



# WHAT'S in a "MATCH"?

## *How to Read a Forensic DNA Report*

**Friday, October 16**

1 - 4:30 p.m.

Africa Room, Duquesne Union  
Duquesne University

### **Program Agenda**

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| 1:00 p.m. | Welcome and Introductions  | Benjamin E. Wecht, M.A.   |
| 1:10 p.m. | <i>Current DNA Analysis Methods, the Limitations of Manual Analysis, and Fail-Safes in the Current System</i>  | <b>Sara E. Bitner, M.S.</b><br>Forensic Biology Manager/Technical Leader,<br>Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office   |
| 1:55 p.m. | <i>Mix &amp; Match: Getting Comfortable with DNA Reporting</i>   | <b>Mark W. Perlin, Ph.D., M.D., Ph.D.</b><br>CEO and Chief Scientific Officer,<br>Cybergenetics   |
| 2:40 p.m. | Break  |   |
| 3:00 p.m. | <i>Use of the Term "Match," Types of DNA Contamination, and How to Read a Forensic DNA Report for Yourself</i> | <b>Arthur Young, F-ABC</b><br>Forensic Biology Specialist, Guardian<br>Forensic Sciences  |
| 3:45 p.m. | Panel Discussion:<br><i>What's in a DNA "Match"?</i><br><i>Toward a Consensus Definition</i>                   | <i>Moderator:</i><br><b>Lyndsie Ferrara, M.S.</b><br>Instructor, Master's of Forensic Science and<br>Law Program, Duquesne University<br><br><i>Panelists:</i><br><b>All Speakers</b> |
| 4:30 p.m. | <i>Adjourn</i>   |   |