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Prosecutor Worthy to Host First Detroit Sexual Assault Summit

***Monday, September 26, 2016 through Wednesday, September 28, 2016
at the Detroit Renaissance Center***

On Monday, September 26, 2016 through Wednesday, September 28, 2016, Prosecutor Kym Worthy will be hosting the first Detroit Sexual Assault Kit Summit at the Detroit Renaissance Center. The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office is proud to welcome the press to cover this unique event.

WDIV anchor Steve Garagiola will be the emcee for the welcoming ceremony on September 26, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Mackinac Ballroom located on Level Five of the Renaissance Center. **Speakers for the ceremony are: Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, Mayor of Detroit Mike Duggan, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, Detroit Police Chief James Craig and FBI ASAC Ray Johnson.**

Over 290 prosecutors, victim advocates, police officials and forensic and behavioral scientists from across the country will be participating in the three day Summit. The event will feature victim-centered approaches to handling sexual assault cases, focusing on offender behavior instead of victim behavior. It will also feature a multi-disciplinary approach to cold case sexual assault investigations where all team members are trained in the effects of trauma on behavior and memory. Topics include evidence-based best practices, lessons learned from communities dealing with the problem of untested rape kits and research from national experts.

An agenda and site map have been attached for your convenience. Please direct any inquiries to APA Maria Miller.

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2016 Detroit SAK Summit Agenda

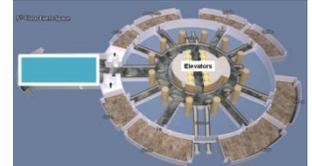
Monday, September 26

7:00am - 8:30am **Registration**
Renaissance Center Level 5: Mackinac Ballroom Hallway

7:00am - 8:30am **Continental Breakfast - Sponsored by Sorensen Forensics, LLC**
42° North Restaurant, Renaissance Center Level 3

8:30am - 9:30am **Welcome - Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy**
Renaissance Center Level 5: Mackinac Ballroom
Emcee: Steve Garagiola, WDIV Detroit
Expected to Appear: City of Detroit Police Chief James Craig
Congresswoman Debbie Dingell
City of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan
Wayne County CEO Warren Evans
Congressman Brenda Lawrence
Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette

Session Location



9:30am - 11:45am **Plenary: Victim Response to Trauma, Cold Case Investigation Considerations**
Renaissance Center Level 5: Mackinac Ballroom
Dr. Rebecca Campbell will review the latest research on the neurobiology of trauma and the criminal justice system response to sexual assault. She will explain the underlying neurobiology of traumatic events, the emotional and physical manifestation, and how these processes can impact the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cold cases.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Rebecca Campbell, Michigan State University.

11:45am - 1:15pm **Lunch - On your own**

1:15pm - 2:45 pm **Breakout Session A (5 Concurrent Sessions)**

1. **“Failure to Pay” - Addressing Prior Victim Blaming Practices at Trial**

Renaissance Center Level 5: Mackinac Ballroom West

In cold case sexual assault investigations, many cases were previously investigated and reviewed without understanding the effects of trauma on victim behavior. They will also learn how embracing the mistakes of the past can work to educate the fact finder on the nature of sexual assaults. This session will also teach attendees what is protected by work product, what is discoverable, and how trial techniques and officer training can address these issues in court.

Faculty: Keith Clark, Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office; Ken Muscat, Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office.

Session Location



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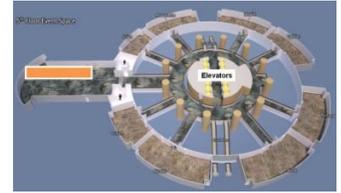
2. **Where Are They Now? - Advanced Investigative Techniques on Finding Someone***

Renaissance Center Level 5: Mackinac Ballroom East

This session addresses using advanced technology and law enforcement databases (eg. Lexis, TLO, Accurant, and others) to find witnesses, victims, and perpetrators.

Faculty: Jason Marzette, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office; Rachel Star, Michigan State Police; Ray Johnson, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**Session not open to members of the press.*



3. **Best Practices in Sexual Assault Medical-Forensic Exams: An Update - Sponsored by Oakland University School of Forensic Nursing**

Renaissance Center Level 5: Duluth

This session will explore recent recommendations and research findings related to sexual assault medical-forensic exams, discussing issues that impact direct patient care and the general sustainability of sexual assault nurse examiner programs.

Faculty: Dr. Jenifer Markowitz, Forensic Nursing Consultant; Dr. Rebecca Campbell, Michigan State University.



