registration forms can be found at [www.acjs.org](http://www.acjs.org). The student registration cost is only \$30.00 for those who register before February 3, 2006!



The **Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists (MAAFS)** will be holding its annual meeting right in our very own Richmond, Virginia! The event will be held at the Omni Richmond Hotel, May 3-5, 2006. View meeting information at the MAAFS website, <http://www.maafs.org>.

## VCU Department of Forensic Science announces three faculty vacancies

The Department of Forensic Science in the College of Humanities and Sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University is seeking applicants for:

- a tenure track Forensic Chemist position
- a collateral (non-tenure track) position in the area of Forensic Molecular Biology
- a collateral (non-tenure track) position in the area of Criminal Law.

Applications will begin being reviewed in January 2006. The expected hire date for all three positions is August 16, 2006. For detailed job postings and the complete application process please visit VCU's faculty vacancy website located at <http://www.pubinfo.vcu.edu/facjobs/>.

Virginia Commonwealth University seeks to attract an active, culturally and academically diverse faculty of the highest caliber. The University has an enrollment of 29,000 students, including nearly 9,000 ethnic minorities. The positions are listed under the College of Humanities and Sciences. *Virginia Commonwealth University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Women, minorities and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.*

**Fall 2005  
Graduate  
Seminar**

Only two sessions are remaining! Both are presented by VCU Forensic Science Graduate Students, and are held from 3:30-4:30pm in the VCU Temple Building, Room 3310:

- *Wednesday, November 30*  
Amanda Cox, "Effects of Fabric and Contaminants on Bloodstain Patterns"
- *Wednesday, December 7*  
Angela Owens, "Extraction Efficiency of Amphetamines from High Lipid Content Tissues"



## Faculty Updates



**Dr. Marilyn Miller** taught a week long bloodstain analysis and pattern analysis class to the state of Jalisco, Guadalajara's government police and forensic scientists in August 2005. Shortly thereafter, she testified about a crime scene investigation and bloodstain patterns in a homicide case that was televised on Court TV and also taught as part of the

Talent Identification Program at Duke University, assisted by Teaching Assistant Kari Magner (BS, '05). Dr. Miller just had a book chapter published: "Crime Scene Investigation" appears as Chapter 10 in Nordy and James' *Forensic Science: An Introduction to Scientific and Investigative Techniques, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*.

In addition to **Dr. Tracey Dawson Cruz's** teaching duties, she continues to run an active research laboratory where current projects focus on new technologies for the analysis of severely degraded or otherwise compromised biological evidence samples. This September, she received grant funding from the US Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice for this work. Currently, she has 5 students working her in laboratory on various projects, some of whom will present results in February at the annual AAFS meeting in Seattle. Dr. Dawson Cruz has had two recent publications: a book chapter on "Molecular Analysis for Forensic Casework and Parentage Testing" in *Molecular Diagnostics: For the Clinical Laboratorian, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.* and a journal article in the *Journal of Forensic Identification* entitled "Obtaining Typable DNA from Bloodstains that Serologically Test Negative". She is happy to report that she delivered a healthy baby girl, Gabriela Evelyn Cruz, on May 9th, 2005.



## Five Tips for Getting into Graduate School

By Tracey Dawson Cruz, Graduate Director, Department of Forensic Science

### Tip #1:

#### **Keep your GPA high!**

Many competitive programs are not able to interview or even review application materials thoroughly for all students. Those programs will typically rely on GPA and GRE scores to help determine if further evaluation of the candidate is needed. Oftentimes, committees will not only evaluate your overall GPA, but will also look more closely at your GPA in your upper-level major (science) coursework. So – keep your GPA high throughout your academic career then use this as a way to get your "foot-in-the-door" during the application process!

### Tip #2:

**Score high on the general GRE test!** Most programs will require at least the general test; some may also require a specialized "Subject" test. Again, keeping your numbers high will help ensure that your file will be reviewed for further consideration. Take the test early so if you are unsatisfied with your scores you will

have time to retake before application deadlines. If you need extra help, enroll in a tutorial course for the GRE (offered by several educational companies).

