

Michael Cherry

Michael Cherry is the President of Cherry Biometrics Inc. His Forensic Lab uses computer tools and pattern recognition scientists to find and document fingerprint comparison errors that fingerprint examiners frequently overlook. Mr. Cherry has appeared before the Biometric Committee of the National Academies of Science and his firm often votes on International Law Enforcement Fingerprint Standards at the invitation of the US Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Mr. Cherry is Vice Chair, Digital Technology Committee, for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. The US Department of Justice has favorably reviewed two of his biometric articles on their web site.

Adina Schwartz

ADINA SCHWARTZ is a Professor in the Department of Law, Police Science and Criminal Justice Administration at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and in the Criminal Justice Ph.D. Program, City University of New York (CUNY). Professor Schwartz has served as a defense expert, consulted, and made numerous presentations on the scientific problems with firearms and toolmark identification. Her articles, "A Systemic Challenge to the Reliability and Admissibility of Firearms and Toolmark Identification," 6 Columbia Science & Technology Law Review 1 (2005), and "Commentary on Nichols R.G., Defending the Scientific Foundations of the Firearms and Tool Mark Identification Discipline: Responding to Recent Challenges, are cited in *United States v. Monteiro*, 407 F. Supp. 2d 351 (D.Mass. 2006), *United States v. Green*, 405 F. Supp. 2d 104 (D. Mass. 2005), *United States v. Glynn*, 578 F.Supp.2d 567 (SDNY 2008), *United States v. Mikos*, 539 F.3d 706, 711 (7th Cir. 2008), and *United States v. Mouzone*, Case No.: WDQ 08-086-24, slip copy, 2009 WL 3617748 (D.Md. Oct. 29, 2009).

Dr. Frederic Whitehurst

Dr. Frederic Whitehurst is best known for his stand in the 1990's against corrupt practices in the FBI Crime Laboratory where he worked as a forensic chemist. As a result of his public revelations concerning those issues, the FBI announced in 1997 that it would fix over 40 significant failings in its forensic laboratory operation. Dr. Whitehurst later conducted two years of post doctoral research as a Robert Welch Fellow in Chemistry at Texas A&M University. Dr. Whitehurst joined the FBI in 1982 as a Special Agent, and served as an FBI Special Agent from 1982-1998. He received his JD from Georgetown University in 1996 and was admitted to the bar in North Carolina in 2003. Dr. Whitehurst is presently the Director of the nonprofit forensic watchdog group., the Forensic Justice Project, based in Washington, DC. He currently practices law in North Carolina and is a nationally known forensic consultant and lectures throughout the US to both the academic and legal community.

Bicka Barlow

Bicka Barlow received a Bachelor of Science from the University of California, Berkeley, in Genetics, and an Master of Science from Cornell University in Genetics and Development. Ms. Barlow then went on to the University of San Francisco School of Law where she received a JD. Since graduation, she has worked exclusively in the area of criminal law with an emphasis in DNA evidence. Ms. Barlow has acted as either DNA counsel or consultant on over 300 cases at all stages from trial to post conviction proceedings in State and Federal court. Five of these cases have been capital. Ms. Barlow, along with Michael Burt, conducted the first successful challenge to STR based DNA evidence in the United States under *Kelly* in the case of *People v. Bokin et al.*, in the San Francisco Superior Court. In 2005 Ms. Barlow was the first attorney in the country to request and obtain data from a convicted offender database in Arizona that has raised new questions about the reliability of the statistical analysis of DNA evidence. In 2004 she was hired by the San Francisco Public Defender's Office as the office's "DNA attorney."

Doug Burris

Doug Burris is the Chief United States Probation Officer in Eastern Missouri. His District manages one of the most at-risk caseloads in the criminal justice system and oversees 2,000 federal offenders. The publication *Federal Court Management Report* described him as, "Enthusiastic and goal-oriented, Burris has developed highly successful programs that have helped greatly reduce rates of unemployment, violations, and revocations." His District has received considerable recognition for a highly successful offender employment program, which has resulted in the offenders on their caseload having an unemployment rate less than that of the community for more than five years. Burris has received numerous national leadership awards, including the Director's Award for Outstanding Leadership, the most prestigious award given in the Federal Judiciary. Burris appeared before the U.S. House of Representatives at the National Crime Summit, and testified as an expert witness before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs at a hearing on strategies to reduce recidivism. He has conducted multiple presentations at the White House, and at the invitation of the Executive Office of the President, was a featured speaker at an international event to officials representing 34 countries.

Mark Ackley

Mark Ackley graduated from the Indiana University School of Law (Bloomington) in 1996. He began his law career in 1997 as a trial attorney with the Louisville-Jefferson County Public Defender (1997-2000). Mark moved to Boise in 2000 and joined the Idaho State Appellate Public Defender, Capital Litigation Unit (CLU), where he served as lead attorney in the CLU from 2002-2010. Mark joined the Federal Defender Services of Idaho in 2010 where he serves as a assistant federal defender in the trial unit.

Dr. Melissa Piasecki

Melissa Piasecki, M.D. is a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Nevada School of Medicine where she has taught medical students and residents for fifteen years. She is the recipient of several student and resident teaching awards and is the author or editor of four books. Her teaching interests include Psychiatry/Forensic Psychiatry and the Neuroscience of Addiction. Dr. Piasecki completed a fellowship in Forensic Psychiatry in 2005 and that training experience has led her career into the direction of legal and judicial education and working as an expert witness. Her work with legal professionals focuses on psychiatry and the law, mental retardation and addiction

Brady Ward

Brady Ward is the newest attorney in the Capital Habeas Unit for the Federal Defender Services of Idaho. Prior to moving to Idaho she worked in the appellate division at the Public Defender's Office in Miami, Fl. She received a J.D. from the University of Florida in 2005 and a B.A. in philosophy from Haverford College in 2002.