4. **Case Management Systems**

Renaissance Center Level 5: Richard A

This panel will discuss how different jurisdictions have used case and document management solutions to help automate workflow, data collection, and information sharing between agencies.

Moderator: Dewanna Smith, City of Memphis.

Panelists: Brett Kyker, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office; Richard Lott, Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan; Ed Arib, Portland Police Bureau; Susan Lehman, Portland Police Bureau.



5. **Direct-to-DNA Approach for Sexual Assault Kit Testing**

Renaissance Center Level 5: Richard B

This session will review the pros and cons of alternate approaches to sexual assault evidence testing in the crime laboratory. Michigan's experience using a y-screen approach will be discussed including formation of a dedicated team of scientists and overall improvements to case throughput and turnaround time.

Faculty: Brian Schloff, Michigan State Police-Forensic Science Division; Lauren Lu, Michigan State Michigan State Police-Forensic Science Division.



2:45pm - 3:00 pm **Break**

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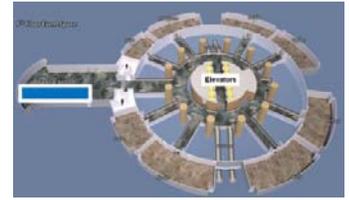
3:00 pm - 5:00pm **Breakout Session B (5 Concurrent Sessions)**

**1. Lessons Learned: Years 1-5 of Detroit’s Untested SAK Project
Renaissance Center Level 5: Mackinac Ballroom West**

This session will be a discussion of issues Wayne County’s multi-disciplinary team has encountered from the initial phases of the project throughout the first five years; including lessons learned and how we would have done things differently. Topics include: initial triage/audits of the SAK, record management, staffing, training, working with task force partners, statistics, grant writing, and general prosecution issues.

Moderator: Lore Rogers, Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board.

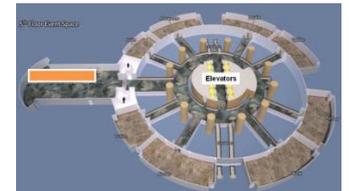
Faculty: Anne Kanitra, Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office; Tanya Abdelnour, Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office; Emily Corwin, Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office; Amy Dowd, Wayne County SAFE; Dr. Rebecca Campbell, Michigan State University.



**2. Anatomy of Cold Case Investigation: Case Study
Renaissance Center Level 5: Mackinac Ballroom East**

Participate in an interactive case study that walks through a case as it turns cold, through several years later when DNA links it to a new case. Attendees will be asked to make investigative decisions, provide investigative analysis and try to resolve the two cases. This case study is based on cases worked by the sexual assault cold case unit in Phoenix, Arizona.

Faculty: Detective Sergeant James Markey, Phoenix PD.



**3. Creating a Defensible SANE Practice: What It Is and Why It Matters – Sponsored by Oakland University School of Nursing
Renaissance Center Level 5: Duluth**

This session will examine the key elements of a defensible practice, exploring the ways in which such practice protects clinicians in court and contributes to stronger and more sustainable programs.

Faculty: Dr. Jenifer Markowitz, Forensic Nursing Consultant.



4. Visual Trial Strategies, Software, Equipment, Ethics in Sexual Assault Trials

Renaissance Center Level 5: Richard A

This session will introduce attendees to the basic principles of a ‘Visual Trial’. Mr. Muscat will demonstrate the latest software and equipment available for use during jury trials. He will also demonstrate their effectiveness by giving an actual closing argument. This class will show attendees how to take a “she-said, he-said” sexual assault case and turn it into a guilty verdict by effectively using Powerpoint during closing argument.

Faculty: Patrick Muscat, Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office; Danielle Hagaman-Clark, Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office.

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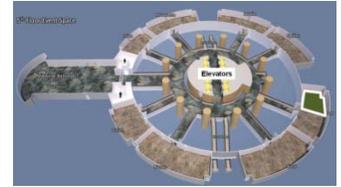
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5. Emerging Issues in Sexual Assault Kit Forensic Testing

Renaissance Center Level 5: Richard B

Sexual assault evidence analysis often results in DNA mixtures. The interpretation of DNA mixtures is dependent on laboratory policies and individual experiences. To address this, many laboratories are implementing software applications to assist DNA examiners. Michigan's experience in validating and implementing STRMix, one such software application, will be discussed in this session.

Faculty: Jennifer Jones, Michigan State Police-Forensic Science Division; Andrea Young, Michigan State Police-Forensic Science Division.

