SOLVING THE GREAT AMERICAN MURDER MYSTERY

A NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JFK ASSASSINATION

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Forty years ago this November, the 35th president of the United States of America, John F. Kennedy, was murdered as he rode in a motorcade during a reelection campaign swing through Dallas. While the horrific images of this event are etched into the minds of countless Americans, including many who had not yet even been born at the time, the facts of the case are far less clear.

Although the Warren Commission unequivocally concluded in 1964 that an apparent loner and disgruntled Communist named Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing the president, subsequent investigations have had far murkier results, and according to a CBS News poll conducted in 1998 on the 35th anniversary of the assassination, more than three-quarters of Americans believe President Kennedy’s murder was the result of a conspiracy, with only 10 percent believing that Oswald acted on his own.

This November, on the 40th anniversary of what has truly become “The Great American Murder Mystery,” The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law and the Duquesne University School of Law will be convening many of the case’s top investigators and independent researchers from the fields of law, medicine, forensic science, government and academia in an effort to clarify and advance our collective understanding of just what happened during those fateful seconds in Dealey Plaza four decades ago, as well as what we’ve learned in the ensuing years.

In addition, the symposium will bring together some of the world’s premier forensic scientific and legal experts to explore what might still be learned about President Kennedy’s murder based upon modern-day forensic scientific techniques and legal and investigative opportunities.
CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the following continuing education opportunities, this conference may be eligible for continuing education credits for other professional groups. Please inquire if you would like additional information about these or other opportunities.

• This program has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for fourteen (14) hours of substantive law, practice and procedure CLE credit and zero (0) hours of ethics, professionalism or substance abuse CLE credit. Seven (7) hours of substantive credit are offered for Friday’s program and seven (7) hours of substantive credit are offered for Saturday’s.

• This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of Allegheny General Hospital and The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law. Allegheny General Hospital is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Allegheny General Hospital designates this continuing medical education activity for a maximum of nineteen (19) credit hours in Category 1 credit towards the AMA Physicians Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity. Three hours are approved for Thursday, and eight hours each for Friday and Saturday.

• Approval has been granted by the Pennsylvania Coroners Education Board for eight (8) continuing education credits. Attendance is required for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

• Approval has been requested from the Ohio State Coroners Association for an undetermined number of continuing education credits. Please check our Web site for updates.

• Approval has been requested for Pennsylvania Act 48 credit for primary and secondary education teachers. Please check our Web site for updates.

AUDIENCE AND OBJECTIVES

This symposium has been developed for attorneys, physicians, coroners/medical examiners, nurses, teachers, criminalists, law enforcement officers, students and members of the general public.

At the completion of this symposium, participants should be able to:

• Understand the historical and political context in which the assassination of President Kennedy occurred, and better distinguish the established facts in the historical record from popular ideas about the case that are purely or mostly fictional

• Understand the key pieces of physical evidence and criminalistic issues in this case, as well as the controversies that surround some of those pieces of evidence

• Understand the key pieces of medical evidence in this case, as well as the disputes surrounding what was seen by both physicians and nurses attempting to save the president’s life and pathologists and others present at his autopsy

• Understand what the various investigations into the assassination, both governmental and private, have uncovered, as well as what areas of inquiry have been left unexplored or insufficiently explored

• Contribute their own expertise to new or ongoing investigations into the assassination
Established in the fall of 2000, The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law offers graduate degree and professional certificate programs in forensic science and law to a diverse group of students spanning the disciplines of law, nursing, law enforcement, the health sciences, social services, business, the environmental sciences and psychology. The Wecht Institute also hosts an annual conference that convenes local and national experts from a wide variety of disciplines in an effort to shed greater light upon a particular set of issues. As the first and only set of forensic science programs housed at a law school, the Wecht Institute is nationally unique.

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**Accommodations**

The Wecht Institute has reserved a limited number of rooms for symposium attendees at the following three hotels at a rate of $99/night. All three hotels will provide transportation to and from the symposium. To make a reservation, please contact the hotel of your choosing by Nov. 6 and mention that you are attending this program at Duquesne University in order to receive the discounted room rate.

