

SUMMIT SCHEDULE - 9/17

- 9:00am Opening Remarks
Dr. Andrea Allen, Professor, Clayton State University
- 9:05am Welcome
Dr. Georj Lewis, President, Clayton State University
- 9:15am The Academy Unveiled: Mission, Impact, and Vision
A comprehensive introduction to the Wildlife Forensic Academy's purpose and achievements.
Andro Vos, CEO and Founder, Wildlife Forensic Academy
- 10:15am Inside the Crime Scene: Wildlife Forensics & Zoonoses
Explore wildlife crime scene tools, veterinary forensics, and the crucial role of zoonotic disease awareness.
Dr. Greg Simpson, Founder and Director, Wildlife Forensic Academy
- 11:15am Keynote Address
Get a closer look at wildlife crime in Georgia, its legal and enforcement challenges, connection to global wildlife crime, and its impact on Georgia communities.
Jessica Rock, State Animal Crimes Resource Prosecutor and a Special Assistant United States Attorney
- 12:15pm Lunch
- 1:30pm Science in Action: The WFA Body Farm Experience
Discover the unique research conducted at the body farm and its significance for forensic science.
Dr. Devin Alexander Finaughty, Lecturer, Wildlife Forensic Academy
- 2:30pm Next-Gen Forensics: AI and Robotics in Conservation
Explore how advanced technologies are revolutionizing wildlife crime investigations.
Dr. Georgio Mosis, Director, Aethiqs
- 3:30pm Wildlife Forensics Without Borders: Building the Future at CSU
Discover how Clayton State University's partnership with the Wildlife Forensic Academy is creating global study abroad opportunities and advancing plans for a US-based wildlife forensic facility with a focus on border security training.
Dr. Andrea Allen, Professor, Clayton State University
- 4:30pm Closing Remarks

SUMMIT WORKSHOPS - 9/18

Wildlife Forensics Necropsy

(Dr. Greg Simpson)

Step into the role of a wildlife veterinarian and learn how animal autopsies uncover the secrets behind wildlife deaths.

Field Investigation: Wildlife Crime Scene Response

(Dr. Andrea Allen)

Suit up and investigate a simulated wildlife crime scene, collecting evidence and solving the case using forensic techniques.

Forensic Entomology: Bugs and Bodies in Action

(Dr. Devin Finaughty)

Discover how insects help solve mysteries as you examine carrion and learn about the fascinating world of forensic entomology.

Technology Toolbox: AI Innovations in Animal and Wildlife Forensics

(Dr. Georgio Mosis)

Dive into the future of wildlife protection with interactive demonstrations on how artificial intelligence and data analytics are used to fight wildlife crime.

Building Partnerships: Collaborative Response to Animal and Wildlife Crime

(Andro Vos)

Explore the business side of wildlife forensics, from building partnerships to launching impactful conservation initiatives.

Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) for Wildlife Crime Investigations

(Jacob Lloyd)

Learn practical OSINT skills to investigate wildlife crime in today's digital world. Explore how traffickers exploit online platforms and how investigators use social media, web tools, and cyber techniques to gather evidence, identify suspects, and disrupt illegal wildlife trade.

Georgia Animal Crimes and Wildlife Law: Legal and Enforcement Insights

(Jessica Rock)

Explore the fundamentals of animal crimes and wildlife law in Georgia. This workshop provides practical insights into prosecution strategies, case law, and interagency collaboration for effectively enforcing animal protection statutes and addressing wildlife offenses in the state.

