

ASCLS-ID SPRING CONVENTION

twin falls **2015** april 16-18

BIRDS OF A FEATHER



 THE 
PROGRAM
BOOKLET



A flock of birds is an amazing sight. From a roaming band of foraging finches to a stupendous migrating flock of geese, flocks of birds can be an amazing sight for birders to enjoy, even more so when they understand how important those flocks can be for the birds' survival. That is why we have chosen "Birds of a Feather" as the theme of our 2015 ASCLS-Idaho Spring Convention. We believe that the image of birds flocking together to strengthen and help one other is a powerful image and one that we would like to emulate. We are hoping that you and your friends will flock to our convention in record numbers so we can build a strong flock that will be able to survive and thrive well into the future. Please join us in Twin Falls, April 16-18, for a powerful convention.

WELCOME



THURSDAY

- 11:00am-1:00pm • Board Meeting @ The Hilton
- 12:00-1:00pm • Registration @ The Hilton
- 1:00-2:30pm • Sessions A1, A2, A3 @ The Hilton
- 2:30-3:00pm • Break
- 3:00-4:30pm • Sessions A4, A5, A6 @ The Hilton
- 4:30-7:00pm • Vendor Reception @ La Quinta

FRIDAY

- 7:00-8:00am • Registration @ La Quinta
- 7:30-8:15am • Breakfast with the Vendors @ La Quinta
- 8:00-8:30am • Registration @ The Hilton
- 8:30-8:40am • Welcome @ The Hilton
- 8:40-9:40am • Keynote Address: One Voice, One Vision
- 9:40-9:50am • Break
- 9:50-10:50am • General Session: Our Backyard Bird Feeder
- 10:50-11:00am • Break
- 11:00am-12:30pm • Sessions B1, B2, B3 @ The Hilton
- 12:30-2:00pm • Lunch with the Vendors @ La Quinta
- 2:00-3:30pm • Sessions B4, B5, B6 @ The Hilton
- 3:30-5:30pm • Planetarium Show
- 6:00-8:30pm • Awards Banquet @ The Hilton



SATURDAY

- 7:30-8:00am • Registration @ The Hilton
- 8:00-9:00am • Educator's Forum: Drinking From the Fire Hose @ The Hilton
- 9:00-9:15am • Break
- 9:15-10:15am • General Session: Uganda Medical Service Trip @ The Hilton
- 10:15-10:30am • Break
- 10:30am-12:00pm • Sessions C1, C2, C3 @ The Hilton
- 12:00-1:45pm • Business Luncheon @ La Quinta
- 2:00-3:30pm • Scientific Assembly @ The Hilton

Registration



Early Bird registration ends March 14th!

You know what they say...the early bird gets the worm! Well in this case...the early bird gets their name entered in a drawing for a **FREE ONE-YEAR ASCLS MEMBERSHIP** compliments of ASCLS-Idaho! All registrations received by March 14th are eligible to win...so what are you waiting for? Visit our website at www.asclsidaho.org to register online today or, if you prefer, whip out that checkbook, fill out that form and slap a stamp on it pronto so you can be The Early Bird!



Online registration will open Feb 9th and continue throughout the entire convention!

We strongly encourage everyone to utilize our online registration. Registering online is fast, efficient and secure. We will be able to keep the online registration open right up to...and throughout...the convention making it simple to register at the drop of a hat. But, if you prefer snail mail, forms will be available to download at our website and will also be included in the Program Booklet.

Visit www.asclsidaho.org to register today!



Late registration will begin April 12th.

All registrations post-marked on or after April 12th will be charged a \$25 late fee. Online registration will continue throughout the entire convention and all registrations submitted on April 12th or later will be charged the late fee as well.

But don't let that stop you from coming...we will always welcome you into the flock...no matter when!

General Information

We are excited to bring you the 2015 ASCLS-Idaho Spring Convention and we hope you will flock to Twin Falls to join us. We know that finding the information you need is key to making this happen. We have made every effort to fill this booklet and our website with valuable information. Visit us at www.asclsidaho.org where you will be able to contact us if you have further questions.



