

Osteology, Taphonomy & Forensic Recovery of Human Remains

Hosted by the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office



Objectives: This hands-on course is designed specifically for the medicolegal professional to learn how to protect the integrity of their skeletal remains casework – from start to finish.

Attendees will learn:

- How to distinguish bone from non-bone
- How to identify human bone vs. non-human bone
- The difference between taphonomic (environmental) effects on bone and trauma
- Search and recovery methods for processing scattered skeletal remains and clandestine burial scenes
- How to document, handle, package, transport, and maintain chain of custody of skeletal remains
- Who to contact (and how) for further assistance

TUITION: \$795

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boneandstoneanthrosiences.com**

This course qualifies for 40-hours of Idaho POST and ABMDI continuing education credits

Instructors:

Dr. Teresa “Lilly” White
Bone and Stone
Anthrosiences, LLC
Bigfork, Montana

Dr. Hillary R. Parsons
Odyssey Anthropology, LLC
Blaine, Washington

Dates:

May 6 – 10, 2024
8am – 5pm

Location:

OEM Building
1662 W. Wyoming Ave.
Hayden, Idaho 83835

Hotel Accommodations:

Stay Bridge Suites
1347 W Riverstone Dr.
Coeur d’Alene, Idaho 83814
GSA Rate: Group Code: BSA
208-676-0222

All participants are welcome. If you need disability-related accommodations, please email hillary@odysseyanthro.com



Dr. Teresa 'Lilly' White received her BSLS in 2005 from Montana State University-Billings where she focused on death, dying, and medical ethics. In 2011 and 2013, she graduated with high honors from the University of Montana, with a bachelor's and a master's degree in forensic Anthropology. Her master's thesis focused on factors affecting human decomposition including scavenging, mummification, variable microenvironments, and forensic entomology. In 2019, she earned her PhD from the University of Montana. Her dissertation focused on death notification interactions.

In 2013, Teresa and her husband Samuel (also a PhD in Anthropology) established Bone & Stone Anthrosciences, L.L.C. where they provide Anthropological & Archaeological Consulting Services and Educational Workshops/Webinars to clients worldwide. From 2015-2018, Teresa created and facilitated a Medicolegal Death Investigation Conference at the University of Montana, where she provided continuing education to hundreds of attendees. Dr. White is a Medical Investigator and Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT) member with HHS and NDMS, where she can be deployed for transportation accidents, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, and pandemics such as Covid-19. Most recently, she was deployed to New Mexico to assist with covid deaths. Teresa also works with Kenyon International Emergency Services as a Family Assistance Team Member where she provides human-centered disaster response to victims and families. In 2020, at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, she was deployed to New York City, to assist them with transporting decedents to temporary morgues. She was also deployed with Kenyon to Florida.

Dr. White has worked as an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Montana, teaching Fundamentals of Forensic Science. She is also an instructor for Tri-tech Forensics Training, where she teaches courses on: Cultural and forensic anthropology; human osteology; death notification interactions; human decomposition; forensic entomology; forensic discovery, documentation, and recovery of scattered human remains and burials; ethnographic methods including observation and interviewing techniques for investigators or researchers and other fascinating topics. Teresa is a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS), the Association for the Society of Death & Society, the Dying and Bereavement Interest Group: A Special Interest Group of the Society for Medical Anthropology, Phi Beta Kappa Society, and Lambda Alpha.



Dr. Hillary Parsons is a forensic anthropologist specializing in the search, recovery, analysis, and identification of human skeletal remains. She received her Ph.D. in biological anthropology from the University of Tennessee, her M.A. in anthropology from the University of Montana, and her B.S. in anthropology from Montana State University in her hometown of Bozeman, Montana. She is a member of the American Association of Biological Anthropologists, the Society for American Archaeology, and an associate member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

Dr. Parsons is the sole-proprietor of Odyssey Anthropology LLC, offering forensic anthropological and archaeological services at home and abroad. She regularly provides her expertise to attorneys and other medicolegal professionals for modern forensic casework and is the forensic anthropologist for the Laboratoire de sciences judiciaires et de médecine légale in Montréal, Québec. Hillary has instructed short-courses in forensic anthropology for the past 17 years, working with the Southern Institute of Forensic Sciences and TriTech Forensics.

Dr. Parsons assisted Kenyon International Emergency Services and SNA International with mortuary operations in New York City during the first and second waves of the COVID-19 pandemic, and presently provides services for SNA International in their work with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). This project entails the search, recovery, and repatriation of fallen U.S. service personnel from the battlefields of Vietnam and World War II, work she has been involved with since 2015. As a subject matter expert, Hillary regularly consults for Milsearch Lao, an explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) company located in Laos. Hillary's knowledge of human skeletal remains and battlefield archaeology allows her to collaborate with EOD technicians to document and collect evidence associated with DPAA sites during the removal of unexploded ordnance from the jungles of Southeast Asia. When not on assignment abroad, Dr. Parsons serves as a medicolegal death investigator at the Whatcom County Medical Examiner's Office in beautiful Bellingham, Washington.