



# ASCLD FRC Lightning Talks

*New Research on Vicarious Trauma, Stress, & Burnout*

Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, 1:00 EST, WebEx

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## *Tackling Stress and Trauma in Forensics: Starting the Path to Resilience*

Amanda L. Farrell, Associate Professor, Marymount University

Looking at the recent research Dr. Farrell and her colleague, Dr. Timothy Ainger from the University of Kentucky, College of Medicine, have developed and conducted, this lightning talk will discuss stress, trauma, and stigma in the forensic laboratory environment, as well as its impact on personnel and service delivery. The concept of shifting to a culture of resilience, where appropriate prevention and intervention strategies are accessible and available, will also be addressed.



## *Assessing Occupational Responses to Stress Among Digital Forensic Investigators*

Thomas Holt, Professor, Michigan State University

This presentation will assess the prevalence of negative occupational responses, including vicarious trauma, among digital forensic examiners in police agencies. The findings provide insights into the impact of exposure to traumatic content on forensic scientists.



## *Perceptions of Wellness in Forensic Operations: Recommendations from Survey Research*

Justin Z. Goldstein, PhD Student, Texas State University

Mental wellness is a vital component of forensic operations that has been, until relatively recently, often overlooked. Results from quantitative and qualitative survey research provide useful insights into how operational staff in medical examiner and coroner offices perceive wellness, as well as how agencies can provide non-clinical support.