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From Call to Court: the process of forensic anthropological casework

Casework in forensic anthropology, as in other forensic sciences, requires a series of decisions from the first call through and beyond appearance as an expert witness at trial. This presentation will discuss the legal, scientific, and ethical decisions made throughout typical forensic anthropology casework. These decisions include jurisdiction, ethical handling of human remains, avoidance/recognition of cognitive and confirmation bias, wording of findings to acknowledge limitations and consideration of alternative interpretations, preparation for questioning under oath, and respect for the rights of the accused.

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HEB Seminar

March 18, 2024 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Allan Hancock Foundation Building - Torrey Webb Room