Dr. Michael Blankenship

Dr. Michael Blankenship is a professor of criminal justice at Boise State University. He served as Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs from June 2002-December 2006. He earned a B.S. degree in criminal justice and a M.P.A. degree from Western Carolina University, and a Ph.D. in criminal justice from Sam Houston State University. Dr. Blankenship served previously as editor of the American Journal of Criminal Justice, President of the Southern Criminal Justice Association and as program chair for the Academy of Criminal Justice Studies.

Dr. Natalie Brown

Dr. Natalie Brown is a Licensed Psychologist in Washington and Florida with specialized training and expertise in the areas of developmental disabilities and fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs). She has practiced in both the clinical and forensic areas for 15 years and is certified in Washington State to conduct evaluations and risk assessments for the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and Department of Social and Health Services. As a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Washington, she consults with the Fetal Alcohol and Drug Unit regarding criminal behaviors in individuals with FASD diagnoses and other conditions involving developmental disability. Dr. Brown is the founder and Program Director/Chief Psychologist for FASD Experts, the only multi disciplinary FASD assessment group in the United States that operates in the forensic area. For the past 3 years, she also has been testing and screening misdemeanor offenders suspected of having FASD who were referred by the Mental Health and Drug Courts in Seattle in order to determine their potential eligibility for coverage by the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

Paul Conner

Paul Connor, Ph.D. is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences' Fetal Alcohol and Drug Unit (FADU) at the University of Washington. He received a Bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Washington, and his Ph.D. in clinical psychology, with a specialization in neuropsychology, from Brigham Young University. Dr. Connor served his internship at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, specializing in neuropsychology, and a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Washington in neuropsychology and fetal alcohol research. For the past nearly 15 years he has been the neuropsychologist for FADU specializing in the study of the damaging effects on the brain, cognition and mental health functioning caused by prenatal alcohol exposure. He has co-authored 14 peer reviewed manuscripts and 3 book chapters focusing on the long term effects of prenatal alcohol exposure into adolescence and adulthood. Dr. Connor also runs a private practice offering neuropsychological assessment services for adults with known or suspected prenatal alcohol damage in both clinical and forensic settings

Tom Klein

For the past 25 years Tom Klein has been a trial attorney in the Criminal Defense Division of the Legal Aid Society in New York City, where he has tried homicide and other complex cases. He has been a Staff Attorney, a Supervising Attorney, Director of Litigation, and Attorney in Charge of the New York County (Manhattan) office. He is the co-author of *Expanding the Scope of Cross-Examination at Hearings and Trials in New York State*, a recent two-volume Legal Aid publication. Tom is the real deal. But don't take it from us. Here's what others have said about his presentations:

"Inspirational!" - Eric (Diamond Bar, CA)
Klein's "use of examples was superb." - Ben, (Chicago, IL)
Klien "was the best speaker! Amazing!" - Tracy (Palatine, IL)
"Highly informative and engaging." - Lisa (Croton-on-Hudson, NT)

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Friday, October 1, 2010
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10/02 **\$75**

SCHEDULE

Friday, October 1st
8:00 - 8:15 am
Registration

8:00 am - 8:15 am
Opening Remarks
Dick Rubin

8:15 am - 9:15 am
**Fingerprints and
Cell Tower are
Winnable**
Michael Cherry

9:15 am - 9:30 am
BREAK

9:30 am - 10:30 am
**Firearms &
Ballistics**
Adina Schwartz

10:30am - 11:30am
**Forensic Analysis: A
Case Study of
Flawed Logic In
Determination of
Guilt
Part I**
Dr. Frederic
Whitehurst

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
**LUNCH ON YOUR
OWN**

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
**Forensic Analysis: A
Case Study of
Flawed Logic In
Determination of
Guilt
Part II**
Dr. Frederic
Whitehurst

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
**The Fallibility of
Thinking About The
Infallibility of DNA**
Bicka Barlow

3:00 - 3:15 pm
BREAK

3:15 - 4:15 pm
**New Paradigm for
Probation &
Supervision**
Doug Burris

4:15 - 5:00 pm
**Ninth Circuit
Update**
Mark Ackley

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
COCKTAIL PARTY
Basque Market
608 Grove Street

SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 2nd
8:00 - 8:30am
Registration

8:30 - 10:00 am
**Methamphetamine
Use & Addiction: Its
Short and Long
Term Impact on the
Brain and Behavior**
Dr. Melissa Piasecki

10:00 - 10:15 am
BREAK

10:15 - 10:45 am
**Supreme Court
Update**
Brady Ward

10:45am - 12:00 pm
**Circumstances In
Idaho Capital Trials
Since 1976**
Dr. Michael Blakenship

12:00 - 1:15 pm
**LUNCH ON YOUR
OWN**

1:15 - 3:00 pm
**Forensic
Assessment of Fetal
Alcohol Spectrum
Disorders In The
Habeas Context**
Dr. Natalie Novick
Brown and Dr. Paul
Connor

3:00 - 3:15 pm
BREAK

3:15 - 4:15 pm
**Statements:
Crossing Cops At
Suppression
Hearings**
Tom Klein
