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Education

2004	Juris Doctorate	University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas
2001	Bachelor of Arts	Psychology and Government University of Texas at Austin, Texas Phi Beta Kappa

Recognition/Awards

Travis County Women's Lawyers Association, **Criminal Justice Attorney Award**, April 2014

MADD Outstanding Service Award, December 2008

License

2004 Licensed by State Bar of Texas

Committee & Appointments

- Board of Directors, Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners (Forensic Center of Excellence)
- The Governor's Sexual Assault Survivors' Task Force (SASTF) Safety Planning Working Group
- Associate Member of The American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Jurisprudence Section
- President, RESPOND Against Violence a Non-Profit Organization
- Conference on Crimes Against Women National Advisory Council
- The International Association of Chiefs of Police: National Demonstration Initiative on Gender Bias Advisory Board
- Faculty Advisor for IDVSA Expert Witness Training, UT School of Social Work
- Advisory Board, Victims Voice
- Former Chair of Strangulation Task Force Committee, Travis County, Texas
- Former Texas County & District Attorneys Association Training Committee
- Former Faculty and National Advisory Committee for the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention
- Served as Faculty for various conferences, including Advanced Trial Skills by TDCAA and the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention.

Professional Experience

July 2018 – Current **RESPOND Against Violence**
President & CEO

- The mission of *RESPOND Against Violence* ("RESPOND") is to transform community responses to violence and trauma through forming alliances, enhancing policies, and creating sustainable change.
- The foundation includes the commitment of a multidisciplinary team that includes law enforcement, forensic nurses, treatment providers, advocates, prosecutors and many other nationally recognized experts in various fields. All with the same goal of creating a more informed and accountable system.
- The organization aims to RESPOND to all forms of trauma or violence with a wrap-around approach applying forward-thinking techniques to reform the systems. It supports initiatives and protocols that are trauma-informed and combine transparency and accountability. We recognize that justice reform must include the voices of survivors and to truly be reformed and it is the commitment of RESPOND to help their voices be heard.
- The three main pillars of the organization are to encourage transparency, accountability and change within systems that impact victims of violence.

Jan 2017 – Current

McKay Training & Consulting, LLC

- Provides assessments and audits for communities, agencies and departments to develop and maintain transparent accountability and sustainable systems change.
- Developing curriculum, protocols and peer review for the Keymer Institute for Adult Forensic Interviewing with the Forensic Center of Excellence.
- Created, drafted and consulted on the Texas Roll-Call Series for Identification and Investigation of Strangulation Crimes for the Institute for Coordinated Community Response.
- Authored the training curriculum for the SAFVIC Program on Investigating Strangulation.
- Provides consultation for law enforcement, prosecutors or other agencies on the identification, investigation and strategy of asphyxiation related cases.
- Provides consultation on missed and misdiagnosed death and homicide cases.
- Developer of the Annual Strangulation Series.
- Coordinated and assisted in the development of asphyxiation protocol for Harris County, Texas including the roll-out of the Asphyxiation Assessment for their 86 agencies.
- Consults with Statewide agencies to develop programs and policies.
- Educator for the Statewide Strangulation Training Program with Texas Municipal Police Association.
- Provides assistance in the development of legislation and policy on topics related to trauma and violence.
- Provides consulting services on individual cases (fatal and non-fatal; sexual, child abuse or intimate partner abuse) for law enforcement, prosecutors, medical community and civilians.
- Provides policy advisement and implementation of protocols for agencies and communities investing in their efforts to deliver a more comprehensive and evidence-based approach to the criminal justice system.

- Facilitates a conversation and makes recommendations and consulting for Multi-Disciplinary teams who prioritize working towards the common goal of advancing their efforts to effectively collaborate between agencies in a community.
- Offers a combination of training and policy implementation for agencies and communities.
- Provides trainings for conferences and community-based engagements on a variety of topics including strangulation (fatal, non-fatal, sexual and physical) for victims across the lifespan (from child, adult and older adults), understanding victim and batterer behavior in the field, power and control, evidence-based prosecution, trauma, expert-witness collaboration and a variety of other topics (see website for most updated topics).
- Provides keynote talks on a variety of topics.
- Consults, testifies and provides assistance in developing and executing strategy on criminal and civil cases that involve domestic violence, strangulation and child abuse.

March 2007 – Jan 2017

**Assistant District Attorney
Travis County District Attorney's Office**

March 2011 – Jan 2017

Strangulation Prosecutor

- Prosecuted thousands of strangulation cases, including jury trials related to strangulation in the context of capital murder, family violence and sexual assault.
- Developed and updated the Strangulation Supplement for law enforcement.
- Staffed strangulation cases with law enforcement for agencies in the Travis County area.
- Developed and implemented training for law enforcement, medical staff (including doctors, nurses, SANE, paramedics and EMT's), prosecutors, victim counselors, probation department, judges and presented to various organizations.
- Developed a strangulation supplement to be implemented into law enforcement protocol throughout Texas and other states.
- Staffed cases for law enforcement and made charging decisions.
- Prepared and presented cases to the grand jury and prosecuted to resolution.
- Developed and trained numerous medical personnel to be used as strangulation experts in trial, including the entire Austin/Travis County EMS community and Sexual Assault Nurses.
- Trained over a dozen cadet classes of the Austin Police Department.
- Trained numerous prosecutors regarding trial skills for domestic violence and strangulation prosecution.
- Founded the Strangulation Taskforce, a team of interdisciplinary, multi-agency representatives around the community to discuss the intersections between Child Abuse, Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Assault in Strangulation.

February 2010 – March 2011 *Trial Court, 167th District Court*

- Prepared and prosecuted cases ranging from murder, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault and other felony offenses to resolution.

- April 2009 – February 2010 *Family Justice Division Prosecutor, 427th District Court*
- Prepared and prosecuted cases related to child physical and sexual abuse, and domestic violence.
- January 2008 – April 2009 *Grand Jury/ Intake Prosecutor*
- Prepared and presented all aggravated assault family violence related offenses to the grand jury.
 - Staffed cases with law enforcement.
- March 2007 – January 2008 *Trial Court, 390th District Court*
- Prepared and prosecuted cases various felony offenses to resolution.
- February 2005 – March 2007 **Assistant County Attorney
Travis County Attorney's Office**
- March 2006 – March 2007 *Court Chief, County Court-at-Law #4, Travis County, Texas*
- Family Violence Court prosecuting all phases of misdemeanor domestic violence cases.
 - Supervised and trained three prosecutors and two support staff.
 - Responsible for various hearings on issues such as Forfeiture by Wrongdoing, pre-trial motions and evidentiary challenges.
 - Prosecuted numerous cases involving interpersonal violence before a jury and/or judge.
- February 2005 – March 2006 *Trial Court Prosecutor and Intake Attorney*
- Handled a variety of misdemeanor cases from the staffing, filing, pre-trial hearings and prosecution of assault, DWI, and other common cases.
 - Met with applicant for protective orders.
 - Drafted and filed thousands of misdemeanor criminal cases.

