

# ***Bugs, Bones & Botany©***

## ***A Unique Death Investigation Workshop***

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### ***What?***

Bugs, Bones & Botany© has been offered annually since 1997. This week long, 40 hour workshop focuses upon the analysis and interpretation of anthropological, botanical, and entomological evidence. Each morning, course participants will attend lectures covering methods used in evidence recognition, documentation and collection. During afternoon field sessions, the course participants will process three mock crime scenes for entomological, anthropological and botanical evidence.



Bugs, Bones and Botany© is an outdoor, field oriented workshop. Course participants should prepare to spend time outdoors under hot and humid conditions. Long pants and closed-toe shoes are required. Use of cameras is allowed and participants are encouraged to take photographs during the workshop for use conducting in-house training for crime scene personnel, major case, and medical-legal death investigators.

### ***Where?***

University of Florida,  
Austin Cary Forest Conference Center  
10625 NE Waldo Road  
Gainesville, FL 32609



***When?*** October 2-6, 2023

***Registration Fee:*** \$625

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***Course Objectives:***

Each student will participate in the search, excavation, and recovery of entomological, botanical, and anthropological evidence from a staged crime scene. During afternoon practical sessions, the students will recover evidence from surface scattered and buried scenes.

## ***Topics:***

- History of forensic entomology
- Plant identification
- Biological Profile
- Collection of entomological and botanical evidence
- Human vs. Non-Human bone identification
- Ground penetrating radar
- Surface mapping
- Graveside recovery

\*Bring your own camera and tripod.

## ***Instructors:***

Jason H. Byrd, Ph.D.  
Lerah Sutton, Ph.D.  
Adam Stern, DVM

## ***Lodging:***

Best Western Gateway Grand, 4200 NW 97th Boulevard, Gainesville, FL 32606. Lodging is the responsibility of each attendee. A special rate of \$108 per night has been arranged for course attendees. Reservation rates will be honored throughout the course dates. Please refer to UF Forensic Training when making reservations, and ask for the UF rate. For reservations, call (352) 331-3336 (local). Reservations depend on availability—the sooner you can book, the better!

## ***Register:***

Registration is online – It's fast, safe and convenient. To register with your Visa, MasterCard, or American Express, please visit our secure, [on-line registration website](#).

**RSVP**

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