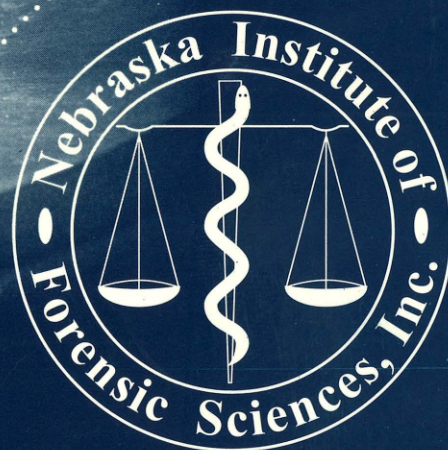




Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences

Mission Statement

The Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences, Inc. was established to provide educational and research programs in the fields of forensic sciences and medicine.

Vision Statement

The goals and objectives of the institute are:

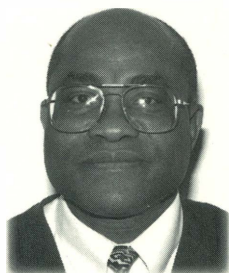
- ◆ To improve the public health and provide services in the fields of forensic sciences, especially in cases where such services would alleviate human suffering;
- ◆ To build human potential in the area of forensic sciences, especially among the minority ethnic populations in the U.S.A. by assisting in the training of members of the minorities in the field of forensic sciences and medicine;
- ◆ To influence legislation to insure that there is adequate focus on support and empowerment of the neediest and most difficult to serve populations and ethnic minorities and females in the fields of forensic sciences and medicine;
- ◆ To provide research programs and initiatives in the fields of forensic sciences especially as they relate to curbing and preventing various diseases and improving the public health of our citizens and the entire world;
- ◆ To leverage funds and facilitate philanthropic organizations' quest to alleviate human suffering by utilizing the extensive knowledge and research in the fields of forensic sciences and medicine.

Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences, Inc.

The Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences, Inc. was established in 2003 as non-profit, tax-exempt organization under the IRS section 501 (c) (3). The Institute in cooperation with Nebraska Forensic Medical Services, P.C., which operates as the Forensic Pathology division of the Coroner's Office of Lancaster County, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Institute is affiliated with the Department of Pathology, Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, Nebraska; The Cyril Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and the Law at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA; Chadron State College, Chadron, NE.; Albany State University, Albany, GA, and the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science at the University of New Haven, Connecticut, CT.



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**President & CEO,
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Associate Professor of Forensic Pathology,
Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska**

Dr. Matthias I. Okoye is a practicing physician and lawyer, and the Director of the Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences, Inc., and Nebraska Forensic Medical Services, P.C. He is Clinical Associate Professor of forensic pathology at Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, Nebraska. He is also an adjunct professor of forensic medicine and pathology at several universities abroad. He was formerly the Chief Medical Examiner for the District of Columbia Washington, D.C., and Associate Professor of Forensic Pathology at Georgetown University, George Washington University, and Howard University, Washington, D.C. He is a member of the State Bars of Pennsylvania and Nebraska and is also admitted to practice in several Federal Courts and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the American College of Legal Medicine, Board of Trustees of the American Board of Legal Medicine, Editorial Board of the Journal of International Academy of Legal Medicine, and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

Dr. Cordelia N. Okoye, R.N., MPH, Ph.D.

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Dr. Cordelia Okoye is a registered nurse, certified midwife, and a Public Health Specialist. She is the Manager, Community Health Division, Lancaster County –City of Lincoln Health Department, Lincoln, Nebraska. She obtained her BA in Business Administration at Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri, the Master's of Public Health (MPH) degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, and her Ph.D. in Health Services from Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is a member of the American College of Legal Medicine and International Association of Legal Nurse Consultants.

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Dr. Henry C. Lee, Ph.D.

Chief Emeritus, Connecticut State Police,
Forensic Laboratory
Professor of Forensic Science,
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Founding Member – Board of Directors,
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Best known for his expert sleuthing in such high-profile cases as O.J. Simpson, Vince Foster and JonBenet Ramsey, Dr. Henry C. Lee is a forensic scientist of longstanding repute. Currently, Chief Emeritus of the Connecticut Department of Public Safety's Division of Scientific Services and a full professor of forensic science at the University of New Haven, Dr. Lee consults to thousands of law enforcement agencies around the world. In 1992, he was elected a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. He also holds honorary doctoral degrees from the University of New Haven, St. Joseph College, the University of Bridgeport School of Law and Roger Williams University.