Teaching & Training Experience

- Speaker, Relationship Violence 360 Conference, Travis County Sheriff's Office, "Strangulation Investigation" June 2011
- Instructor, Austin Police Department Cadet Academy, "Strangulation Response & Investigation" July 2011, February 2013, October 2013, January 2014
- Speaker, Prosecutor Skills Course, Texas District and County Attorneys Association, "Prosecuting Strangulation Cases" July 2011
- Instructor, Cedar Park Police Department In-Service Training, "Strangulation Investigation" January 2012
- Instructor, Travis County Sheriff's Office New Detective and Sex Crimes Detective Training, "Investigating Strangulation" June 2012
- Speaker, Travis County Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, "Documenting Strangulation" 2012
- Instructor, Austin Police Department In-Service Training, "Investigation Strangulation and Family Violence Cases" January 2013, June 2013
- Instructor, Austin Police Department In-Service Training, "Victim Advocacy in Domestic Violence Strangulation Cases" Multiple Trainings from 2011-2014

Speaker, Investigator School, Texas District and County Attorneys' Association, "Strangulation" February 2013

Speaker, Travis County District Attorney's Office, Training for Counselors "Strangulation: Knowledge & Advocacy" August 2013

Speaker, Williamson County Domestic Assault Response Team Meeting, "Strangulation" August 2013

Speaker, The University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work, "Understanding Strangulation" August 2013

Instructor, Lakeway Police Department Patrol In-Service Training, "Responding and Investigation to Strangulation Cases" November 2013 (multiple dates)

Speaker, Capital Area Law Enforcement Executive Association (CALEEA), "The Importance of Strangulation Training" November 2013

Speaker, St. David's Hospital Monthly Meeting, "Examining Strangulation in the Medical Setting" November 2013

Speaker, Travis County Family Violence Task Force, "Understanding Strangulation" November 2013

Speaker, CrossCheck, "The Importance of Implementing Strangulation Training" February 2014

Instructor, Austin Police Department In-Service Training for Commanders and Sergeants, "Strangulation Training: Investigation and Response" March 2014, May 2014

Speaker, SafePlace Women's Shelter, "Understanding Strangulation" March 2014

Presenter, Conference on Crimes Against Women, "Strangulation Case Studies: Lessons Learned", Genesis Women's Shelter and Dallas Police Department, March 2014

Presenter, Conference on Crimes Against Women, "Overcoming Obstacles in Strangulation Cases", Genesis Women's Shelter and Dallas Police Department, March 2014

Presenter, Every Victim. Every Time Conference, "Strangulation Case Studies: Lessons Learned", Brazos County, March 2014

Presenter, Every Victim. Every Time Conference, "Overcoming Obstacles in Strangulation Cases", Brazos County, March 2014

Speaker, Brackenridge Emergency Room Monthly Meeting, "Understanding and Documenting Strangulation in the Trauma Setting" April 2014

Speaker, Travis County Sexual Assault Response Team, "Strangulation and Sexual Assault" May 2014

Presenter, Williamson County Domestic Assault Response Team Second Annual Conference, "Strangulation: Lessons Learned" May 2014

Speaker and Faculty, Expert Witness Training, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, University of Texas at Austin with National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, "Using a Strangulation Expert" May 2014

Instructor, Austin Police Department Modified Cadet Academy, "Strangulation: First Responders" May 2014

Instructor, Austin Police Department, Night Shift Training, "Strangulation Response" May 2014

Instructor, Travis County Sheriff's Office: Field Training Officer Course, "Strangulation: Response and Investigation" June 2014

Presenter, Travis County Emergency Medical Services, "Strangulation: The 360 Degree Exam" Austin, TX, June-August 2014 (total of 7 trainings)

Instructor, Austin Police Department, Commander Training, "Investigating Strangulation for a Successful Prosecution" July 2014

Instructor, Pflugerville Independent School District Police Department, "Strangulation: Investigation & Response" July 2014

Trainer, The University of Texas Police Department, "Strangulation: Investigation & Response" July 2014

Presenter, 2014 Statewide Conference on Violence Against Women (Texas Municipal Police Association), "Overcoming Obstacles in the Investigation and Response" July 2014

Faculty, 2014 TDCAA: Advanced Trial Advocacy Course, Faculty Advisor, August 2014

Presenter, 2014 TDCAA: Advanced Trial Advocacy Course, "Strangulation 101" August 2014

Presenter, 2014 TDCAA: Advanced Trial Advocacy Course, "Strangulation: Lessons Learned" August 2014

Instructor, Pflugerville Independent School District Police Department, "Strangulation: Investigation & Response" August 2014

Faculty and Presenter, Advanced Course on Strangulation Prevention, Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention (a program of the National Family Justice Center Alliance), "Insight from the Trenches: A Prosecutor's Perspective" San Diego, CA, August 2014

Instructor, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, "Strangulation and Sexual Assault," August 2014

Presenter, South Austin Hospital Mini Trauma Conference, "Strangulation," August 2014

Presenter, South Austin Hospital, Social Workers, "Understanding Strangulation" September 2014

Presenter, Travis County Counseling and Education Services, "Understanding Domestic Violence Strangulation," October 2014

Webinar Speaker, National Family Justice Center Alliance, "Evidence-Based Investigation and Prosecution in Domestic Violence Cases" December 2014

Speaker, Travis County District Attorney's Office Prosecutors, "Understanding Strangulation" October 2014

Presenter, South Austin St. David's Hospital (Nurses), "Understanding Strangulation" October 2014

Presenter, Mississippi State Annual Prosecutors Conference, "Strangulation" October 2014

Instructor, Austin Police Department Cadet Academy, "Strangulation: Investigation and Response" October 2014

Webinar Speaker, Battered Women Justice Project, "Researcher/Practitioner Discourse: Strangulation and Domestic Violence."

Instructor, Austin Police Department Cadet Academy, "Strangulation: First Responders" January 2015

Speaker, Travis County Probation Department, "Understanding Strangulation" February 2015

Faculty and Presenter, Advanced Course on Strangulation Prevention, Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention (a program of the National Family Justice Center Alliance), "Real Case Study" & "Developing Local Experts: The Implementation Plan" Ft. Worth, Texas, February 2015

Presenter, Conference on Crimes Against Women, "Understanding Strangulation (part 1 & 2): What it is, Why We Care and How to Prove It" Genesis Women's Shelter and Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas March 2015

Instructor, Austin Police Department Cadet Academy, "Strangulation: Investigation and Response" April 2015

Presenter, Austin Bench Bar Conference, Breakout Session: Criminal Law, "Strangulation" April 2015

Presenter, Clackamas County Child Abuse & Family Violence 16th Annual Summit, "Uncovering Strangulation (two parts)" and "Successful Prosecution of Strangulation" Portland, Oregon April 2015

Speaker, Central Texas Sex Offender Registrar Compliance Meeting, "Strangulation" Williamson County, Texas, April 2015

