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Curriculum Vitae

Experience

Private Practice: 2010 – Present

Rile, Hicks, and Mohammed, Forensic Document Examiners
Long Beach, CA
San Francisco, CA

Private Practice: 1997 - 2010

Associated Document Examiners (with approval of San Diego County Sheriff's Department)
San Diego, CA

San Diego County Sheriff's Department, Regional Crime Laboratory: 1996 - 2010

Senior Forensic Document Examiner (2002 – 2010)
Forensic Document Examiner (1996-2002)
San Diego, CA

Laboratory of the Government Chemist: 1993 – 1996

Forensic Document Examiner
Teddington, Middlesex, England

Caribbean Institute of Forensic Investigations Ltd.: 1992 - 1993

Forensic Document Examiner
Trinidad, West Indies

Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Center: 1989 - 1992

Forensic Document Examiner, Safety Officer
Trinidad, West Indies

Licenses/Certifications

- Diploma in Document Examination
Forensic Science Society, 1996
- Certificate of Qualification in Forensic Document Examination
American Board of Forensic Document Examiners (ABFDE), 1998

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Professional Affiliations

- American Society of Questioned Document Examiners
 - President: 2010 -
 - Vice-President: 2008 –2010
 - Treasurer: 2006 – 2008
 - Director: 2004 – 2006; Annual Conference Program Chair: 2006
 - Chair, Evaluation and Examination Committee: 2002 – 2006;
 - Annual Conference Site Chair: 2002
- American Academy of Forensic Sciences (Fellow - Questioned Documents Section)
- ASTM International– Sub-Committees E30 (Forensic Sciences) and E30.02 (Questioned Documents)
- Canadian Society of Forensic Science
- Forensic Science Society
- Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners

Education

La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia: 2006 –

Ph.D candidate at School of Human Biosciences

Thesis: Elucidating spatial and dynamic features to discriminate between signature disguise and signature forgery behavior

Supervisors: Assoc. Prof. Doug Rogers and Dr. Bryan Found

National University, San Diego, CA: 2002 - 2005

Master of Forensic Sciences

University of the West Indies, Trinidad: 1980 – 1984

Bachelor of Science

Specialized Training

Document Examination Training –Two-year program (December 1986-December 1988) at the Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Center, Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Mr. Robert Fawcett (Staff Sergeant [retired], Royal Canadian Mounted Police) conducted the training which included the examination of: signatures, handwriting, typewriting, machine printing, commercial printing, photocopies, hand stamps, ink, paper, indented impressions, binding materials; restoration of alterations, erasures, and obliterations. The training also included photography and court testimony.

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Courtroom Experience

- USA, England, and the Caribbean – testified approximately 100 times as an expert witness in Forensic Document Examination (list available upon request).

Teaching Experience

- Adjunct Instructor, Oklahoma State University, 2006 – present:
 - Graduate course: Historical Aspects of Questioned Documents
- Routinely give classes to attorneys and investigators on Document Examination
- Workshop: Genuine, Disguised, and Forged Signatures (1/2 day)
 - Presented at the 1st Eurasian Congress on Forensic Sciences, Istanbul, Turkey 2008
 - Presented at the Victoria Forensic Science Centre, Melbourne, Australia 2008
 - Presented at the European Network of Forensic Handwriting Experts (ENFHEX) Meeting, Krakow, Poland 2009
- Workshop: Signature Examination - Translating Basic Science into Practice (1 day)
 - Co-presented with Prof. Michael Caligiuri, UCSD at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Conference, Seattle, WA 2010
 - Co-presented with Prof. Michael Caligiuri, UCSD at the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners Annual Conference, Victoria, BC, Canada 2010

Miscellaneous Activities

- Participant in the General Forensics Technology Working Group, National Institute of Justice 2011
- Participant in Scientific Working Group on Documents (SWGDOC) 2009, 2010
- Grant reviewer for the National Institute of Justice and affiliated agencies 2009, 2010

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Publications/Presentations

- Mohammed, L. *Signature disguise in Trinidad and Tobago* - Journal of the Forensic Science Society Vol. 33 (1) 1993. (Presented at the 49th Annual Conference of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, Orlando, FL 1991)
- Mohammed, L. *Cocaine and handwriting* - presented at the 50th Annual Conference of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, Milwaukee, WI 1992
- Mohammed, L. *Sequencing writing impressions and laser printing or ink- jet printing using the ESDA* - Journal of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners Vol. 1 (1) 1998. (Presented at the 44th Annual Conference of the Canadian Society of Forensic Science, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada 1997)
- Mohammed, L. *An evaluation of documents produced by a high-speed, high-volume scanning process* - Forensic Science Communications Vol. 1 (3) 1999 (www.fbi.gov/programs/lab/fsc) (Poster presentation at the 2nd International Symposium on Questioned Documents, Albany, NY 1999)
- Mohammed, L. *Write-On™: A new tool for handwriting comparison* - Journal of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners Vol. 2 (2) 1999
- Mohammed, L., Buglio, J., Shafer, A. *The influence of paper on the performance of the VSC-2000 spectrometer* - Presented at the 58th Annual Conference of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada 2000
- Mohammed, L., Buglio, J. *The Association of Forensic Document Examiners* - Prepared for the 58th Annual Conference of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada 2000
- Mohammed, L. *Demonstrative evidence and multi-media technology* - Presented at the 59th Annual Conference of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, Des Moines, IA 2001
- Mohammed, L., Jenkinson, G. Association of counterfeit documents to a printing plate by means of half tone dots – *Journal of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners Vol. 5 (1) 2002*
- Mohammed, L. *A standardized training program for Forensic Document Examiners – A proposal*- Presented at the 61st Annual Conference of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, Baltimore, MD 2003
- Mohammed, L. *Daubert and Documents* – Presented at the California Association of Criminalists Fall Conference, San Diego, CA 2003
- Mohammed, L. *The Edge of Light™ Scanner* - Presented at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Conference, New Orleans, LA 2005
- Mohammed, L., Williams, D. *Preparing Demonstrative Charts with the use of Adobe Photomerge®* - Poster presentation, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Seattle, WA 2006
- Mohammed, L., Richards, G. *Thinking Outside the Box* – Journal of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, Vol. 9 (2) 2006