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Participating members know that membership in ASCLS is essential to creating a strong and vibrant flock. ASCLS-Idaho is the Idaho branch of the **American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science**. When you join, you become a member of both the state and national organizations. Your membership demonstrates your commitment to supporting and advancing your chosen profession, and becoming an integral part of the flock. ASCLS and ASCLS-Idaho provide you with connections to other clinical laboratory professionals that can prove invaluable in your career. In addition, ASCLS maintains a professional lobbyist in Washington, D.C. who monitors legislations that may affect our profession and actively works to represent our views and needs, ensuring that our profession, and our ASCLS flock, will continue to thrive.

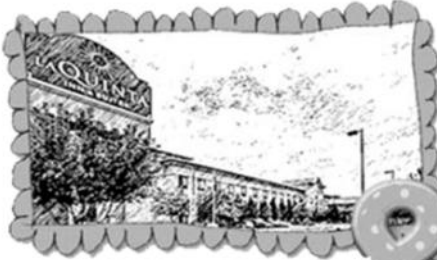


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ASCLS-Idaho is committed to inclusion and universal access to all of its programs. We will make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities and special needs, including dietary restrictions. If you have a disability or need that requires special accommodations, please let us know.

The Venue



**La Quinta
Inn & Suites**

539 Pole Line Road
Twin Falls, ID 83301
Call: 1-208-736-9600

**The Hilton
Garden Inn**

1741 Harrison Street North
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
Call: 1-208-733-8500



Our venue...or should I say venues...for this convention will be the **La Quinta Inn & Suites** as well as **The Hilton Garden Inn** located near each other just off of Pole Line Road in Twin Falls.

The vendors will be set up in the **La Quinta Inn & Suites** and all vendor functions including the Vendor Reception on Thursday night, Breakfast with the Vendors on Friday morning and Lunch with the Vendors on Friday will be held there. The Business Luncheon will also be held in the La Quinta Inn & Suites on Saturday.

All Educational Sessions, including the General Sessions, will be held at **The Hilton Garden Inn**. The Educator's Forum on Saturday, as well as the Scientific Assembly on Saturday afternoon, will be held at The Hilton Garden Inn as well. Our Friday night Awards Banquet...a **MUST...** will be held at The Hilton.

We have tried to allow plenty of time between events so you can easily walk between the two locations. We do recommend wearing comfortable shoes...and maybe a pedometer...to get the most out of this convention!

ACCOMODATIONS

We have booked a block of 35 rooms at the La Quinta Inn & Suites. The special rate will be \$99/night. Mention ASCLS when booking your room to take advantage of this special offer.

We have also included the contact information for other nearby hotels and motels for your convenience in planning your stay in Twin Falls. Prices may vary. Contact the hotel directly for exact rates.

La Quinta Inn & Suites

539 Pole Line Road
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From \$99/night

Hilton Garden Inn

1741 Harrison Street North
Phone: 1-208-733-8500
From \$80/night

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From \$84/night

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1554 Fillmore Street
Phone:(208) 732-6001
From \$69/night



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1586 North Blue Lakes Boulevard
Phone: 1-866-460-7456
From \$65/night

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1910 Fillmore Street North
1-800-315-2621 (Reservations)
1-208-7326001 (Front Desk)
From \$64/night

Super 8

1260 Blue Lakes Blvd. North
Phone:(208) 734-5801
From \$57/night

Motel 6

1472 Blue Lakes Boulevard North
Phone:(208) 734-3993
From \$46/night

Meetings

ASCLS-Idaho conducts several important meetings during the course of the convention. All members and attendees are welcome to attend any or all of the meetings. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what ASCLS-Idaho is doing to build a strong and thriving flock.



ASCLS-Idaho BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday 11:00-1:00 @ The Hilton

EDUCATOR'S FORUM WITH RACHEL HULSE
Saturday 8:00-9:00 @ The Hilton



BUSINESS LUNCHEON
Saturday 12:00-1:45 @ La Quinta

The Raffle



In keeping with our long-standing tradition, ASCLS-Idaho will be holding a raffle to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

We will have a fantastic selection of prizes and gift baskets to bid on. The prizes will be on display near the vendor booths' so be sure to drop by and see all the goodies.

