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Articles

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Sarah Kerrigan. Understanding Drug-facilitated Rape, Preventing Sexual Violence: A Cross-Sectional View of Prevention, August 2002, Albuquerque, NM.

Sarah Kerrigan. Drug-Impaired Driving, Law Enforcement Collaborative Symposium, Angel Fire, NM, July 29-30.

Sarah Kerrigan. Drug-Facilitated Rape, Prosecuting Sexual Crimes II, State Bar of New Mexico, Albuquerque, June 27-28, 2002.

Sarah Kerrigan. Effects of Alcohol and Drugs on Driving: Recognition of the Drug-Impaired Driver, Municipal Judges' Conference, Ruidoso, NM, June 12, 2002.

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Sarah Kerrigan. Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault, Law Enforcement Response to Sexual and Domestic Violence, Albuquerque, September 20-21 (2001).

Sarah Kerrigan. Gamma-hydroxybutyrate: Toxicology, Interpretation and Postmortem Challenges, 28th Medicolegal Investigation of Death Forensic Science Seminar, Albuquerque, September 4-7 (2001).

Sarah Kerrigan and W. H. Phillips, Jr. Determination of Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate in Blood and Urine Using Chemical Ionization Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Annual Meeting (2001), Seattle, WA.

Sarah Kerrigan. Immunoassay Cutoffs: Consensus or Variable, California Association of Toxicologists Quarterly Meeting, South San Francisco, February (2001).

Sarah Kerrigan. Overview of GHB, Congress of Criminalists on GHB, California Criminalistics Institute, California Department of Justice, Division of Law Enforcement HQ, Sacramento, CA (2000).

Sarah Kerrigan. Analysis of GHB, Related Analogs and Precursors, Congress of Criminalists on GHB, California Criminalistics Institute, California Department of Justice, Division of Law Enforcement HQ, Sacramento, CA (2000).

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Sarah Kerrigan and D. E. Brooks. Rapid Immunoaffinity Extraction of Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD) from Blood and Urine, Society of Forensic Toxicologists, Annual Meeting, Puerto Rico, USA (1999).

Artistic Performances

N/A

Artistic Exhibitions

N/A

Research Monographs and Technical Reports

Sarah Kerrigan. Drug Toxicology for Prosecutors, American Prosecutors Research Institute, Alexandria, VA, October 2004.

Funded External Grants

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Work or Professional Experiences

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College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.

Bureau Chief, Toxicology (2001-2004).

New Mexico Department of Health, Scientific Laboratory Division, Albuquerque, NM.

Forensic Scientist – Toxicologist III/ Quality Manager (1998–2001).

California Department of Justice, Bureau Of Forensic Services, Toxicology Laboratory, Sacramento, CA.

Honors and awards

Outstanding DRE Program Innovation. Awarded by the International Association Of Chiefs Of Police (IACP)/Candid, Baltimore, MD (2003).

Irving Sunshine Toxicology Award. Awarded by the American Academy For Forensic Sciences in recognition of achievements (2002).

New Mexico Highway And Transportation Department, Traffic Safety Bureau Award. Awarded by the Traffic Safety Bureau for dedication, commitment and perseverance, Annual Traffic Safety Summit (2002).

Other Competencies Committees/Boards/Commissions

Forensic Science Programs Accreditation Commission Commissioner, 2009-present.

Journal of Forensic Sciences Editorial Advisory Board, 2009-present.

Forensic Toxicology Council. Appointee, 2010.

Texas Forensic Science Commission Appointed to the Commission by the Texas Attorney General, 2007.

Society of Forensic Toxicologists Executive Board, Secretary, 2008.

Society of Forensic Toxicologists Board of Directors, 2006-2007.

Houston Police Department, Crime Laboratory Stakeholder Committee, 2007-present.

California Association of Toxicologists Past President, 2005-2006.

California Association of Toxicologists Chair, Bylaws, Records Review and Revision, 2005-present.

American Academy of Forensic Sciences Steering Committee (Toxicology Section), 2005-present.

Society of Forensic Toxicologists/American Academy of Forensic Sciences Chair, Drugs and Driving Committee, 2005-2008.

National Safety Council

Highway Traffic Safety Division, Committee on Alcohol and other Drugs (COAD), 2005-present.

American Academy of Forensic Sciences

Chair, Awards and Scholarship Committee (Toxicology Section), 2005-2006.

California Association of Toxicologists President, 2004-2005.

Society of Forensic Toxicologists Membership Committee, 2004-2005.

Society of Forensic Toxicologists/American Academy of Forensic Sciences Drugs and Driving Committee, 2004-present.

California Association of Toxicologists Vice President, 2003-2004.

American Academy of Forensic Sciences Awards and Scholarship Committee (Toxicology Section), 2003-2004.

Journal of Analytical Toxicology Editorial Advisory Board, 2003-present.

Society of Forensic Toxicologists

Chair, Education and Outreach Subcommittee, Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault Committee, 2003-2005.

American Association for Clinical Chemistry

Chair, Clinical and Forensic Toxicology News, Editorial Advisory Board, American Academy for Clinical Chemistry, Washington, DC, 2001-2005.

American Association for Clinical Chemistry

Editorial Advisory Board, Clinical and Forensic Toxicology News, American Academy for Clinical Chemistry, Washington, DC, 1999-2000.

Society of Forensic Toxicologists
Continuing Education Committee, 1999-2002.

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Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault Committee, 2000-present.

California Association of Toxicologists Member at Large – North, 2000-2001.

California Association of Toxicologists Board of Directors, 2000-2001; 2003-2006.