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- Mohammed, L., Found, B., Rogers, D. *Frequency of Signature Styles in San Diego County* – Journal of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, Vol. 11 (1) 2008.
- Mohammed, L., Found, B., Rogers, D. *Genuine and Disguised Signatures – An Empirical Approach* -Presented at the 60th Annual Conference of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC 2008
- Mohammed, L. *Judicial Challenges to Expert Witness Testimony in the USA: The Daubert Trilogy* -Presented at the 1st. Eurasian Congress on Forensic Sciences, Istanbul, Turkey 2008
- Mohammed, L., Found, B., Caligiuri, M., Rogers, D. *Can Dynamic Features Be Used To Discriminate Between Genuine, Auto-Simulated, and Simulated Signatures?* - Presented at the 61st Annual Conference of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Denver, CO 2009
- Mohammed, L.A. (2009) *Alterations, Erasures, and Obliterations of Documents*, in Wiley Encyclopedia of Forensic Science, Jamieson, A., Moenssens, A. (eds). John Wiley & Sons Ltd., Chichester, UK, pp. 128-134.
- Mohammed, L., Found, B., Caligiuri, M., Rogers, D. *Pen Pressure as a Discriminating Feature between Genuine and Forged Signatures* - Presented at the International Graphonomics Society Conference, Dijon, France, September 2009
- Mohammed, L., Found, B., Caligiuri, M., Rogers, D. *The Dynamic Character of Disguise Behavior for Text-Based, Mixed, and Stylized Signatures*. Journal of Forensic Sciences (in press).

Continuing Education

- American Society of Questioned Document Examiners 49th Annual Conference,
 - Orlando, Florida, 1991:
 - Canon Fax Workshop
 - Deposition Testimony Workshop
 - Expert Witness Workshop
 - Signature Comparison Workshop
- American Society of Questioned Document Examiners 50th Annual Conference,
 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1992:
 - Signature Workshop
- American Society of Questioned Document Examiners 51st Annual Conference, Ottawa, Canada, 1993:
 - Laser Printer Workshop
 - Miscellaneous Document Examination Workshop
- American Society of Questioned Document Examiners 55th Annual Conference, Scottsdale, Arizona, 1997:
 - Handwriting Workshop
- California Criminalistics Institute, Sacramento, California, 1997:
 - Courtroom Presentation of Evidence

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- Canadian Society of Forensic Science 44th Annual Conference, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, 1997:
 - Digital Image Processing Workshop
- American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1998:
 - Examination Techniques in Handwriting & Rubber Stamp Cases Seminar
- Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1999:
 - Typewriter Examination & Classification Workshop
- American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, Norcross, GA, 2000:
 - Canon Photocopier and Facsimile Training Workshop
- California Criminalistics Institute, Sacramento, CA, 2000:
 - Special Topics in Questioned Documents
- Limbic Systems, Inc., Bellingham, WA 2001:
 - Measurement of Internal Consistencies Software (MICS)
- Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY 2002:
 - Printing Process Identification and Image Analysis for Forensic Document Examiners
- American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Chicago, IL 2002
 - Note Taking for Forensic Document Examiners Workshop
- American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, Las Vegas, NV 2004
 - Daubert Seminar
- California Criminalistics Institute, Sacramento, CA 2005
 - Technical Writing for Criminalists
- American Academy of Forensic Sciences, New Orleans, LA 2005
 - State of the Art Infrared and Ultraviolet Examinations of Documents by the Video Spectral Comparator
- Southeastern Association of Forensic Document Examiners, Atlanta, GA 2006
 - Disguised and Forged Signatures Workshop
- American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, Portland, OR 2006
 - Fine and Subtle Features of Handwriting Workshop
 - Signature Workshop
- American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Washington DC 2008
 - The Applications of Color Analysis and Light Theory in the Forensic Examination of Documents Workshop
- American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Denver, CO 2009
 - Estimation of Uncertainty – Is Anyone Certain What This Means? Workshop
 - Security Documents before and After the Crime: REAL ID, Physical and Electronic Security Features, Developments in Commercial Printing Technology, and an Introduction to Counterfeit Link Analysis Workshop
- Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA 2010
 - Multivariate Analysis for Forensic Scientists: Statistical Pattern Recognition for Physical Evidence Analysis and Chemometrics