Tickets will be for sale throughout the convention. The cost is \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets. Cash or check is required, no cards accepted. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards the Children's Miracle Network.

This is a great opportunity to flock together and use our combined efforts to benefit such a worthy cause. Winners will be announced at the Business Luncheon.

Social Events



The vendors are a huge part of our convention and face-to-face time with them is priceless. We have scheduled several vendor functions and we strongly encourage you to attend, mix and mingle with the vendors and keep them coming back year after year.

- **Vendor Reception, Thursday, 4:30pm-7:00pm.** Appetizers and a Cash Bar will be available while you give a warm Idaho welcome to our Vendors.
- **Breakfast with the Vendors, Friday, 7:30am-8:15am.** There is nothing quite like the aroma of a warm breakfast and the sight of a friendly vendor to start your day off right.
- **Lunch with the Vendors, Friday, 12:30pm-2:00pm.** A long leisurely lunch is a dream for most laboratorians so indulge yourself and take the time to get around to see all the vendors one last time.



Join us **Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:00** for a visit to the Planetarium to see the "Flight of the Butterflies". The cost is \$6 per person for admittance, payable at the door. It is a one hour presentation that will be shown exclusively for ASCLS-Idaho. Weather permitting, we may drop by for a look at Shoshone Falls and perhaps even do a bit of bird watching! Bring a pair of binoculars for the best view of the Falls...and the birds. This is sure to be a relaxing, enjoyable afternoon so we hope you will come!



The Awards Banquet, Friday 6:00pm-8:30pm, is the time and place for everyone to strut their feathers! We will gather at the Hilton and enjoy great company, an entertaining twist and an Italian buffet, including Chicken Alfredo and Vegetable Lasagna. ASCLS-Idaho values this opportunity to thank those who have worked to support and strengthen our flock. The buffet is \$30 per person and is payable with your registration. Cash bar will be available.

Vendors: Located at the La Quinta, South Room



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A warm welcome to all
our feathered vendors!
We are thrilled they
have joined us and we
hope you will flock
around them and see
what they have to offer
at our convention!

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We wish to thank these sponsors who have so generously donated to our convention and the support of our speakers. They have provided cash donations, paid time off and goods to make this convention a reality. We can only say... **THANK YOU!**

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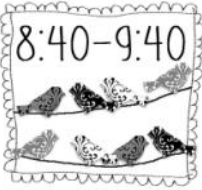
Valley Pathology

Reminders

- Online Registration opens **February 9th!**
- Early Bird registration ends **March 14th!**
- All Early Bird registrants will have the chance to win a **free one-year ASCLS membership!**
- Late registration begins **April 12th!**
- **Wear comfortable shoes!**
- Scientific Assembly attendees will have the chance to win a **free one-year ASCLS membership plus a \$50 VISA gift card!**
- Birds of a Feather **SHOULD** flock together!
- Bring your Program Booklet with you!
- Find more information at **www.asclsidaho.org**



Friday General Sessions



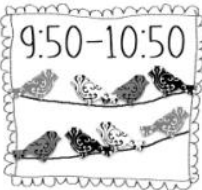
8:40-9:40

ASCLS: one voice, one vision

Speaker: Susie Zanto, MPH, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}

Contact Hours: 1.0 Level: Intermediate Sponsor: ASCLS

Are you having trouble navigating the changing landscape of laboratory science? Susie Zanto, national ASCLS President, may have some answers! This session will discuss the laboratory issues that are affecting the practice of clinical laboratory science, including the laboratory workforce, legislation, and government regulations. She will describe new roles emerging for clinical laboratory professionals. And perhaps most importantly, she will explain how ASCLS...and our engaged members...are positioning themselves to respond to the changing needs of the clinical laboratory community. Come join your voice and your vision with ours.