Speaker and Faculty, Expert Witness Training, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, University of Texas at Austin with National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, "Translating Trauma" "Stalking" and "Simulation of a Strangulation Expert Witness" Bastrop, Texas, May 2015

Speaker, Travis County Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, "Uncovering Strangulation" May 2015

Instructor, The Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, "Desensitized to Death: The Lethality, Assessment, Documentation & Prosecution of Strangulation" Full Day Training, Columbia, Missouri, June 2015

Presenter, TDCAA Domestic Violence Seminar, "Strangulation & The Law: How to Successfully Prosecute Strangulation" & "Using Experts in Family Violence, Strangulation & Sexual Assault Case" June 2015

Speaker, Texas Municipal Police Association: Statewide Conference on Violence Against Women, "Overcoming Obstacles in Strangulation: Investigation & Response" July 2015

Speaker, Texas District & County Attorneys Association: Prosecutor Trial Skills Course, "Prosecuting Domestic Violence Cases" August 2015

Presenter, Municipal Court Judges Monthly Meeting, "Strangulation & Intimate Partner Violence in the Criminal Justice System" August 2015

Instructor, Austin Police Department Cadet Academy, "Strangulation: Investigation and Response" August 2015

Instructor, Austin Police Department Modified Cadet Academy, "Strangulation: Investigation and Response" September 2015

Speaker, Haven, "Strangulation: Changing Practice" Full day training, Flint, Michigan, September 2015

Speaker, Texas District & County Attorney's Association: Annual Criminal & Civil Law Update, "Translating Doubt into Conviction Through the Strategic Use of Experts: Trauma, Dynamics and Strangulation," September 2015

Speaker, Collin County Facing Family Violence Conference, "Uncovering Strangulation: The Lethality, Assessment, Documentation and Investigation of Strangulation," October 2015

Speaker, Tippecanoe County District Attorney's Office, Indiana, Strangulation: What it is, Why we Care & How to Prove it! Multidisciplinary training, October 2015

Media Coverage of Event:
<http://wffi.com/2015/10/28/domestic-violence-law-enforcement-training-held-in-lafayette/>

Speaker, Driving Change Conference: Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center, Boston Massachusetts, "Uncovering Strangulation: The Lethality, Assessment, Documentation and Investigation of Strangulation," November 2015

Speaker, Delaware Law Enforcement Domestic Violence Training, "Strangulation Best Practices" November 2015

Speaker, University of Texas System Wide Police Department, UNCOVERING STRANGULATION: The Lethality, Assessment, Documentation & Investigation of Strangulation, Austin, Texas December 2015

Speaker, Tennessee District Attorney's General Conference, "Strangulation: What it is, Why we care & How to Prove it!" Franklin, TN, December 2015

Speaker, 2016 Criminal Justice Conference for Texas Center for the Judiciary, "Understanding Strangulation" Austin, Texas, February 2016

Speaker, The Center for Child Protection, "Desensitized to Death: The Lethality, Assessment and Investigation of Strangulation in Child Abuse" Austin, Texas, March 2016 (repeated session)

Speaker, Texas Council on Family Violence, BIPP Conference, "Understanding Strangulation Lethality" Round Rock, Texas, April 2016

Presenter, Conference on Crimes Against Women, "Desensitized to Death: The Lethality, Assessment and Prosecution of Strangulation", Genesis Women's Shelter and Dallas Police Department, April 2016

Presenter, Conference on Crimes Against Women, "Translating Doubt into Conviction Through the Strategic Use of Experts: Trauma, Dynamics and Strangulation", Genesis Women's Shelter and Dallas Police Department, April 2016

Presenter, Every Victim. Every Time, "Desensitized to Death: The Lethality, Assessment and Prosecution of Strangulation," College Station, Texas, April 2016

Presenter, Clackamas County Child Abuse & Family Violence 17th Annual Summit, "Desensitized to Death: The Lethality, Assessment and Prosecution of Strangulation" Portland, Oregon April 2016

Presenter, Clackamas County Child Abuse & Family Violence 17th Annual Summit, "Strangulation: A Hidden Crime in Child Abuse" Portland, Oregon April 2016

Presenter, Downstate Conference on Child Abuse, "Strangulation: The Overlap between Child Abuse & Intimate Partner Violence" Mount Vernon, Illinois April 2016

Speaker and Faculty, Expert Witness Training, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, University of Texas at Austin with National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Bastrop, Texas, May 2016

Instructor, Austin Police Department Cadet Academy, "Strangulation: Investigation and Response" May 2016

Instructor, Canton Police Department, (multi-agency, multidisciplinary), "Desensitized to Death: Multidisciplinary Approach to Strangulation from Start to Finish" June 2016 (repeated)

Keynote Speaker, Strangulation Seminar: Implementing Protocol on the Lethality, Assessment & Prosecution of Strangulation, Nashville, TN, July 2016

Instructor, "Prosecution and Community Implementation of Strangulation Protocol", Las Vegas, Nevada, July 16-17, 2016

Speaker, Texas Municipal Police Association: Statewide Conference on Violence Against Women, "Strangulation" San Antonio, Texas, August 2016

Speaker, Texas Department of Criminal Justice Victim Services Division, "Processing Strangulation," Austin, Texas, August, 2016

Faculty and Presenter, Advanced Course on Strangulation Prevention, Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention (a program of the National Family Justice Center Alliance), "Insight from the Trenches: A Prosecutor's Perspective" and "Using Expert Witnesses" San Diego, CA, August 2016

Speaker, San Diego District Attorney's Office Hosted, "Desensitized to Death" and "Implementing a Community Wide Protocol," San Diego, CA, August 2016

Speaker, EMERGE Domestic Violence Conference, "Strangulation," (BIPP Providers, Probation, etc.) Kansas City, MO, August 2016

Instructor, Austin Police Department Cadet Academy, 134th Cadet Class, "Strangulation: The Lethality, Assessment and Investigation of Strangulation" Austin, Texas, September 2016

Presenter, Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, 6th Annual Animal Cruelty Conference, "Family Violence: The Links Beyond the 'Link,'" Austin, Texas, September 2016

Instructor, University of Texas Law Enforcement, "Strangulation," Austin, Texas, September 2016.

Presenter, Texas County & District Attorneys Association, "Strangulation: Beyond What We See," Investigator Track, Galveston, Texas, September 2016

Presenter, Tennessee District Attorney's General Conference, "Translating Trauma: A Prosecutor's Perspective on Interpreting Victim Behavior," Pigeon Forge, TN, October 2016

Presenter, Tennessee District Attorney's General Conference, "Desensitized to Death: The Assessment, Lethality & Prosecution of Non-Fatal Strangulation," Pigeon Forge, TN, October 2016

Speaker, Maui Police Department: Strangulation, Sexual Assault & Homicide, "Strangulation: What is it? Why we Care and How to Prove it!" Maui, Hawaii, October 2016

Speaker, Honolulu District Attorney's Office, "Domestic Violence: A Hidden Crime," Honolulu, Hawaii, October 2016

Speaker, Honolulu District Attorney's Office, "The Ethics of Domestic Violence Prosecution: Seeking Justice," Honolulu, Hawaii, October 2016

Presenter, The University of Texas System Police: Chiefs of Police Conference, "Strangulation in Domestic Violence," New Braunfels, TX, October 2016

Trainer, Travis County Sheriff's Office, Training for Small Agencies, "Desensitized to Death: The Lethality, Assessment & Investigation of Strangulation," Bee Caves City Hall and Manor City Hall, November 2016. Repeated 4 times.

