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## Calendar of Events

### **Forensic DNA: Views from the Other End of the Needle – Present and Future Policies Public Forum** (free and open to the public)

**ASLME's DNA Fingerprinting and Civil Liberties Project**

NIH Grant No. 1R01HG0002836-02

**Date: September 16, 2005, 12:00-3:00 PM**

**John F. Kennedy School of Government**

**Harvard University**

**Cambridge, Massachusetts**

The American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics has scheduled the fourth of four workshops for its *DNA Fingerprinting and Civil Liberties* project for September 16-17, 2005. The workshop includes a Public Forum on Friday, September 16, from noon to 3:00, at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Public Forum is free and open to the public.

This Public Forum is supported by the NIH through its Ethics, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) Research Program and builds on the work of the National Commission for the Future of DNA Evidence. The theme of the workshop and its Public Forum is "Views from the Other End of the Needle: Present and Future Policies." Topics to be addressed during the Public Forum include lessons learned and policy implications from DNA-based exonerations and innocence projects; DNA fingerprinting and individual rights, emerging issues of law, policy and ethics; post-conviction DNA review models; and effects of DNA forensics on families and communities.

Consultants to this project include Drs. Frederick R. Bieber, David Lazer, Philip Reilly, and Mark Rothstein. They are working closely with ASLME to organize and run each of these workshops and a national symposium. The goal of the DNA Fingerprinting and Civil Liberties Project is to create a forum with a particular focus on ethical and policy issues surrounding the forensic use of DNA technology, employing a four workshop format over a two-year period with a concluding educational symposium to be held in the late spring of 2006.

**For more information on the Public Forum and on this unique project, please visit our web site at [www.aslme.org](http://www.aslme.org).**

### **DNA Fingerprinting and Civil Liberties**

**Date: May 11-13, 2006**

**Boston Park Plaza Hotel**

**Boston, Massachusetts**

*DNA Fingerprinting and Civil Liberties National Symposium* represents the culmination of a three-year NIH-funded project that has brought together experts from a variety of disciplines and perspectives to study the impact of forensic DNA collection, data-banking, and use on civil liberties, and to delineate areas of consensus and controversy with regard to this important issue. The results of the three-year project will be disseminated during the Symposium, along with presentations by a faculty of outstanding experts, many of whom have worked with ASLME for the past three years.

The National Symposium will provide a forum for a broad range of issues regarding forensic DNA. These issues include:

- DNA fingerprinting and civil liberties: Ethics, law and policy
- DNA in the courtroom
- Post-conviction DNA experience
- Expanding the DNA databank through familial searching
- Secondary uses of forensic DNA samples
- DNA Databanks: Who should be included?
- DNA Databanks: Issues related to the retention of samples

The American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics will sponsor this 2 day conference May 11-13, 2006 in Boston, MA. For more information regarding the DNA Fingerprinting & Civil Liberties project please visit [www.aslme.org](http://www.aslme.org) or call 617-262-4990.

### **30th Annual Health Law Teachers Conference**

**Date: June 1-3, 2006**

**University of Maryland School of Law**

**Baltimore, Maryland**

The University of Maryland School of Law will co-sponsor this two day conference intended for professionals who teach law or bioethics in schools of law, medicine, public health, health care administration, pharmacy, nursing, and dentistry. The program is designed to provide participants with updates on issues at the forefront of law and medicine and to provide them with the opportunity to share strategies, ideas, and materials.