9:50-10:50

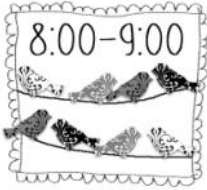
Our Backyard Bird Feeder

Speaker: Jewell Taylor-Zweegman, LMT

Contact Hours: 1.0 Level: Basic Sponsor: Billings Clinic

Do you have a bird feeder in your backyard? Well, I do! Do you think feeding the birds will be relaxing? NOT! Did you know those hungry birds will form a gang and start hassling you? And...have you seen what those birds can do to your deck? YUCK! My husband and I did a little experiment and we learned a lot about birds...and about ourselves! Each bird represented a challenge or issue I was facing or trying to avoid. I learned some important life lessons from our backyard bird feeder. Come join me in this conversation about birds, people and life in general.

Saturday General Sessions



Drinking From The Fire HOSE
SPEAKER: Rachel HULSE, M.S., MLS(ASCP)^{CM}
CONTACT HOURS: 1.0 **LEVEL:** Intermediate **SPONSOR:** ISU

New locations, new labs, new faculty...come and learn about the exciting things happening with the ISU MLS program! Rachel Hulse, the new Program Director, will be leading this discussion. She will introduce herself and also the new clinical coordinator. She will let us know of the growth and projects underway at ISU. Along with finding out about all the "new" things, there will also be discussion about the needs and concerns of our students and clinical sites. Your input is valued and needed! Please join us as we welcome Rachel to Idaho and let her know of our interest and support of the ISU MLS Program.



UGANDA MEDICAL SERVICE TRIP:
With a CAPE and TIARA YOU CAN
SAVE THE WORLD!

SPEAKER: Dee JOHNSON, MLS(ASCP)
CONTACT HOURS: 1.0 **LEVEL:** BASIC

Dee will describe her experiences taking part in a Uganda Service Trip. She traveled to Uganda to help provide medical care to Ugandans in a remote jungle village. With a group of four medical care providers, her group was able to provide much needed care and medicine to people who had little access to health care. This session will describe the predominant diseases that affect Ugandans, identify barriers to adequate health care in remote areas, describe the advantages of a financially sustainable medical volunteer service model and maybe most impressively, identify three African animals seen in Uganda. It is Dee's firm belief that with a tiara and cape...anybody can save the world...even you!

Thursday



1:00-2:30



The Changing Healthcare Landscape

Speaker: Debbie Shell, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, SM, DLM

Contact Hours: 1.5 **Level:** Intermediate **Sponsor:** ISU

Healthcare is once again undergoing seismic change, with a nearly fully implemented Affordable Care Act, new epidemics, and a change in the makeup of Congress, to name a few. This session will discuss the impact of these issues and more on your clinical laboratory.



VIRTUAL MICROSCOPY

Speaker: H. Elizabeth Broome, M.D.

Hours: 1.5 **Level:** Intermediate **Sponsor:** Sysmex, Cellavision

This lecture will compare and contrast manual blood smear review with digital blood smear imaging systems currently available to the clinical laboratory with particular focus on Cellavision and Aperio products. Discussed aspects of the systems will include technical abilities, integration with clinical laboratory automation, computer requirements, technical limitations, and cost. Finally, the presentation will include case studies that illustrate the main discussion points.



One Lab's Journey to Competence

Speaker: Karen Joslin, MLS(ASCP), SBB

Hours: 1.5 **Level:** Basic **Sponsor:** St. Luke's Magic Valley

Each laboratory must design their own competency assessment program to verify that their personnel have the ability to apply their skills, knowledge, and experience to perform their laboratory duties correctly. During this session, the speaker will discuss the challenges encountered in the development and implementation of their Competency Program.

3:00-4:30



Thursday



Birds, Quality, and Teamwork

SPEAKER: Jewell Taylor-Zweegman, LMT

CONTACT HOURS: 1.5 **LEVEL:** BASIC **SPONSOR:** BILLINGS CLINIC

Did you know that Snow Geese mate for life but Mallard Ducks just mate for the season? Obviously different birds are made of different feathers. We will look at the difference between the quantity of work and the quality of that work. We will learn how putting a face to a specimen will affect the way you perform your duties and define the kind of bird you really are! Flocks of birds can teach us a lot about teamwork and what it means to be part of a team....a quality team!