Trainer, The Safe Alliance, "Desensitized to Death: The Trauma of Strangulation," Austin, Texas, January 2017

Trainer, Texas Department of Public Safety, "Identifying Strangulation," Austin, Texas, January 2017

Speaker and Faculty, Expert Witness Regional Training, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, University of Texas at Austin with National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Corpus Christi, Texas, February 2017

- Stalking Behavior
- Strangulation Overview
- Translating Trauma & Neurobiology of Trauma
- Qualifying Medical Experts

Lecturer, The Dallas Children's Advocacy Center Lecture Series, Strangulation: The Hidden Crime in Child Abuse, Dallas, Texas, February 2017

Trainer, Multi-Agency Strangulation Training, Desensitized to Death: Belton, Texas, February 2017

Speaker and Faculty, Expert Witness Regional Training, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, University of Texas at Austin with National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Belton, Texas, February 2017

- Stalking Behavior
- Strangulation Overview
- Translating Trauma & Neurobiology of Trauma
- Qualifying Medical Experts

Keynote Speaker, Hope House and Kansas City Police Department, "Desensitized to Death," March 2017

Keynote Speaker, Annual Conference for Coalition Against Domestic Violence 24th Judicial District, Lynchburg, VA, March 2017

- Overview of Strangulation
- How to Investigate and Prosecute Strangulation Cases
- Trauma Informed Investigation and Prosecution
- Community Approach: Allied Professionals Working Together

Speaker, Recognizing Responsibility and Risk of Abusers in Court, Emerge, Coeur D'Alene, ID, April 2017

- When Victims Use Violence and Victim Safety Issues
- Strangulation Assessment and Prosecution

Speaker, Clackamas County Child Abuse and Family Violence Summit, Portland, Oregon, April 2017

- Take out the Drama, Bring in the Trauma: Converting Challenges into Convictions
- Pediatric Strangulation: The Victim, The Witness, The Perpetrator
- Desensitized to Death: Intimate Partner Strangulation

Speaker and Faculty, Expert Witness Regional Training, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, University of Texas at Austin with National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Houston, Texas, April 2017

- Stalking Behavior
- Strangulation Overview
- Translating Trauma & Neurobiology of Trauma
- Qualifying Medical Experts
- Strategic Use of Expert Witnesses

Keynote Speaker, The Hidden Crime of Strangulation: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Implementing Protocol, Gastonia, NC, May 2017

Presenter, Conference on Crimes Against Women, Genesis Women's Shelter and Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas May 2017

- Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence: Another Tool of Manipulation
- Take Out the Drama, Bring in the Trauma: Converting Challenges into Convictions
- Prosecution of Strangulation
- Strangulation Crime Scene

Speaker, Indiana Coroner's Association Annual Conference, "Desensitized to Death: The Investigation of Fatal Strangulation," Indianapolis, Indiana, June 2017

Speaker, Indiana Association of Prosecutors, "Desensitized to Death: The Prosecution of Strangulation," Bloomington, Indiana, June 2017

Speaker and Faculty, Expert Witness Regional Training, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, University of Texas at Austin with National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Ft. Worth, Texas, June 2017

- Strangulation Overview
- Translating Trauma & Neurobiology of Trauma
- Qualifying Medical Experts

Speaker, Parkland Health & Hospital System, "Sex & Strangulation," Dallas, Texas, June 2017

Speaker, Harris County District Attorney's Office, "In-House Training: Prosecution of Strangulation," Houston, Texas, July 2017

Presenter, Harris County District Attorney's Office, "Community Partners Meeting: Investing as a Community in Strangulation Protocol Using a Multi-Disciplinary Approach," Houston, Texas, July 2017

Speaker, Texas Municipal Police Association: Statewide Conference on Violence Against Women, "Desensitized to Death: Investigating Strangulation," San Antonio, Texas, July 2017

Facilitator, Texas Council on Family Violence, Handheld Camera Summit, Austin, Texas, July 2017

Speaker, Conference on Crimes Against Children, "Strangulation: A Hidden Crime in Child Abuse," Dallas, Texas, August 2017

Speaker, Sexual Assault & Family Violence Investigator Course: Instructor Summit, "Investigating Strangulation," San Antonio, Texas, August 2017

Speaker, Corsicana First Responder Training, "Saving Our Communities: Combating Intimate Partner Violence & Integrating Forms for First Responders," Corsicana, Texas, August 2017

Speaker, Implementing Nonfatal Strangulation Protocols: Using A Multidisciplinary Approach, New Braunfels, Texas, September 2017

- Summary of Background and Development of Law
- Assessment and Strategic Planning: An Overview
- Planning to Implementing: Recognizing the Value of a Nonfatal Strangulation Protocol in Your Community
- Case Study: Robert Israel and The Value of Working Together
- Speaking in Analogies and Understanding Each Other: Translating Discipline Specific Language
- Anatomy and Physiology in Nonfatal Strangulation
- Nonfatal Strangulation Protocol: The Challenges of Implementing A Supplement for Law Enforcement
- Sex and Strangulation
- Trauma Informed Care: Incorporating Nonfatal Strangulation Protocols
- Prosecuting Nonfatal Strangulation

Speaker, Idaho Juvenile Justice Association Conference, Moscow, Idaho, September 2017

- Desensitized to Death: The Assessment & Lethality of Strangulation – MPO Track
- When Victims Use Violence & Victim Behavior

Presenter, The Utah Division of the International Association for Identification Fall Conference, "Strangulation: A Hidden Crime Overview," Salt Lake City, Utah, September 2017

Speaker, Emerge: Counseling and Education to Stop Domestic Violence – Recognizing Responsibility and Risk of Abusers in Court, Dover, Delaware, September 2017

- Recognizing and Investigating Strangulation
- When Victims Use Violence and Victim Safety Issues

Speaker, Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of Bastrop, Lee & Fayette Counties – 16th Annual Child Victim's: Interventions and Investigations Conference, "Strangulation: A Hidden Crime in Child Abuse and Case Study of Dominic's Story," Bastrop, Texas, October 2017

Speaker, Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention: Advanced Strangulation Training, Fort Worth, Texas, October 2017

Speaker, Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services: The Complexity of Co Occurring Crimes and Victimization, Waterbury, Vermont, November 2017

- Strangulation of Child & Adolescent Victims
- Strangulation: Victim Support, Documentation & Prosecution
- Strangulation: Victim Centered Practices by Recognizing Signs and Symptoms

