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Professional Interests

Physical and Forensic Anthropology, Bone Pathology and Trauma, Human Identification, History of Anatomical Collections, Cold Case Identification, Bone Histology.

Education

2001 **MA**, Anthropology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
1997 **BA**, Anthropology, University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Employment History

Assistant Curator/Collections Manager, **National Museum of Health and Medicine**, Anatomical Division, Silver Spring, MD. Oct 2006 to Present

Forensic Anthropologist (On-Call), **Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner**, Dover DE. Oct 2006 to Present

Forensic Anthropologist (Part-Time), **Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner**, Richmond, VA. Feb 2007 to Present

Resource Faculty (Internship Training), **New York University**, Anthropology Dept. New York, NY. 2008 to Present

Research Collaborator, **Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History**, Dept. of Anthropology, Washington, DC. May 2006 to Present

Consultant Forensic Anthropologist (Identification), **District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner**, Washington, DC. 2009 to 2011

Morgue Supervisor / Forensic Anthropologist, **Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner**, Richmond, VA. May to Sept 2006

Contract Osteologist, **Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History**, Dept. of Anthropology, Washington, DC. May to Aug 2005

Museum Technician, **Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History**, Collections Support Services, Washington, DC. Sept 2004 to Apr 2006

Recovery Team Leader (Contract), **Kenyon International**, Houston TX. Mass Fatality Sites: Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes, LA, Hurricane Katrina Recovery. Sept 2005

Mortuary Supervisor, **District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner**, Washington, DC. Jul 2002 to Aug 2004

Collections Manager, **Division of Archaeology, Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism**, Baton Rouge, LA. Sept 2000 to Jun 2002

Forensic Anthropology Technician **Forensic Anthropology & Computer Enhancement Services Laboratory (FACES)** Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA. Jan 2000 to Aug 2001

Presentations

Murphy, M and BF Spatola. Comparative Interpretation of Perimortem Trauma from Spanish Conquest of Inca Empire, Peru. Poster Presentation 81st American Association of Physical Anthropologists Meeting, Portland, OR. Apr 2012

Paleopathology with Radiologic and Orthopedic Pathology Perspectives, Michigan State University, Graduate Anthropology Seminar. Oct 7, 2011

Forensic Anthropology: Practice, Education and Employment, George Mason University, Undergraduate Forensic Science Class. Sept 2010

Forensic Anthropology at the Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Missing and Unidentified Person Workshop, Virginia Beach VA, Sept 30, 2010

"Famous Tumors" interview on Radiolab WNYC Syndicated Public Radio Program. May 2010

Hunt, DR and BF Spatola. "History and Demographic Profile of the George S. Huntington Collection at the Smithsonian Institution." 77th American Association of Physical Anthropologists Meeting, Columbus, OH. Apr 2008

Spatola, BF and FE Damann. "A Summary of Trauma Specimens at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, National Museum of Health and Medicine." 60th American Academy of Forensic Sciences Meeting (AAFS), Washington, DC. Feb 2008

The Human Skeleton. Public Lecture, National Museum of Health and Medicine, Oct 2007

Love, JC, G Hart and B Spatola. "Evaluation of the Sternal Rib End Age Estimation Technique using a Modern Medical Examiner Sample." 57th American Academy of Forensic Sciences Meeting (AAFS), New Orleans, LA. Feb 2005

Spatola, BF. "Musculoskeletal Stress Markers: An Exploration of Forensic Applicability." 54th American Academy of Forensic Sciences Meeting (AAFS), Atlanta, GA. Feb 2002

Publications/Exhibitions

Spatola, BF, FE Damann and B Ragsdale (2011) "Bone Histology Collections of the National Museum of Health and Medicine" In Crowder and Stout (ed) *Bone Histology: An Anthropological Perspective*. CRC Press.

Damann, FE and BF Spatola (2008) "*RESOLVED: Advances in the Forensic Identification of U.S. War Dead*." An exhibit at the AFIP National Museum of Health and Medicine, Washington, DC

Teaching

Director, 24th National Museum of Health and Medicine Forensic Anthropology Course, Baltimore, MD. July 2011

Co-Director, 23rd Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) Forensic Anthropology Course, Ashville, VA. Jun 2010

"Skeletal Research Collections", Forensic Friday public event, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Sept 24, 2010

Co-Director, 1st AFIP Forensic Bone Histology Course, Washington, DC, Jul 13-15, 2009

Co-Director, 22nd AFIP Forensic Anthropology Course, Ashville, VA. Jun 2009

Forensic Anthropology Workshop 45th AFIP Dental Identification and Emerging Technologies, Bethesda, MD. Apr 2-3, 2009

Co-Director, 21st AFIP Forensic Anthropology Course, Ashville, MD. Jun 2008

Forensic Anthropology Workshop 44th AFIP Dental Identification and Emerging Technologies, Bethesda, MD. 2008

Co-Director, 20th AFIP Forensic Anthropology Course, Ashville, VA. Jun 2007

Forensic Anthropology Workshop 43th AFIP Dental Identification and Emerging Technologies, Bethesda, MD. 2007

"Every Cot Had Its History: A Look at Walt Whitman and His Soldiers." Public Lecture, National Museum of Health and Medicine, Washington, DC. Apr 21, 2007

"Learning about Forensics III." National Museum of Health and Medicine, Washington, DC. Oct 29, 2005

Faculty, 17th AFIP Forensic Anthropology Course, Ashville, VA. June 2004

"Learning about Forensics." National Museum of Health and Medicine, Washington, DC. Oct 2004

"Forensic Anthropology." DC. Metropolitan Police Department Annual Homicide Course, District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Washington, DC. 2003

Outreach Anthropology and Anatomy presentations in support of the Forensic Anthropology and Computer Enhancement Services Lab (FACES), Baton Rouge, LA. Years 2000 to 2001

Training

Syracuse University Dialogues in Forensic Science "Beyond the NAS Report." Oct 14-16, New York, NY

Fordisc 3.1 Workshop, Chicago, IL. Feb 22, 2011

Syracuse University Dialogues in Forensic Science "Trauma I." Syracuse, NY. Nov 5-7, 2010

Syracuse University Dialogues in Forensic Science "DNA: Why Molecular DNA Matters." Syracuse, NY. Aug 6-10, 2010

Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) certification (Lapsed). 2005

Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT), Region 3 Team Training. 2004

Crime Scene Technology 1, Institute for Applied Forensic Technology, Northwestern University. 2003

"Weapons of Mass Disaster Crime Scene Management" Community Research Associates (CRA). 2003

Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT), Region 3 Team Training. 2003

“Preparing for and Responding to Terrorism / Weapons of Mass Destruction” National Emergency & Rescue Training Center (NERRTC). 2003

Awards

Peer Recognition Award for Civic Duty, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. 2005

Internships

Intern, **Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL)**, Rockville, MD, Mar to Sept 2003

Assistant Coroner’s Investigator, **East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner**, Baton Rouge, LA. Apr to Jun 2002

Autopsy Assistant, **Earl K. Long Medical Center**, Baton Rouge, LA. Jan to Aug 1998

Professional Memberships

Member, American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)

Chair, Board of Directors. Society of Forensic Anthropologists (SOFA)

Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections (SPNHC)

Subcommittee Member (Trauma, Pathology and Identification subcommittees), Scientific Working Group for Forensic Anthropology (SWGANTH)