Lab Automation: From Dream to Reality

SPEAKER: Annette Monterrubio, MLS(ASCP)

HOURS: 1.5 **LEVEL:** INTERMEDIATE **SPONSOR:** ST. LUKE'S BOISE

This presentation will focus on the journey of one microbiology laboratory and how they used basic lean concepts to optimize their workflow, implement positive change, and onboard cutting-edge technology. Included are strategies on specific and measurable goal setting, availability of resources in the healthcare industry, and tips on "Lessons Learned".



Dealing with ABO Discrepancies

SPEAKER: Sherrie Lamitina, MLS(ASCP)

CONTACT HOURS: 1.5 **LEVEL:** INTERMEDIATE **SPONSOR:** ARC

This presentation will discuss those pesky ABO discrepancies, techniques to resolve these discrepancies and appropriate transfusion recommendations for both emergent situations and beyond. This presentation will be very interactive and will give the audience the chance to win fabulous prizes...and that's no discrepancy!

Friday



11:00-12:30



Leadership for the Lab Professional

SPEAKER: JONI GILSTRAP, MISC(ASCP)

CONTACT HOURS: 1.5 **LEVEL:** Intermediate **SPONSOR:** BILLINGS CLINIC

Joni Gilstrap, the ASCLS Region VIII Director, knows a thing or two about leadership in ASCLS. She will talk about the attributes potential leaders should possess, the importance of belonging to professional organizations and how to become a great leader. This workshop is informative for both seasoned leaders and those leaders yet to be discovered.



COUMADIN, HEPARIN, AND NOACS, Oh MY!!

SPEAKER: PAUL REEVE, MS, PHARM.D, BCPS

HOURS: 1.5 **LEVEL:** Intermediate **SPONSOR:** ST. LUKE'S MAGIC VALLEY

This presentation will discuss anticoagulation and reversal from a pharmacologic perspective. The anticoagulation cascade will be reviewed showing the various anticoagulants and their target factors. Specific anticoagulation medications including Warfarin, Heparins, Rivaroxaban, Apixaban, and Dabigatran will be discussed focusing on mode of action, monitoring, reversal/management, and known effects on patient labs. Pharmaceutical agents for anticoagulation reversal and management will be reviewed.



Laboratory Forensics

SPEAKER: TINA MATTOX, MISC(ASCP)^{CM}

CONTACT HOURS: 1.5 **LEVEL:** BASIC **SPONSOR:** IDAHO STATE POLICE

Tina Mattox made the move from working in a hospital setting to becoming a forensic scientist. She will cover the educational requirements necessary to make such a move. She will explain the different sections of a forensic lab and how analysis is performed. Finally, she will cover crime scenes and clandestine laboratories and how evidence is analyzed from these crimes. Case studies will be used to demonstrate.

2:00-3:30



Friday



PORPHYRINS and PORPHYRIAS

SPEAKER: ELIZABETH FRANK

CONTACT HOURS: 1.5 **LEVEL:** INTERMEDIATE **SPONSORS:** ARUP

The porphyrias are a group of rare diseases associated with defects in the biosynthetic pathway of heme, a compound essential for life. Heme biosynthesis and the porphyrias will be discussed in the session. Laboratory testing for diagnosis of porphyrias will be reviewed.



THE LABORATORY'S ROLE IN DIAGNOSIS

SPEAKER: SADIE ARNOLD, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}

CONTACT HOURS: 1.5 **LEVEL:** INTERMEDIATE **SPONSOR:** BILLINGS CLINIC

We all know how important the lab is in the formation of a diagnosis. Through an interactive case study we will discuss the important role the laboratory plays in providing a diagnosis using critical thinking skills, laboratory data, and patient history. It is true what they say: Medical Laboratory Scientists are the hidden heroes of the medical profession.