Speaker, 14th Annual Forensic Sciences Conference, "The Forensic Investigation of Strangulation," South Padre Island, Texas, November 2017

Trainer, Austin Police Department, Cadet Class, Investigating Strangulation, Austin, Texas, November 2017

Speaker, Lycoming County Law Enforcement Association: 6th Annual Coroner, Law Enforcement and EMS Continuing Education Day, "Desensitized to Death: The Assessment and Investigation of Strangulation," Williamsport, Pennsylvania, November 2017

Conference Presenter, Office of Monroe County Prosecuting Attorney, Multidisciplinary Training, Strangulation: A Community Training on Emerging Best Practices for "First Responders," Monroe, Indiana, November 2017

Trainer, Full-Day Multidisciplinary and Multi-Agency Training, "Saving Our Community: Best Practices for Combating Domestic Violence & Strangulation," Houston, Texas, November 2017

Guest Speaker, St. Edward's University Forensic Sciences Class, The Use of Experts in Strangulation and Domestic Violence Cases, Austin, TX, December 2017

Speaker, 5th Annual University South Florida Cold Case Conference: Innovative Strategies in Homicide, Missing and Unidentified Persons, and Sexual Assault Investigations, "Sex and Strangulation: Cold Cases" & "Homicidal Strangulation," St. Pete Beach, Florida, December 2017

Speaker, Pediatric Strangulation MTD Training, full-day training funded through the Children's Justice Act Grant, Houston, Texas, January 2018

Facilitator of a MTD Pediatric Strangulation Regional Taskforce Team Meeting, funded through the Children's Justice Act, Houston, Texas, January 2018

Trainer, Full-Day Multidisciplinary and Multi-Agency Training, "Desensitized to Death: Implementing Strategies Against Strangulation," Logansport, Indiana, January 19, 2018

Speaker, Pediatric Strangulation MTD Training, full-day training funded through the Children's Justice Act Grant, San Antonio, Texas, January 2018

Facilitator of a MTD Pediatric Strangulation Regional Taskforce Team Meeting, funded through the Children's Justice Act, San Antonio, Texas, January 2018

Speaker, Pediatric Strangulation MTD Training, full-day training funded through the Children's Justice Act Grant, Dallas, Texas, January 2018

Facilitator of a MTD Pediatric Strangulation Regional Taskforce Team Meeting, funded through the Children's Justice Act, Dallas, Texas, January 2018

Speaker, 32nd Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, "Desensitized to Death: The Investigation & Prosecution of Strangulation," San Diego, CA, January 2018

Facilitator of a MTD Pediatric Strangulation Regional Taskforce Team Meeting, funded through the Children's Justice Act, Corpus Christi, Texas, February 2018

Trainer, Corsicana First Responder Training, "Saving Our Communities: Implementation and Use of the Strangulation Supplement in Domestic Violence Response:" Corsicana, Texas, February 2018

Trainer, Full-Day, Illinois Coroner & Medical Examiner Winter Conference, Asphyxiation: The Hidden Homicide, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, February 2018

Speaker, Design In The Criminal Justice System, Austin Center for Design, Austin, Texas, February, 2018

Speaker, Design In The Criminal Justice System, Fjord Design, Austin, Texas, March, 2018

Speaker, Design In The Criminal Justice System, Frog Design, Austin, Texas, March, 2018

Speaker, SXSW Panel Picker Series, "Finding Design in the Criminal Justice System," Austin, Texas. March, 2018
(link: <https://schedule.sxsw.com/2018/events/PP73996>)

Instructor, "Prosecution and Community Implementation of Strangulation Protocol," Las Vegas, Nevada, March 13-14, 2018

Trainer, "Strangulation: A Hidden Crime in Child Abuse," Child Protection Center, Iowa, March, 2018

*Speaker, The Intersection of Human Trafficking & Pediatric Strangulation, The Central Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Austin, Texas, March 2018

*Developer and Host, Virtual Course on Navigating the Strangulation Supplement for First Responders, Bloomington, IN, March, 2018

Speaker, Advancing Our Community Forward: Informed Response to Victims of Abuse & Updates to Strangulation Across the Lifespan," Gastonia, North Carolina, March 26, 2018

Speaker, Crimes Against Women's Conference, Dallas, Texas, April 16 – 18, 2018

- Animals & Domestic Violence: Another Tool of Manipulation
- Strangled Memories: The Robert Israel Case Study
- Take Out the Drama, Bring in the Trauma: How to Convert Challenges into Convictions
- Strategic Prosecution of Strangulation Cases
- The Implementation of a Strangulation Supplement: Creating Credibility in the Investigation

Speaker, Child Abuse and Family Violence Summit, Portland, Oregon, April 18 – 20, 2018

- Take Out the Drama, Bring in the Trauma: How to Convert Challenges into Convictions
- Strategic Prosecution of Strangulation Cases
- Strangulation: The Hidden Crime in Child Abuse
- When Victims Use Violence

Trainer, Statewide Strangulation Training, administered through Sexual Assault and Family Violence Institute, Austin, Texas, April 23, 2018

*Speaker, Defining Risk: Strangulation in Risk Assessment and Intervention, Texas Council Family Violence, Annual BIPP Conference, April, 2018

*Speaker, Understanding Victim Behavior in the Assessment of Offenders, Texas Council Family Violence, Annual BIPP Conference, April, 2018

Trainer, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) Conference, Sex & Strangulation, South Padre Island, Texas, April 30 – May 2, 2018

Speaker, Strangulation in the Older Adults Population, Annual SPRiNG Alliance Conference, Chattanooga, TN, May, 2018

*Speaker, Strangulation Investigation & Response Symposium, Family Justice Center, Chattanooga, TN, May, 2018

Speaker, Desensitized to Death: The Community Response to Asphyxiation, Sponsored by Hendrick Medical Center and The Laura Bush Institute for Women's Health, Abilene, Texas, May, 2018

Speaker and Faculty, Expert Witness Regional Training, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, University of Texas at Austin with National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Abilene, Texas, May 2018

- Stalking Behavior
- Strangulation Overview
- Translating Trauma & Neurobiology of Trauma
- Qualifying Experts

Trainer, Child Abuse and Asphyxiation, 2018 DFPS Special Investigations Statewide Conference, Austin, Texas, May 2018

Trainer, Sexual Violence & Strangulation, SAFE, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, Austin, Texas, May 2018

Speaker and Faculty, Expert Witness Regional Training, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, University of Texas at Austin with National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Collin County, Texas, May 2018

- Stalking Behavior
- Strangulation Overview
- Translating Trauma & Neurobiology of Trauma
- Qualifying Experts

Trainer, Statewide Strangulation Training, administered through Sexual Assault and Family Violence Institute, Waco, Texas, June, 2018

Speaker, ASPAC, Child Abuse & Strangulation, New Orleans, LA, June, 2018

Trainer, Voir Dire to Verdict: Strategic Prosecution of Asphyxiation Cases, Harris County District Attorney's Office, Houston, Texas, July, 2018

