

Dr. Peter De Forest

Biography

Dr. Peter R. De Forest is Professor of Criminalistics at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York where he has taught for 37 years.

Prior to joining the faculty and helping to found the Forensic Science BS, MS, and Ph.D. Programs at John Jay and the City University of New York, he worked in several laboratories. He began his career in forensic science at the Ventura County Sheriff's Crime Laboratory, Ventura, California in 1960.

He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree (1964) in Criminalistics and a Doctor of Criminology Degree in Criminalistics (1969) from the University of California at Berkeley, under Dr. Paul L. Kirk. In addition to his university teaching and research activities, he also serves as a scientific consultant and expert witness for police departments, prosecutor's offices, municipal law departments, public defender agencies, and private attorneys in criminal and civil casework in the US and Canada. The consultation has included advisory panel membership on major case investigations in the UK.

He is the author or co-author of several book chapters, a textbook, and numerous articles in scientific journals. In addition to membership in several scientific societies, he served as a member of the editorial boards of journals including the *Journal of Forensic Sciences*. For over ten years, dating from the inception of the American Board of Criminalistics (ABC), Professor De Forest served as the chairman of ABC Examination Committee, which was responsible for designing and administering certification examinations in a range of forensic science specialties. He has presented lectures and workshops for several professional societies and in other universities and has served as Visiting Professor at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. During the fall 1997 semester he served as Exchange Professor with the National Crime Faculty at the Police Staff College, Bramshill, England and also delivered the Founders Lecture for the California Association of Criminalists.

Dr. De Forest is a past commissioner with the Forensic Science Program Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) and is Criminalistics Section Chairman of the AAFS for 2006-2007. Awards received include the Paul L. Kirk Award (1999) of the Criminalistics Section of the AAFS.