MICROBIOLOGY CASE STUDIES

SPEAKER: SUSIE ZANTO, MPH, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}

CONTACT HOURS: 1.5 **LEVEL:** INTERMEDIATE **SPONSOR:** ASCLS

This interactive session will allow participants to challenge their knowledge base by using audience response devices to solve microbiology case studies. These case studies will discuss recent and emerging infectious diseases and as part of the discussion, the importance of the partnership between clinical and public health laboratories will be emphasized.

Saturday



10:30-12:00



PRION DISEASES AND NEXT-GEN SEQUENCING

SPEAKER: NANCY C. KOIS, MD, FCAP

HOURS: 1.5 **LEVEL:** INTERMEDIATE **SPONSOR:** BOISE VA HOSPITAL

We will be reviewing our current knowledge base of various prion diseases with focus on etiology, dissemination, and prevention of these diseases. We will also review the basic principles of three exciting technologies that are revolutionizing laboratory diagnostic testing: Next-Generation Sequencing, Nanotechnology, and Microfluidics.



BODY FLUID ANALYSIS TODAY

SPEAKER: DAWN ROBERTSON, MLS(ASCP), SH

HOURS: 1.5 **LEVEL:** INTERMEDIATE **SPONSOR:** BECKMAN COULTER

This informative session will provide an overview of the various body fluids and their cells along with discussion of counting methods, abnormal cell presence and a review of some of the current CAP requirements. We look at how body fluid analysis is changing with the times.



CLIA UPDATE: 2015

SPEAKER: FRANCISCA L. LEHR, M.S., MLS(ASCP)

CONTACT HOURS: 1.5 **LEVEL:** BASIC **SPONSOR:** CMS

This session will discuss the most recent updates in the national CLIA program. Updates include CLIA Laboratory Enrollment Data, Top Ten CLIA Survey Deficiencies, CLIA regulations Update and off-label use of the blood glucose monitoring system. An update about the CMS's new concept of quality control, Individualized Quality Control Plan (IQCP), will be covered. A review of the CMS' Competency requirement is also included.

2:00-3:30



Saturday



SCIENTIFIC ASSEMBLY

SPEAKER: ISU MLS STUDENTS

CONTACT HOURS: 1.5 LEVEL: BASIC SPONSOR: ISU & VALLEY PATH

The ISU Medical Laboratory Science students will be leading discussions on a variety of topics developed from their research projects. They have worked hard to bring engaging and interesting information to our convention. The Scientific Assembly will be in a roundtable format and participants will be able to choose three presentations to join. We hope you will flock to the Scientific Assembly and show support for our students and the wonderful program we have at ISU.

As an incentive for you to attend, we are offering the chance to win a **ONE-YEAR ASCLS MEMBERSHIP** plus **A \$50 VISA GIFT CARD** just for attending! All registrants that stay for the Scientific Assembly will have their names entered into a drawing for this amazing prize. Come show support for our ISU fledglings and perhaps you will walk away with this coveted prize!



Our Speakers



Flying in from all over the nation are our amazing speakers. They each have their own unique "feathers" in their caps: credentials, experience and knowledge. Together it is quite an amazing array of qualified professionals. We are lucky to be able to flock around them and learn from them.

Sadie Arnold, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}



Sadie Arnold has been with Billings Clinic in Billings, MT since she was a student in 2009-2010. She is currently the Lead Medical Technologist for the Evening/Night shift, working in all departments of the laboratory, with special emphasis in Blood Bank and Chemistry. Sadie has been an active member of ASCLS since she was a student, and has taken on the roles of ASCLS Region VIII Secretary, ASCLS-MT Secretary, Liaison to Students, and Bylaws Chair. She recently completed the Region VIII Leadership Academy in July 2014.