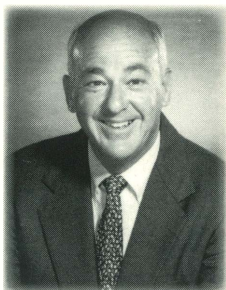
Dr. Michael M. Baden, M.D.

Co-Director, New York State Police
Medico legal Investigation Unit
Medical-legal Consultant
Founding Member – Board of Directors,
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Dr. Michael Baden is a board-certified forensic pathologist who currently serves as Co-director of the New York State Police Medico legal Investigation Unit in addition to pursuing his private practice. Over his 40-year old career, Dr. Baden has been involved as an expert in many cases of international renown, including the examination of the remains of Czar Nicholas and his family, the death of John Belushi, the second autopsy of civil rights leader Medgar Evers, and the autopsies of the victims of TWA Flight 800. He has served as an expert witness in many criminal cases, including the murder trials of O.J. Simpson, Claus Von Bulow and Marlon Brando's son, Christian. He was formerly the Chief Medical Examiner for New York City, N.Y. He is the host of the popular HBO-TV show, "Autopsy".

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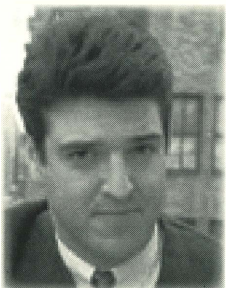


Dr. Cyril H. Wecht, M.D., J.D.

**Former Coroner, County of Allegheny
Medical-Legal Consultant
Founding Member – Board of Directors,
Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences, Inc.**



Dr. Cyril Wecht is the former Coroner of Allegheny County, and one of the world's leading experts in forensic pathology. In his official capacity, he administers a governmental department responsible for investigating all sudden, suspicious, violent and unexplained deaths within its jurisdiction. As a medical-legal expert, Dr. Wecht has performed approximately 14,000 autopsies and has supervised, reviewed or been consulted on approximately 30,000 additional post-mortem examinations. In addition, Dr. Wecht frequently appears as a guest on national TV and radio shows to discuss various medical-legal and scientific subjects, including medical malpractice; alcohol and drug abuse; the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy; the death of Elvis Presley; and the O.J. Simpson and JonBenet Ramsey cases. Dr. Wecht is a clinical professor at the University of Pittsburgh Schools of Medicine, Dental Medicine and Public Health, and is an adjunct professor at Duquesne University's schools of Law, Pharmacy and Health Sciences. He has served as president of the American College of Legal Medicine and the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, as well as chairman of the boards of trustees of both the American Board of Legal Medicine and the American College of Legal Medicine Foundation.



Dr. Michael Welner, M.D.

**Chairman, The Forensic Panel
Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry,
New York University School of Medicine
Founding Member – Board of Directors,
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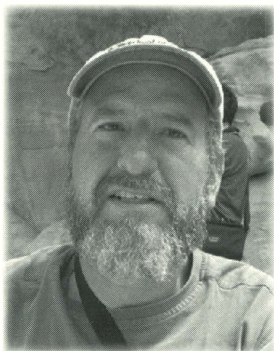
As chairman of The Forensic Panel, he founded the first and only peer review forensic expert consultation practice in the country. Most recently, he developed The Depravity Scale, a device currently being validated for the psychological determination of evil. Dr. Welner specializes in the treatment of violent patients and those who fail to respond to treatment. He has consulted for both prosecutors and defense counsel in a number of high-profile cases, including the death of heiress Doris Duke, the Wyoming homicide of Matthew Shepard and the mass murders at a Xerox facility in Hawaii.



