

# SOLVING THE GREAT AMERICAN MURDER MYSTERY

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

NOVEMBER 20 - 23, 2003



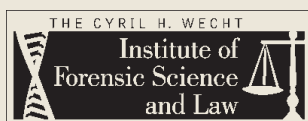
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— ABOUT —

## THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE

**F**orty 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.

## 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

### ***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.

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## THE CYRIL H. WECHT INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE AND LAW

**E**stablished 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. Please visit us on the Web at [www.law.duq.edu](http://www.law.duq.edu).

## accommodations

### HOTEL INFORMATION

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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*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.*  
*Morning Presenters*
- 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. A Pathologist's Critique of the President's Autopsy  
*Michael M. Baden, M.D.*
- 3:15 p.m. How Prior Investigations into JFK's Autopsy Got it Wrong  
*Gary L. Aguilar, M.D.*
- 3:55 p.m. Break
- 4:10 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.*  
*Afternoon Presenters*
- 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.)*

# SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

## THE LAW

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome *John T. Rago, J.D.*
- 8:45 a.m. A Troubling Legacy: The Report of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy *Mark Lane, Esq.*
- 9:30 a.m. A Few Words on the Warren Commission *The Honorable Gerald R. Ford*  
(by video, courtesy of the Fox News Channel)
- 9:40 a.m. Revisiting the Warren Commission *The Honorable Arlen Specter*
- 10:20 a.m. Break
- 10:35 a.m. PANEL DISCUSSION: Moderator:  
Legal and Investigative Issues in the *James H. Lesar, Esq.*  
Assassination of John F. Kennedy Panelists:  
*Saturday Presenters*
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch  
Poster Presentations, Duquesne Room
- 1:30 p.m. Jim Garrison Vindicated: *Joan Mellen, Ph.D.*  
The Post-Investigation Evidence
- 2:15 p.m. The Limitations of the House Select *Robert K. Tanenbaum, Esq.*  
Committee on Assassinations:  
Reflections of a Former Counsel
- 3:00 p.m. The Warren Report 15 Years On: *Gary T. Cornwell, Esq.*  
Reflections of a Congressional Counsel
- 3:40 p.m. Break
- 3:55 p.m. Justice at Five Points: How the *Roger Bruce Feinman, J.D.*  
Federal Courts Assassinated the Truth
- 4:40 p.m. The Achievements & Limitations *The Honorable John R. Tunheim*  
of the Assassination Records  
Review Board
- 5:20 p.m. PANEL DISCUSSION: Moderator:  
Where Do We Go From Here? *Daniel Alcorn, Esq.*  
Panelists:  
*Henry C. Lee, Ph.D.*  
*Jack W. Snyder, M.D., J.D., Ph.D.*  
*James E. Starrs, LL.M.*  
*The Honorable John R. Tunheim*  
*Cyril H. Wecht, M.D., J.D.*  
*Michael Welner, M.D.*
- 6:35 p.m. Adjournment
- 8:00 p.m. Film Screening: *Executive Action*



# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

## *PUBLIC RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS*

9:00 a.m.	Oral Presentations	<i>To be Announced</i>
10:40 a.m.	Break	
10:55 a.m.	Oral Presentations	<i>To be Announced</i>
12:35 p.m.	Lunch Poster Presentations, Duquesne Room	
1:30 p.m.	Oral Presentations	<i>To be Announced</i>
3:10 p.m.	Break	
3:25 p.m.	Oral Presentations	<i>To be Announced</i>
5:05 p.m.	Concluding Remarks Adjournment	<i>Cyril H. Wecht, M.D., J.D.</i>

### **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. Robertston, 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.

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