H. Elizabeth Broome, M.D.

Dr. Elizabeth Broome currently serves as the Director of the Hematology Laboratory and Bone Marrow Service at the University of California, San Diego Medical Center. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and attended Medical School at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine. Dr. Broome is also a clinical professor in the Department of Pathology at the University of California-San Diego where she serves as the section leader for the Hematology course for second-year medical students and is the Director of Hematology and Bone Marrow Pathology Rotation for Pathology Residents. In 2002, she was awarded the "Teacher of the Year" from the UCSD Medical Center Residence in Pathology



Dr. Elizabeth Frank

Dr. Frank is an Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center. She is the Medical Director of the Analytic Biochemistry Laboratory, the Calculi and Manual Chemistry Laboratory, and the Mass Spectrometry Laboratory at ARUP Laboratories, Inc. In addition, Dr. Frank is Co-Director of the ComACC-accredited Postdoctoral Training Program in Clinical Chemistry. Dr. Frank's research is focused on measurement of biogenic amines, porphyrins, and vitamins using high performance liquid chromatography and mass spectrometry, evaluation of calculi, and use of laboratory test results to diagnose and monitor disease.



Joni Gilstrap, MLS(ASCP)

Joni Gilstrap has been at Billings Clinic for over 15 years and worked as a Consulting Technologist for the last 10 years. She has been active in ASCLS for over 20 years and is currently the ASCLS Region VIII Director. She brings a wealth of knowledge with her about both leadership in general and more specifically, leadership in ASCLS.



Rachel Hulse, M.S., MLS(ASCP)^{CM}

Rachel Hulse was recently hired as the Program Director for the Medical Laboratory Sciences program at Idaho State University. In 2014, Rachel earned a Masters of Science degree from the University of Utah in Human Genetics. Prior to this, Rachel received a Masters of Science in Genetics and Biotechnology from Brigham Young University in 2011. In 2006, Rachel graduated summa cum laude with her Bachelor's in Medical Laboratory Sciences from the University of Utah. Upon graduation, Rachel was hired as a lead Medical Technologist at Huntsman Cancer Hospital. Hailing from Fort Collins, CO, Rachel developed an early interest in science and medicine working as an office assistant in a family medical office at the age of 15. Rachel is married to a Pocatello native, Travis Hulse, and their favorite pastime is spending time with their one-year old son.



Dee Johnson, MLS(ASCP)

Dee Johnson is an adventurer. She has kayaked, canoed, skied, bicycled and climbed the world over. As a reward for finishing her degree in Clinical Lab Science, she ventured off to Tanzania, East Africa to summit Mt. Kilimanjaro. She learned a lot about herself and others and fell in love with the Tanzanians. Two years later, because of her love for the Africans and their culture, she was asked by a doctor at the hospital to accompany them on a trip to Uganda to explore medical service opportunities. There were only 4 medical people who went. They served at a small clinic in the jungle and finished the trip with a short safari. She has worked as an MLS at Bear Lake Memorial Hospital for 6 years. She tolerates being cooped up inside the lab by riding her bicycle to work 12 miles round trip all year round.



Karen Joslin, MLS(ASCP), SBB

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Nancy C. Kois, M.D., FCAP

Dr. Nancy Kois is a general pathologist and neuropathologist serving St. Alphonsus health system and St. Luke's Health System and serves as Chief of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Boise VA. She is also an adjunct faculty member for the ISU Meridian campus. She earned her undergraduate degree in Cell Biology/Biochemistry at the University of California, San Diego. She attended medical school at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and completed Residency and Fellowship training at the University of California, San Diego.



Sherrie Lamitina

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Francisca L. Lehr, M.S., MLS(ASCP)

Fran Lehr has been a CLIA surveyor for 27 years, 10 years of which was spent with the Washington State CLIA exemption program. Fran has been with the national CLIA program for 17 years and is currently in Region 10, Seattle, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. She is a Laboratory Surveyor/Consultant and has oversight of the CLIA programs in Alaska, Oregon, and Idaho. During her tenure-ship with the CLIA program, she participated in national workgroups developing program policies and training for CLIA State Agency surveyors. Fran worked on CLSI EP 23 Laboratory Quality Control Based on Risk Management; Approved Guideline which Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is calling Individualized Quality Control Plan (IQCP) for the CLIA program. Fran worked on a team with CMS Central Office in developing policies on IQCP for laboratories. She is a CLIA and IQCP subject matter expert.



