

# ARIZONA FORENSIC SCIENCE ACADEMY



## Forensic Science Lecture Series Fall 2019

The **Arizona Attorney General's Office Forensic Science Advisory Committee** is pleased to announce the return of the **Arizona Forensic Science Lecture Series**. These lectures cover a variety of topics relevant to the forensic science community within the state of Arizona and are intended for forensic science practitioners including forensic scientists, crime scene response personnel, crime lab management, and other criminal justice partners.

The lecture will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at the **Chandler Police Department, Desert Breeze Substation, Community Room, 251 N Desert Breeze Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85226**. Please plan a session of 4 hours in length beginning at 1:00 pm, and check-in opens at 12:30 pm. The cost is \$30.00.

***This session is limited to 50 attendees. Please be sure to register early!***

❖ **September 26<sup>th</sup>: Expert Witness Testimony**

**Nadja Schreiber Compo, PhD Florida International University**  
**Jeff Zick, JD**

This session will provide the legal and psychological background of providing expert witness testimony. The presenters will cover legal rules and the trial process, including legal standards for expert testimony and the role of expert witness testimony. The session will discuss the research behind judges' and jurors' assessments of expert witnesses, the role of expert witness gender and role demands for women in the courtroom, and the central aspects of providing forensic expertise in court. A concurrent emphasis will be on maximizing expert testimony that is evidence-based, well presented and helpful to the trier of fact. This session will also include interactive exercises in which attendees will learn how to improve presentation skills and manage aggressive cross-examinations. Finally, we will use roundtable discussion to identify other critical issues in providing expert testimony in the forensic sciences.

**Dr. Schreiber Compo** is an Associate Professor at Florida International University. Her research focuses on investigative interviewing and witness memory, especially in the context of vulnerable witnesses such as children or the intoxicated. She is further interested in examining real-world interviewers' perceptions, experiences and behaviors, and cognitive bias in a variety of settings including witness and victim interviewing and forensic expertise. She has been an invited speaker on numerous occasions including the International Association of Forensic Toxicologists, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Forensic Research Institute, the Miami-Dade Forensic Services Bureau, the Dade-County and Allegheny County Public Defender's Office, the Texas Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, the Research Unit for Criminal, Legal and Investigative Psychology at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden, Wofford College and Florida Atlantic University. She has published over 35 peer-reviewed articles and chapters and has (co) authored over 70 presentations at national and international conferences. She is an Associate Editor for 'Applied Cognitive Psychology', and on the editorial board of the APA journal 'Psychology, Public Policy and the Law'. She has worked with several law enforcement agencies on research and investigative interviewing training, is collaborating with the Miami-Dade Forensics Bureau on

research projects addressing cognitive bias and has consulted in various legal cases. Her lab's research involves a variety of undergraduate and graduate projects in the area of witness interviewing, alcohol and memory and cognitive bias and her lab's research has been funded by NIJ, NSF, the Swedish Research Council and The Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Science.

**Jeff Zick** is currently a Senior Litigation Attorney in the Office of General Counsel, Division of Enforcement and Litigation, at the National Credit Union Administration. He is a former federal prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., and former Chief Counsel of the Capital Litigation Section at the Arizona Attorney General's Office. Mr. Zick has litigated criminal cases as both a prosecutor and defense counsel in state and federal courts. In addition, he has litigated civil cases ranging from contract breaches to complex medical malpractice matters. In his career, he has presented and challenged expert witnesses in litigation, including forensic ballistics experts, medical opinion experts, mental condition experts, forensic accounting, and bank examination experts. He has been invited to speak to numerous state and national organizations on issues concerning expert witness preparation and testimony.

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### Registration Form

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### Lectures

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