Trainer, Austin Police Department Cadet Class, Austin, Texas, July, 2018

Presenter, Community Supervision Skills Virtual Training Conference, The Texas Department of Criminal Justice--Community Justice Assistance Division, July, 2018

Webinar, Community Supervision Skills Virtual Training Conference, The Texas Department of Criminal Justice--Community Justice Assistance Division, Probation and Parole of Strangulation Offenders, July, 2018

Trainer, 5th Annual Sexual Assault Response and Investigations Course, The Turning Point, The Intersections of Sexual Violence and Asphyxiation, Frisco, TX, July, 2018

Trainer, Statewide Strangulation Training, administered through Sexual Assault and Family Violence Institute, McAllen, TX, August, 2018

Keynote and Speaker, The Missouri Bar Conference, August, 2018

- Strangulation in Family Law Cases
- Translating Evidence to a Judge as a Guardian Ad Litem
- When Victims Use Violence in Family Law Cases

Speaker, DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Understanding the Impact and Response to Strangulation for Survivor of Domestic Violence, Washington DC, August, 2018

Speaker, Strangulation: Beyond the Obvious in Child Abuse Investigations & Prosecutions, Conference on Crimes Against Children, Dallas, Texas, August, 2018

Speaker, Strangulation: The Hidden Crime in Sexual Violence & Human Trafficking of Children, Conference on Crimes Against Children, Dallas, Texas, August, 2018

Speaker and Faculty, Expert Witness Regional Training, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, University of Texas at Austin with National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Harris County, Texas, August, 2018

Speaker, The United States Army, 4th Annual Ft. Bragg Special Victims Summit, Ft. Bragg, NC, August, 2018

Speaker, Multiple topics, Partnering for a Future Without Violence Conference, Manchester, New Hampshire, September, 2018

Trainer, 12th Judicial Circuit Strangulation Training, Wills County, IL, September, 2018

Trainer, Strangulation: A Multi-Disciplinary Community Approach, Roseville, CA, September, 2018

Speaker, SAFE Sexual Assault Victim Advocates Training, Sexual Violence & Strangulation, Austin, TX, September, 2018

Speaker, Human Trafficking and Strangulation, Advanced Sex Trafficking Investigation Course, Houston, Texas, October, 2018

Keynote Speaker on Validating Voices and various break-out sessions, San Antonio Police Department Annual Family Violence and Child Abuse Conference, San Antonio, TX, October, 2018

Speaker, Domestic Violence Training Seminar, Presented by the Comal County District Attorney's Office, Sponsored by the Texas Council on Family Violence, Buy-In by the Brass: Implementing Protocols in Strangulation Investigations, Texas, October, 2018

Keynote Speaker on Validating Voices and various breakout sessions, Facing Family Violence Conference, Collin County, TX, October, 2018

- Validating Voices
- Beyond the Walls of Violence: The Relevance of Fear in Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes
- The Implementation of a Strangulation Supplement: Creating Credibility in the Investigation
- From Voir Dire to Verdict: The Strategic Prosecution of Strangulation Related Crimes

Keynote Speaker on Validating Voices and various breakout sessions, Waco Domestic Violence Conference, Waco, TX, October 2018.

- Validating Voices
- Strangled Memories: The Robert Israel Case
- Take Out the Drama, Bring in the Trauma: Converting Challenges into Convictions

Speaker, Caldwell County Family Violence Conference, Caldwell County, TX October, 2018

- Beyond the Walls of Violence: The Relevance of Fear in Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes
- Desensitized to Death: The Lethality, Investigation and Assessment of Strangulation
- From Voir Dire to Verdict: The Strategic Prosecution of Strangulation Related Crimes

Speaker, Austin Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, When Victims Use Violence, Austin, Texas, November, 2018

Speaker, Angelo State University, Title IX Training, Investigating and Addressing Interpersonal Violence, Sexual Assault and Strangulation, San Angelo, TX, November, 2018

Speaker, Investigating and Prosecuting Strangulation, Lufkin, Texas, December, 2018

Speaker and Faculty, Expert Witness Regional Training, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, University of Texas at Austin with National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Lufkin, Texas, December 2018

Speaker, 2018 Magistrate Judges Conference, Strangulation from the Bench, Albuquerque, NM, December, 2018

Speaker, Human Trafficking Training, Hosted by the Lanier Law Firm, Strangulation and Human Trafficking Houston, Texas, January, 2019

Subject Matter Expert and Instructor, Statewide Strangulation Training Program, administered through Sexual Assault and Family Violence Institute, Crockett, Texas, January, 2019

Subject Matter Expert and Instructor, Statewide Strangulation Training Program, administered through Sexual Assault and Family Violence Institute, Manor, Texas, February, 2019

Keynote Speaker, Ft. Bend County Crime Victims Response Team Conference, Validating Voice: Beyond the Cry for Help, Ft. Bend, Texas, February, 2019

Speaker, Ft. Bend County Crime Victims Response Team Conference, Ft. Bend, Texas, February, 2019

- Beyond the Walls of Violence: How Fear and Survival Impact Investigations and Prosecutions
- Improving the Credibility of Strangulation Investigations & Prosecutions

Speaker, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence: Lethality Assessment Program, The Predictive Lethality of Strangulation: An Opportunity to Prevent Homicide, Dallas, Texas, February, 2019

Guest Speaker, UT School of Law, The Development of Law: Strangulation, Austin, Texas, February, 2019

Subject Matter Expert and Instructor, Statewide Strangulation Training Program, administered through Sexual Assault and Family Violence Institute, Dallas, Texas, March, 2019

U.S. Army, Pentagon, Audit of Expert Witness Conference March, 2019

Strangulation Seminar, Las Vegas, NV, March, 2019

ALIVE Conference, Two Keynote addresses and Break-Out Sessions, St. Louis, Missouri, March, 2019

Full-Day Trainer, Texas Homicide Investigators Conference, San Antonio, TX, March 2019

Speaker, Asphyxiation: The Hidden Crime in Child Abuse, Department of Family and Protective Services Special Investigators Course, Corpus Christi, TX, April, 2019

Speaker and Host, Conference on Crimes Against Women, Dallas, TX, April 2019 (pre-conference and multiple break-out sessions).