Tina Mattox, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}

Tina Mattox is a Forensic Scientist for the Idaho State Police. She completed a yearlong Forensic Chemist training in Coeur d'Alene Idaho, before returning to Pocatello to work at the laboratory. She has attended numerous trainings with the Idaho State Police including Clandestine Laboratory Certification training, The Robert F Borkenstein Course on Alcohol and Highway Safety, and DEA Forensic training. Tina's current duties at the Idaho State Police Forensic lab include: analysis of evidence for the presence of controlled substances, instrument maintenance, blood volatiles (currently in training), expert testimony and a frequent speaker for High School forensic classes. She attended Idaho State University where she completed an Associates degree and a double Bachelors' degree in Biology and Medical Laboratory Science.



Annette Monterrubio, MLS(ASCP)

Annette Monterrubio is the System Technical Coordinator for both Microbiology and Molecular Biology at St. Luke's Health System. She earned her B.S. in Medical Technology at the University of Washington and is currently enrolled in the Graduate Program for Medical Laboratory Science at George Washington University. She has over 23 years' experience both in a variety of laboratory settings as well as in the healthcare industry. She has presented at ASCLS conventions in both Idaho and Washington State as well as speaking in seminars to members of the microbiology community in the Pacific Northwest.



Paul Reeve, MS, PharmD, BCPS

Paul Reeve works as a Clinical Pharmacist at St Luke's Magic Valley. He received his Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Brigham Young University in 2006 and his Masters in Organic Chemistry from University of California Los Angeles in 2008. He attended pharmacy school at the University of Utah where he graduated with his PharmD in 2013. Paul then completed a first year residency at St Luke's Magic Valley in 2014 and was subsequently hired. Since finishing his residency he has completed his board certification for pharmacotherapy and has been involved in St Luke's blood utilization/transfusion committee. Paul is an avid outdoorsman and spends his free time fishing, hiking, kayaking, and camping.



Dawn Robertson, MLS(ASCP), SH

Dawn grew up in Grand Island, Nebraska and completed her education at the University of Nebraska and the University Medical Center in Omaha. She worked in the laboratory for many years as a technologist, a supervisor and laboratory director. Dawn now lives in Fort Collins, Colorado where she enjoys the outdoors, football, hockey, and reading. Her latest endeavor is learning to scuba dive. She have two grown children and a grand-baby who just turned one.



Debbie Shell, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}



Debbie Shell has over twenty-eight years of leadership experience in a hospital setting including laboratory, infection control, and quality management. She is knowledgeable in clinical laboratory science, clinical microbiology, hospital and long term care infection control, and overall hospital quality management. She was an affiliate faculty member at ISU from 2005-2008 and since 2009 has been an instructor in the MLS program. Debbie has been actively involved in government affairs, serving on government affairs committees on the state, regional and national levels numerous times over the years.

Jewell Taylor-Zweegman, LMT



Mrs. Zweegman has been a business owner and massage therapist since 1985 and works in the health care field at Billings Clinic Laboratory as a Lab Marketing Associate II. She has given presentations to Education Office Professionals conferences, junior and high school students and teachers, hair design conferences, and IMSS this past year. Some of the topics she has done are: Team Building, Building a Better Business, Quality vs. Quantity, Customer Services vs. Customer Care, Taking Care of Yourself, and Being a Better Person.

Susie Zanto, MPH, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}



Susie Zanto is the Deputy Laboratory Director and Laboratory System Improvement Manager at the Montana Public Health Laboratory, where she has been employed since 1985. After earning her microbiology degree from Montana State University, she later in life obtained her Master's Degree in Public Health. She is certified as a Medical Laboratory Scientist, and as a Specialist Microbiologist in Public Health and Medical Laboratory Microbiology. Susie is an active member of the Association of Public Health Laboratories, is Division Y (Public Health) Chair for the American Society for Microbiology, and is the President of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science. Susie has co-authored journal articles on HIV, chlamydia, syphilis, and Hantavirus testing, and has presented numerous workshops throughout the United States.

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