Advisory Board

The members of the advisory board include Professor Karl J. Reinhard, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Nebraska; James E. Starrs, L.L.M., Professor of Law and Forensic Sciences, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; Victor Weedn, M.D., J.D., Visiting Professor of Forensic Science and Law, Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA; Dr. John O. Obafunwa, M.D., D.M.J. (Path); F.R.C.Path (Lond.); L.L.B., Provost, Lagos State University College of Medicine, Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria; Dr. Albert Harper, Ph.D., J.D., Executive Director, Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science, West Haven, CT; Michael J. Chambliss, M.D., Forensic Pathologist, Coroner's Office, Fresno, CA; Thomas L. Bennett, M.D., Director, Forensic Medicine and Pathology, LLC, Billings, MT; Erin Kimmerle, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Forensic Anthropology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL; Paul E. Kish, M.S., Forensic Consultant & Associates, Corning, NY; Paul F. Mellen, M.D., D.M.J. (Path) (Lond.), F.R.C.P. (Ireland), Forensic Pathologist, Muncie, IN; and Yves Roy, Ph.D., President, Corealis Pharma, Inc., Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

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Dr. Karl Jan Reinhard

Full Professor School of Natural Resource Sciences at the University of Nebraska Lincoln. He is a Senior Fullbright Fellow and Scholar and an internationally renowned expert in forensic pathology, botany, and physical anthropology.

He is the Associate Director of the Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences, Inc. and a Member of the Advisory Board of the Institute.



Professor Reinhard's Research includes Origins of Diabetes; Omaha Tribe Obesity/Diabetes: Archaeoparasitology. He participated in numerous excavations in the Sonoran Desert, the Colorado Plateau, the Chihuahuan Desert, the Arctic, the Sertão of Brazil, and the Atacama Desert of Peru.

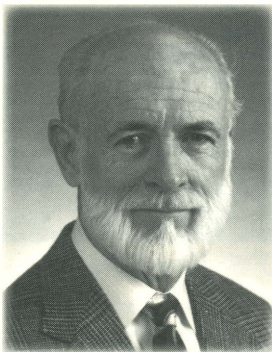
Dr. John Oladapo Obafunwa

MBBS, FMCPATH, FWACPATH, DMJ(Path),
FRCPath, FFPATH RCP(I), LL.B. (Hons)
Professor of Forensic Pathology
Department of Morbid Anatomy and Provost
Lagos State University College of Medicine,
Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria



He is the Professor and Head of Department of Morbid Anatomy and the Provost of the Lagos State University College of Medicine, Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria. Professor Obafunwa was the State Pathologist for Cayman Islands and the Republic of Bermuda. He is a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and also a delegate to the International Academy of Legal Medicine. He is a member of the British Association of Forensic Pathologists and the World Association of Police Surgeons.

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Mr. James E. Starrs, LL.M.

Professor of Law and Professor of Forensic Sciences at George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

He is a distinguished fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, a past chairman of the academy's Jurisprudence Section, and a former member of the academy's Board of Directors. Professor Starrs is co-author of "Scientific Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases," senior co-editor of "Scientific Sleuthing Review" and a member of the advisory board of the Encyclopedia of Forensic Sciences. Professor Starrs is best known for having directed a number of exhumations of historical figures in controversial historical matters, including the assassination of Louisiana Senator Huey P. Long, the death and cannibalism of the five victims of Colorado prospector Alfred Packer, the LSD-related death of CIA scientist Frank R. Olson, and the identification of the remains of Jesse James. He has investigated the death of famed American explorer Meriwether Lewis and the mysteries underlying the death of longtime FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. Among other accomplishments, he crafted computerized simulations of the killings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman, as well as the Menendez parents, both of which were shown on national TV.



Dr. Erin H. Kimmerle, Ph.D.

**Assistant Professor
Department of Anthropology
University of South Florida
Tampa, Florida**

Dr. Erin H. Kimmerle was the Chief Anthropologist for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) United Nations, The Hague, Netherlands Missions: Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia in 2001 and for Kosovo in 2000. Her research areas included Biological Anthropology, Human Rights and Forensics, and Bioarchaeology.

The Educational Role of the Institute

Educational services were considered an essential part of the goal for the establishment of the Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences, Inc. In fact, the Institute is affiliated with other educational institutions in the U.S.A. namely, Department of Criminal Justice at Albany State University, Albany, Georgia; Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Sciences and Law at Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA; Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science at the University of New Haven, CT; Institute of Agriculture and School of Natural Resources of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Nebraska; and Department of Pathology at Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, Nebraska. The Institute in conjunction with the Nebraska Forensic Medical Services, P.C. operates the Coroner's Office for Lancaster County, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Professional Education

The Institute also provides a range of professional training programs for medical, legal, law enforcement, and allied services personnel.