Speaker, Clackamas County Child Abuse and Family Violence Summit, Portland, Oregon, April 2019

- Beyond the Walls of Violence: How Fear and Survival Impact Investigations and Prosecutions
- Improving the Credibility of Strangulation Investigations & Prosecutions
- Voir Dire to Verdict: The Strategic Prosecution of Strangulation Related Crimes
- Sex, Strangulation & Serial Killers

- Hidden Crimes: The Role of Asphyxiation in Child Abuse and Human Trafficking Cases

Subject Matter Expert and Instructor, Statewide Strangulation Training Program, administered through Sexual Assault and Family Violence Institute, Bedford, Texas, April, 2019

Instructor, University of Texas at Austin, LAMP: How Understanding Strangulation Crimes Can Impact Criminal Justice Policy, Austin, Texas, May, 2019

Subject Matter Expert and Instructor, Statewide Strangulation Training Program, administered through Sexual Assault and Family Violence Institute, San Antonio, Texas, May, 2019

Speaker, Sexual Violence & Strangulation, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, May, 2019

OVW All Sites Visit, Demonstration Grant, Lethality and Strangulation: One Shot at Preventing Homicide, Miami, FL May, 2019

Keynote Speaker, Validating Voices: Beyond the Cry for Help, Williamson County 2019 Champions of Justice Conference, TX, May, 2019

Speaker, Investigating and Interviewing Strangulation for All Populations, Williamson County 2019 Champions of Justice Conference, TX, May, 2019

Speaker, Investigation Pediatric Strangulation with a Multidisciplinary Team, Salt Lake City, UT, APSAC, June, 2019

Speaker, Overlaps of Strangulation, Sexual Violence, Human Trafficking and Child Abuse, SAFE, Austin, TX, July 2019

Plenary Speaker, Strangled Memories: The Robert Israel Case, SAFEVIC Statewide Conference, San Antonio, TX, July 2019

Trainer, Voir Dire to Verdict: The Strategic Prosecution of Asphyxiation Crimes, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Intersection of Violence Conference, Hampton, VA, July 2019

Speaker, Community Based Response to Domestic Violence & Strangulation, Webster, TX, August, 2019

Speaker, Community Based Response to Domestic Violence & Strangulation, Montgomery County, TX, 2019

Subject Matter Expert and Instructor, Statewide Strangulation Training Program, administered through Sexual Assault and Family Violence Institute, Edinburg, Texas, August, 2019

Speaker and Faculty, Expert Witness Regional Training, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, University of Texas at Austin with National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Williamson County, Texas, August 2019

Subject Matter Expert and Speaker, Implementing Community Based Strangulation Protocols, Texas Council on Family Violence Domestic Violence High Risk Team Coordinators Summit, Austin, TX, August 2019

Trainer and Subject Matter Expert, Institute for Coordinated Community Response, "Identifying, Investigating & Prosecuting Strangulation Crimes," Corsicana, TX, August, 2019

Trainer and Subject Matter Expert, Institute for Coordinated Community Response, "Identifying, Investigating & Prosecuting Strangulation Crimes," Bryan, TX, August, 2019

Speaker, Conference on Crimes Against Children, Dallas, TX, August, 2019

- Asphyxiation Crimes: Beyond the Obvious in Child Abuse Cases

- A Multi-Disciplinary Model to Investigating and Prosecuting Asphyxiation Cases in Child Abuse

Speaker, Investigating Strangulation, National Sexual Assault Conference, Philadelphia, PA, August, 2019

Keynote and Speaker, Investigating Strangulation in the Military, Ft. Drum, NY, August, 2019

Speaker, Validating Voices, Office of the Attorney General Crime Victim Services Division Annual Conference, Austin, Texas September, 2019

Plenary Speaker, AACAT Human Trafficking Conference, San Antonio, TX, September, 2019

Full-Day Training Instructor, Strangulation, St. Louis, MO, St. Louis County & Municipal Police Academy, October, 2019

Plenary and Keynote speaker, Tennessee District Attorney's General Conference, Void Dire to Verdict: Effective Prosecution of Asphyxiation Crimes, Nashville, TN, October, 2019

Featured Speaker, Investigating and Prosecuting Asphyxiation Cases, Corpus Christi, TX, October, 2019

Full-Day Training Instructor, Strangulation, Kankakee County, IL, November, 2019

Full-Day Training Instructor, Strangulation, Orem, UT, November, 2019

Keynote Speaker, Strangulation crimes: Identifying, Investigating & Prosecuting the One Shot at Homicide Prevention, Dover, DE, November, 2019

Two-Day Training, How to Get Away with Murder & How to Catch a Killer, Spokane, WA, November, 2019

Instructor, Statewide Strangulation Training Program, administered through Sexual Assault and Family Violence Investigators Course and Texas Municipal Police Association, Temple, Texas, January, 2020

Instructor, Statewide Strangulation Training Program, administered through Sexual Assault and Family Violence Investigators Course and Texas Municipal Police Association, Temple, Texas, January, 2020

Instructor, Investigating Strangulation (4 repeat courses), New Braunfels, TX, January, 2020

Instructor, Statewide Strangulation Training Program, administered through Sexual Assault and Family Violence Investigators Course and Texas Municipal Police Association, Denton, Texas, January, 2020

Plenary Speaker, 35th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment Conference, Beyond The Walls of Violence: The Relevance of Fear in Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes, San Diego, CA, January, 2020

Speaker, 35th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment Conference, Asphyxiation: The Hidden Crime in Child Abuse, San Diego, CA, January, 2020

Speaker, 35th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment Conference, Utilizing the Strangulation Supplement Providing Guidance and Credibility for Investigations, San Diego, CA, January, 2020

Instructor, Statewide Strangulation Training Program, administered through Sexual Assault and Family Violence Investigators Course and Texas Municipal Police Association, Boerne, Texas, February, 2020

Speaker, 2020 Kentucky Commonwealth Attorneys Association Winter Conference, Advocating for Strangulation Survivors & Prosecuting Strangulation Cases, Lexington, KY, February 2020

Poster Presentation, American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Conference, Co-Occurring Criminal Asphyxiation (COCA), Anaheim, CA, February, 2020

Speaker, Identifying & Investigating Strangulation Crimes (full-day training), Rockford, IL, February, 2020

Instructor, Statewide Strangulation Training Program, administered through Sexual Assault and Family Violence Investigators Course and Texas Municipal Police Association, San Antonio, Texas, March, 2020

Instructor, Statewide Strangulation Training Program, administered through Sexual Assault and Family Violence Investigators Course and Texas Municipal Police Association, Burnet, Texas, March, 2020

Instructor, Multi-Disciplinary Community Response to Asphyxiation Crimes (two-day course) Minot, ND, March, 2020

Speaker, Conference on Crimes Against Women, Strangulation Foundations Course, Virtual Conference, June, 2020 (virtual)

Conference Coordinator and Instructor, The Strangulation Series (5-part virtual series)

Instructor, The Sexualization of Strangulation, Online Global Summit hosted by Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation and National Center on Sexual Exploitation, July, 2020 (virtual)

Speaker and Faculty, Expert Witness Regional Training, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, University of Texas at Austin with National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Texas, July, 2020 (virtual)

Instructor (with co-instructor, Andrea Zaferes), Beyond the Obvious: Identifying & Investigating Asphyxiation Cases, National Criminal Justice Training Center & Fox Valley Technical College, August, 2020 (virtual)

Instructor, Investigating and Prosecuting Strangulation, Texas Investigation & Prosecution of Strangulation Course, Texas Municipal Police Association, August, 2020 (4 full day courses) (virtual)

Instructor and Coordinator (with co-instructor Dr. Khara Breeden), Two-Day Course on Sexual Violence and Various Topics for The Brazoria County Domestic Violence Court, August, 2020 (topics included: trauma, strangulation, utilizing forensic nurses, expert witness testimony) (virtual)

Instructor (with co-instructors Andrea Zaferes and Dr. Khara Breeden), Identification & Investigation of Strangulation & Asphyxiation Crimes, Hosted by the Alamo Area Council of Governments, August, 2020 (topics included: dynamics of asphyxiation, lethality, coercive control, missed homicide cases, staging, coordinated response with trauma-informed protocols, community programs and forensic medical response) (virtual).

