

## **Cause and Manner of Death: Skeletal Trauma and Taphonomic Issues**

**Location:** Texas State University, San Marcos, TX 78666  
(1921 Old RR 12 and 2101 Freeman RR)

**Dates:** May 20 and 21, 2024

### Schedule

#### **Day 1**

- 8:30 – 9:00 Arrive at FACTS
- 9:00 – 9:15 Opening Remarks and Introduction
- 9:15 – 10:00 Lecture: Role of the Forensic Anthropologist in Medicolegal Death Investigations
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 11:45 Lecture: Skeletal Trauma in Cause and Manner of Death
- 11:45 – 12:00 Question and Answer
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:30 Show and Tell: Examples of Skeletal Ballistic, Blunt, and Sharp Force Trauma
- 2:30 – 2:45 Break
- 2:45 – 3:45 Lecture: Taphonomic Considerations in the Interpretation of Cause and Manner of Death
- 3:45 – 4:00 Question and Answer; Show and Tell: Examples of taphonomy on bone

#### **Day 2**

- 7:45 – 8:00 Arrive at FACTS
- 8:00 – 9:00 Border Crosser Deaths and the Texas Code of Criminals Procedures
- 9:00 – 10:00 Lecture: Process of Human Decomposition and the Estimation of the Postmortem Interval
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15-10:30 Travel to Forensic Anthropology Research Facility
- 10:30 – 11:45 Field Activity: View Human Remains in Various Stages of Decomposition
- 11:45 – 12:00 Return to Classroom / closing remarks