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  - Phone: 412-471-4000
  - Toll Free: 1-888-456-6600
  - Web: www.marriott.com

- **Sheraton Station Square Hotel**
  - Phone: 412-261-2000
  - Web: www.starwood.com/sheraton

- **Hilton Pittsburgh**
  - Phone: 412-594-5122
  - Web: www.hilton.com

If you are traveling to the symposium from outside the Pittsburgh area, please consult our Web site or contact us at 412-396-1330 for driving directions.

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David R. Wrone, Ph.D.
Author, The Zapruder Film: Reframing JFK’s Assassination; former Professor of History, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

4:00 p.m. Registration

6:15 p.m. Welcome
John T. Rago, J.D.
Associate Dean and Professor of Law,
Duquesne University School of Law;
Director, The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of
Forensic Science and Law

6:30 p.m. Opening Address
Cyril H. Wecht, M.D., J.D.

7:20 p.m. PANEL DISCUSSION:
The JFK Assassination 101
Moderator:
Michael L. Kurtz, Ph.D.
Panelists:
Walt Brown, Ph.D.
Jerry Policoff
Zachary Sklar
Anthony Summers
David R. Wrone, Ph.D.

8:40 p.m. Fact and Fiction in the JFK
Assassination
Zachary Sklar

9:00 p.m. Film Screening: JFK

12:00 a.m. Adjournment

In accordance with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME),
the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Standards and the policy of
Allegheny General Hospital, presenters are asked to indicate if they have any relationship
which, in the context of the presentation, could be perceived as a real or apparent conflict
of interest (e.g., ownership of stock, honoraria or consulting fees). Any such relationships
will be disclosed to the audience and consideration will be given to possible influences of
their presentations.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

FORENSIC SCIENCE

7:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

8:15 a.m. Welcome
Nicholas P. Cafardi, J.D., J.C.L.
Charles J. Dougherty, Ph.D.
President, Duquesne University

8:30 a.m. The Zapruder Film: Its Evidentiary Value and Controversies
David R. Wrone, Ph.D.

9:15 a.m. The Troubled Provenance of CE 399
Josiah Thompson, Ph.D.

9:55 a.m. Break

10:10 a.m. Acoustical Evidence for the Number and Sequence of Gunshots in the Assassination of President Kennedy
Donald B. Thomas, Ph.D.

10:55 a.m. PANEL DISCUSSION:
Criminalistic Issues in the Assassination of John F. Kennedy
Moderator: Linda B. Kenney, Esq.
Panelists:
Robert J. Groden
Henry C. Lee, Ph.D.

12:15 p.m. Lunch
Poster Presentations, Duquesne Room

1:45 p.m. President Kennedy in Trauma Room One: Personal Observations by a Neurosurgeon
Robert G. Grossman, M.D.

2:30 p.m. How Prior Investigations into JFK’s Autopsy Got It Wrong
Gary L. Aguilar, M.D.

3:15 p.m. The JFK Autopsy Materials: 20 Conclusions After Nine Visits
David W. Mantik, M.D., Ph.D.

4:55 p.m. PANEL DISCUSSION:
Forensic Medical Evidence in the Assassination of John F. Kennedy
Moderator: Cyril H. Wecht, M.D., J.D.
Panelists:
Randolph H. Robertson, M.D.
Thomas T. Noguchi, M.D.

6:15 p.m. Adjournment

7:30 p.m. Sneak Preview: Warhol and Jackie: Crafting the End of Camelot
The Andy Warhol Museum
(Buses to depart from the Locust St. entrance from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.)
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<td>A Troubling Legacy: The Report of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy Mark Lane, Esq.</td>
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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

**PUBLIC RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

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Oral Research Presenters (in alphabetical order):
- David Courtwright, Ph.D.
- James DiEugenio
- John Hunt
- Jefferson Morley
- John Newman, Ph.D.
- James K. Olmstead
- Kenneth C. Rahn and Larry M. Sturdivan
- Randolph H. Robertson, M.D.
- James P. Sawa
- Timothy Smith
- Stuart Wexler

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

Abstracts are still being accepted for poster presentations, which will be made during the lunch breaks on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. For instructions on how to submit, please visit www.jfk.duq.edu or contact us at 412-396-1330.