### Tip #3:

**Get laboratory experience!** Graduate programs in science disciplines are designed to train research, clinical, and/or applied laboratory scientists; therefore, for most programs it is desirable for prospective students to have some laboratory experience. Some admissions committees even *require* this type of experience before considering applicants. Remember, all science students have coursework lab experience. However, those that have some additional laboratory experience (internship, independent study, volunteer laboratory job) can better highlight and "prove" their skill-level, commitment, and dedication to a science career. Having solid laboratory skills and experiences can help ensure that you will rank higher among the applicant pool.

### Tip #4:

#### **Build strong relationships with faculty!**

Most graduate programs require two or three letters of recommendation. Often, the best recommendations come from professors who have taught you in a course in which you excelled or faculty who have served as laboratory mentors. Start building these relationships early on in your academic career so that you have choices when it's time to apply.

### Tip #5:

#### **Don't over-commit yourself as an undergraduate!**

Admissions committees want to see students who excel in their major coursework area and are focused on their academic pursuits. While extra coursework ("double" majors) and campus activities are good, they should not be taken on at the sacrifice of your major, primary coursework. Remember, a strong GPA in your primary major will be your biggest advantage when applying to graduate school (see Tip #1!).

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# Academic Calendar

## NOVEMBER 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## DECEMBER 2005

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## JANUARY 2006

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## NOVEMBER 2005

### November 24-27

- University closed - evening classes (classes beginning at 4 p.m. or later) do not meet on Nov 23

## DECEMBER 2005

### December 10

- Last day of classes for fall semester - both campuses
- December Commencement

### December 12-17

- Final examinations for fall semester - evening classes

### December 12-20

- Final examinations for fall semester (MPC)

### December 16

- Final date for graduate dean's approval signature on completion of graduate thesis/dissertation for December degree candidates (check with graduate program director regarding internal schedules for submission of copy, defense and school/college dean approval)
- Final date for submission of thesis/dissertation to the library

### December 21-Jan 1

- University closed

### December 24

- Official date for certifying December diplomas

### December 27

- Holiday intersession classes begin

### December 29

- Deadline for students to provide advance written notification to instructors of intent to observe religious holidays - holiday intersession

## JANUARY 2006

### January 1

- University offices closed

### January 7

- Holiday intersession classes end

### January 10-12

- Advising, registration and orientation for new undergraduate students

### January 12

- Registration for new graduate and new certificate students

### January 13

- Registration for continuing students

### January 16

- University Closed

### January 17

- Spring classes begin

### January 17-23

- Add/drop and late registration

### January 23

- Deadline for dean/departmental offices to submit all approved undergraduate change of major requests effective for the spring 2006 semester

### January 27

- Last day for spring degree candidates to submit graduation applications to their advisers for May degrees

### January 27

- Deadline for students to provide advance written notification to instructors of intent to observe religious holidays

MPC - Monroe Park Campus

## Congratulations to the following students who plan to graduate in December 2005:

### Bachelor of Science

Staysi Blunt  
Keah A. Bridges  
Daniel P. Dalton  
Ashley C. Dooley  
Joshua T. Earley  
Pamela J. Grizzard  
Rebecca A. Harris  
Amouy A. Henry  
Ashley E. Manis  
Genard I. Patrick  
Alexandra M. Pittock

Kimberley D. Powelka

Niles D. Wedge  
Catherine M. Wilson

### Master of Science

Katie L. Coy  
Matthew Dindinger  
James C. Jeffress  
Angela M. Owens  
Kimberly A. Perusse  
Rebecca A. Schlisserman  
Michael L. Silvia

## ATTENTION VCU ALUMNI

**Have you gotten a great job? Are you getting another degree? Are you teaching? Have you gotten married? Have you been published in a literary source?**

We want to know what you're up to! Inside this newsletter is a business reply mail postcard requesting your updated information! We want to stay in contact with you, and to continue sending you our newsletter twice annually. All you have to do is fill out the card and drop it in the mail. Postage will be paid for you! The Forensic Science newsletter will begin featuring an "Alumni Update" section, so your fellow graduates, current VCU Forensic Science majors, and prospective students can learn what our graduates are doing now! Please send pictures to [fos@vcu.edu](mailto:fos@vcu.edu) for inclusion in the newsletter.