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Resume of AAFS membership- and participation

Present Position:

Director, Forensic Investigation Research Station, Colorado Mesa University.
Professor of Forensic Anthropology, Colorado Mesa University

Education:

Ph.D. 2005 Dept of Anthropology & Geography, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
M.A. 1979 Dept. of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin - Madison.
B.A. 1977 Dept. of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin - Madison

AAFS member:

American Academy of Forensic Science, General Section
Member since 2006
Fellow since 2014
Program Chair or Co-chair 2015-2017
Chair, Disciplines Committee 2017-2019
Section Secretary 2019-present

Journal of Forensic Science Articles

Garcia, S, A Smith, C Baigent, M Connor (2020). The Scavenging Patterns of Feral Cats on Human Remains in an Outdoor Setting. *Journal of Forensic Science*. May.

Connor, MA, C Baigent, ES Hansen (2019). Measuring Desiccation Using Qualitative Changes: A Step Toward Determining Regional Decomposition Sequences. *Journal of Forensic Science* 64 (4):1004-1011.

Connor, M., C. Baigent, E.S. Hansen (2017). *Testing the Use of Pigs as Human Proxies in Decomposition Studies*. *Journal of Forensic Science*. *Journal of Forensic Science* 63(5): 1350-1355.

Hansen, E.S., C. Baigent, S.I. Reck, M.A Connor. (2017). Bioelectrical Impedance as a Technique for Estimating Postmortem Interval. *Journal of Forensic Science* doi 10.1111/1556-4029.13695

Dabbs, G., J. Bytheway, M Connor. (2017). Comparing the Scoring of Human Decomposition from Digital Images to Scoring Using On-Site Observations. *Journal of Forensic Science*. 62(5): 1292-1296.

Dabbs, G., M. Connor, and J. Bytheway (2016) Interobserver Reliability of the Total Body Score System for Quantifying Human Decomposition. *Journal of Forensic Science* 61(2): 445-451.

AAFS Conference Presentations

Garcia, S, A Smith, C Baigent, M Connor (2019). The Scavenging Patterns of Feral Cats on Human Remains in an Outdoor Setting. 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Baltimore, MD.

Agan, C., C. Baigent, M. Connor, E. Hansen. (2018) Decomposition Rates: Autopsied and Non-Autopsied Human Remains. *Proceedings of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 70th Annual Meeting*, Seattle.

Connor, M., E Hansen, C Baigent. (2018) Deconstructing Desiccation and Decomposition. *Proceedings of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 70th Annual Meeting*, Seattle.

Hansen, E, M. Connor, C. Baigent. (2018) A Comparison of Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis Techniques for Estimating the Postmortem Interval. *Proceedings of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 70th Annual Meeting*, Seattle.

Hansen, E, S. Reck, M. Connor. (2017) Correlation of Bioelectric Impedance Metrics to Accumulated Degree Days for Among Body Segments using Gel Pad Electrodes. *Proceedings of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 69th Annual Meeting*, New Orleans.

Connor, M., E Hansen, C Baigent. (2017) Measuring Desiccation Using Qualitative Changes. *Proceedings of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 69th Annual Meeting*, New Orleans.

E. Hansen, M Connor, C Baigent. (2017). Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis as a Technique for Estimating the Post-Mortem Interval in Human Remains. *Proceedings of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 69th Annual Meeting*, New Orleans.

Connor, MA. (2016). *Testing the Use of Pigs as Proxies for Humans in TBS Studies*. *Proceedings of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 68th Annual Meeting*, Las Vegas.

Dabbs, G., Bytheway, JA, MA Connor (2016). Comparing Decomposition Assessments from Digital Images to In Situ Observations. *Proceedings of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 68th Annual Meeting*, Las Vegas.

Dabbs, G., M. Connor, and J. Bytheway (2014) *Interobserver Reliability of the Total Body Score System for Quantifying Human Decomposition*. *Proceedings of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 66th Annual Meeting*, Seattle WA.

Connor, MA. (2014). The Pig-of-the-Month Club: Seasonal Variation in Decomposition in a High-Altitude Desert. *Proceedings of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 66th Annual Meeting*, Seattle WA.

Connor, M.A., and D.L. France (2013). A Two-Pronged Model for Regional Taphonomic Studies: A Case Example from Mesa County, Colorado. *Proceedings of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 65th Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C.

Connor, M.A., D Strydom, and J Meerdink (2007) Teaching a Crime Scene Practicum using Multiple Cohorts. *Proceedings of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 59^h Annual Meeting*, San Antonio.

AAFS Newsletter articles

2013. The General Section: "Incubator" to New Forensic Disciplines and Home to Forensic Educators. *Academy News* 13(6):4. American Academy of Forensic Science

Meeting**Attendance: check**

2003 – Chicago, IL

2004 – Dallas, TX

2005 – New Orleans, LA

2006 – Seattle, WA

2007 – San Antonio, TX

2008 – Washington, DC

2009 – Denver, CO

2010 – Seattle, WA

2011 – Chicago, IL

2012 – Atlanta, GA

2013 – Washington, DC

2014 – Seattle, WA

2015 – Orlando, FL

2016 – Las Vegas, NV

2017 – New Orleans, LA

2018 – Seattle, WA

2019 - Baltimore, MD