Speaker and Faculty, Expert Witness Regional Training, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, University of Texas at Austin with National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Texas, August, 2020

Instructor, A Coordinated Community Response to Non-Fatal Strangulation (three-part series), Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (virtual), October, 2020

Instructor, 2020 Domestic Violence Symposium, Expanding the Role of Asphyxiation (with Andrea Zaferes), King County, Washington (virtual), October, 2020

Speaker, The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing, October, 2020

Instructor, 2020 Domestic Violence Symposium, Asphyxiation for Department of Children and Youth (with Andrea Zaferes), King County, Washington (virtual), October, 2020

Instructor, Exposing the Batterer's Playbook (with Scott Hampton), Minot, ND, December 2020

Instructor, Widening the Lens of Asphyxiation Crimes (with Andrea Zaferes), Wichita County, TX, December, 2020

Speaker, Expanding the Role of Asphyxiation Crimes, Texas Chapter of the International Association of Forensic Nurses Annual Conference, February, 2020

Guest, Voices4Change Virtual Tour, Beyond Defunding: The Role of Community Partners, March, 2021

Instructor, Voir Dire to Verdict: Trial Skills in Prosecuting Strangulation Cases, Institute for Coordinated Community Response, March, 2021

Description: Texas law recognizes the danger and lethality of perpetrators who strangle their victims, allowing this crime to be prosecuted as a third-degree felony. However, although the statute gives prosecutors the ability to hold offenders more accountable, they are often stifled by a misunderstanding of the evidence (or lack of evidence). This workshop will explore how to strategically prosecute strangulation offenders by providing tips on jury selection, using expert witnesses, and combatting the most common defenses (such as lack of visible injury, rough sex, an "if she could talk, she could breathe"). The presenter will also discuss how to work with community partners to improve your systemic strangulation response, recruit and develop medical experts to help juries understand this complicated crime, and use a trauma-informed perspective to effectively prosecute our society's most dangerous offenders.

Instructor, Identifying & Investigating Strangulation Crimes (with Det. Kimberly Orts), Amarillo College, March, 2021

Description: The use of strangulation as a form of domestic violence is an undeniable red flag for future violence and homicide—not only for the victim, but our communities as a whole. Perpetrators who strangle pose the highest threat to the lives of law enforcement officers, and the correlation between mass shooters and a history of strangulation has been well-documented. Although strangulation is a felony in Texas, this heinous crime is too often overlooked due to elusive evidence and the already complicated dynamics of domestic violence crimes. This full-day virtual training by a detective and former prosecutor will teach practitioners how to identify, investigate and successfully prosecute strangulation cases.

Instructor, Desensitized to Death: The Power of Abuse and Strangulation, Scarborough Police Department, Maine, April, 2021

Description: What impact does fear, and trauma have on the initiation, investigation and prosecution of criminal cases? Most victims who are strangled thought that they were going to die and do whatever they need breathe and survive—often leaving marks on the abuser. Although dangerous and sometimes deadly, strangulation frequently lacks obvious signs of external injury. This powerful and lethal form of abuse is used by perpetrators as they escalate towards homicide. This training will discuss the role of fear and survival in domestic violence investigations and provide guidance to hold these most dangerous offenders accountable.

Upcoming:

Instructor, Sexualization of Strangulation, Delaware Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Delaware, April, 2021

Description: Asphyxiation is a weapon used by domestic abusers, rapists, child abusers, killers, pornographers, and traffickers. The use of strangulation within a sexually motivated crimes is frequently disregarded by practitioners who don't recognize the its significance. The normalization of strangulation in pornography has allowed perpetrators to avoid accountability by claiming the act was simply consensual "rough sex." Complex dynamics, lack of training and inadequate policies have left a film of confusion for investigators and prosecutors who handle sexual assault cases. From the most typical sexual assault or strangulation case to the most complex human trafficking trial, this training will change how the system identifies and filters the evidence in these terrifying cases.

Montana, Child Advocacy Center, Beyond the Obvious in Child Abuse, April, 2021

Instructor, Train the Trainer Course on Investigating Strangulation for SAFVIC, April 2021

Speaker, Conference on Crimes Against Women, Multiple Presentations, May 2021

Instructor, Illinois Coalition against Domestic Violence, June, 2021

The Adult Forensic Interviewing Program

Instructor, Asphyxiation Crimes Against Children for the Washington State Department of Children, Youth & Families, April, 2021

Description: The use of asphyxiation (including strangulation, suffocation and aquatics) abuse against children is more prevalent than currently understood by those who are tasked to identify & investigate allegations of child abuse and neglect. These cases, being largely, if not fully, circumstantial also present challenges to practitioners who cannot rely on external injuries to identify this type of abuse. In these cases, injury is not always obvious and reliance on external signs can misdirect the fate of a case. These cases require serious consideration by CPS to protect the health and safety of children, teens, and other vulnerable youth. This training will discuss the various dynamics of asphyxiation abuse in children and identify commonly missed opportunities for evidence-gathering. It will teach attendees the basics of anatomy, discuss the various forms of asphyxiation and highlight the signs and symptoms that may be present after this type of attack.

Speaker, To Breathe or Not to Breathe, That is the Question: Expanding the Role of Asphyxiation Crimes Against Children, Dallas Child Advocacy Center Lecture Series (with Andrea Zaferes), July 2021

- Registration: <https://dcac.org/training/lecture-series/>

Speaker, Crimes Against Kids Conference, Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, July, 2021

Virginia, Virginia Victim Assistance Network Annual Conference, November, 2021

Publications

Developed the Strangulation Supplement/Asphyxiation Assessment and numerous variations for EMS, child abuse, etc.

"A Closer Look at Strangulation Cases" The Texas Prosecutor, January – February 2014

Volume 44, No. 1, Texas District and County Attorney's Association

<http://www.tdcaa.com/journal/closer-look-strangulation-cases>

"A Voice From the Field" Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (IDVSA) Voice, Volume 9, Issue 1

http://www.utexas.edu/ssw/dl/files/cswr/institutes/idvsa/newsletters/idvsavoice_v09i01.pdf

Finding Design Research in the Criminal Justice System:

<http://designmind.frogdesign.com/2017/01/finding-design-research-in-the-criminal-justice-system>

Podcasts

Why Strangulation Matters, The Conference on Crimes Against Women Podcast Series, July 2020

Voices for Change Podcast (numerous episodes)