Master's Degree

Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences, Inc. in cooperation with Lagos State University College of Medicine, Lagos, Nigeria is organizing a graduate program in Forensic Medicine leading to an M. Med. Sci. (Forensic Medicine) degree for physicians and a Master of Forensic Science (M.F.S.) degree for non-physicians. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is a partner in this cooperative academic venture.

Certificate in Forensic Science

The Nebraska Institute also has joint Forensic Science Training Programs with Albany State University, Albany, Georgia; and several members of the Advisory Board of the Institute are adjunct professors at the Department of Criminal Justice of the University. The Institute also has summer internships in forensic post-mortem and medico-legal investigations for graduating forensic science students from Albany State University, Albany, GA.

Forensic Science:
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MINORITIES IN THE USA AND AFRICA

Currently *insufficient resources exist to provide an equal opportunity for USA-born minorities in forensic science*. In addition, *many African institutions do not possess the infrastructure to provide adequate resources for training in forensic science*. There is an ***urgent need*** for programs that will provide an opportunity for minorities to conduct forensic science in the USA while training Africans to conduct forensic science in their home countries.

At present, the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources is proposing an undergraduate major in forensic science to be implemented in collaboration with the Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences, Inc. This curriculum is being constructed in conjunction with programs in forensic science and forensic medicine at Lagos State University College of Medicine, Nigeria. This collaborative program aims to be built upon the Global Sullivan Principles.

Our ***long-term goal*** is to bring Africa to the cutting edge of forensic science while improving the representation of minority forensic scientists in the USA. The ***overall objective*** of this project is to provide an opportunity for African forensic science students to receive training in the field of forensic science at the benefit of their home countries and to develop a forensic science program that targets minority students from the USA. *We aim to recruit 10 African American students every year*. The Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences, Inc., University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Lagos State University College of Medicine are home to several teachers and researchers as well as shared resources that are dedicated to forensic science and forensic medicine.

Forensic Science:
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MINORITIES IN THE USA AND AFRICA cont.

We expect to accomplish our objective by pursuing the following three *specific aims*:

1. Construct a curriculum that provides academic and practical training in forensic science.
2. Create a program that will allow an exchange of faculty, staff, and students between universities in Africa and the USA.
3. Make the curriculum accessible to minority students from the USA.

The proposed project is ***innovative*** because it represents a partnership between African and American institutions in a field that has traditionally been driven by non-African professionals contracted to conduct work in U.S. and Africa. Thus, we aim to train Africans to carry out work in Africa. Also, this is the first program that targets minority students from the USA and Africa for placement in forensic science. It is anticipated that this innovative approach will yield the following ***expected outcomes***: 1) The quality of forensic science programs in African universities will increase. 2) The number of African countries that possess programs in forensic science will increase. 3) Minorities in the USA will be adequately represented in forensic science. Amplification of this initial effect is expected to occur when the program is sustained locally and disseminated to other venues worldwide. The primary beneficiaries of this program are expected to be the African countries that contain participating African universities and the minority peoples of the USA.



Fellowships in Forensic Medicine for Nigerian Universities

Since 2005, the Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences, Inc. has entered into respective and separate agreement(s) with the Imo State University College of Medicine & Teaching Hospital, Orlu, Nigeria and the University of Nigeria College of Medicine & Teaching Hospital, Enugu, Nigeria to train forensic pathologists for these two institutions. For each trainee or forensic fellow, the Institute provides a full two-years training in forensic medicine and pathology. The Nebraska Institute is currently training a forensic pathologist for Imo State University; and the trainee for the University of Nigeria is scheduled to start in the fall of 2007. Each two-year forensic medicine fellowship costs the Nebraska Institute approximately one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) U.S. dollars which include monthly stipend plus fringe benefits paid to the trainee. Each trainee is required to be sponsored by a Nigerian University to which he/she will return to after the training. Additional MOUs are expected to be entered into with the other African Universities once funding is made available by philanthropic donors and organizations.