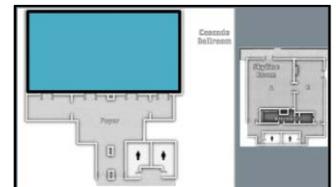


6:30 pm - 8:30pm **Wayne County SAFE 10 Year Celebration**
Space is limited by prior RSVP only

Courtyard Marriott 1st Floor, Cascade Ballroom

Acknowledging the positive impact our community has made in addressing sexual assault. Reception with a brief program, networking, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

Event Location
Courtyard Marriot



Reminder: On Tuesday, September 27 the Detroit SAK Summit continues at the Courtyard by Marriott Detroit Downtown located across the street from the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. The two buildings are connected by an elevated walkway.

Tuesday, September 27

7:30am - 8:30am **Registration**
Courtyard Marriott 1st Floor: Cascade Ballroom Lobby

7:30am- 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast - Sponsored by Sorensen Forensics, LLC**
Courtyard Marriott 2nd Level, Courtyard Atrium

8:30am - 9:00am **Plenary: Victim Notification Best Practices**
Courtyard Marriott 1st Floor, Cascade Ballroom
Overview of victim notification best and promising practices, including summary of key finding from Joyful Heart Research Report: “Navigating Notification: A Guide to Re-engaging Sexual Assault Survivors Affected by the Untested Rape Kit Backlog.”

Faculty: Ilse Knecht, Joyful Heart.

9:00am - 10:30am **Plenary: Victim Notification Panel: Lessons Learned**
Courtyard Marriott 1st Floor, Cascade Ballroom
How different jurisdictions have addressed victim notification, what does and doesn’t work, how to involve victim advocacy, and what a victim centered approach means to a multi-disciplinary team.

Moderator: Ilse Knecht, Joyful Heart.

Panelists: Marya Simmons, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor’s Office; Mark Farrah, Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office; Anna Whalley, Shelby County Rape Crisis Center; TBA.

10:30am -10:45am **Break**

10:45am - 11:45am **Victim Panel Breakout Sessions (2 concurrent sessions)**

1. Plenary: Survivors’ Voices Panel*

Courtyard Marriott 1st Floor, Cascade Ballroom

The session will allow the audience to hear from sexual assault survivors whose cases were part of the Detroit SAK Project.

Moderator: Nicole Denson, Wayne County SAFE.

**Session not open to members of the press*

2. Media Roundtable (for members of the press only)

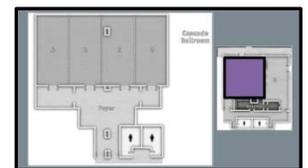
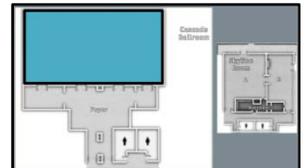
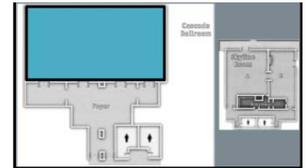
Courtyard Marriott 8th Floor, Skyline A

This session will explore media coverage of sexual assault cases from the point of view of sexual assault survivors Kim Trent and Natasha Alexenko. Ms. Trent is currently on the Wayne State University Board of Governors and is an activist in the African American 490 Challenge, partnering with ENOUGH SAID to raise funds and awareness for the Detroit Rape Kit Project. Ms. Alexenko is the founder of Natasha’s Justice Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to seeking an end to the rape kit backlog and helping to empower and assist sexual assault survivors across the country.

Moderator: Maria Miller, Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office.

Panelists: Kim Trent, Wayne State University Board of Governors; Natasha Alexenko, Natasha’s Justice Project.

Session Location



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11:45am - 1:15pm **Lunch** - On your own

1:15pm - 2:45 pm **Breakout Session A (5 Concurrent Sessions)**

**1. A Case Study: Supporting the Victim Through Investigation
Courtyard Marriott 1st Floor, Cascade BC**

This session will show attendees how to use micro-corroboration to turn a case with limited evidence into a guilty verdict or guilty plea.

Faculty: Anne Kanitra, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office; Danielle Hagaman, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

2. The Unsubmitted Kit Issue - Does Healthcare/SANE/SAFE Play a Role?

Courtyard Marriott 1st Floor, Cascade A

This session will look at healthcare's contribution to the issue of unsubmitted kits in Detroit and around the state. It will review how this issue directly impacts healthcare's current work with patients and the relevance of this issue nationwide.

Faculty: Kimberly Hurst, PA-C, Wayne County SAFE.

3. Meeting the Complex Needs of SA Survivors: Addressing Intersectionality of Poverty, Mental Health, and Intergenerational Trauma in the Healing Process

Courtyard Marriott 1st Floor, Cascade D

This session will focus on the complexity of survivors' lives and the challenges advocates and other service providers/first responder's face when responding to their immediate safety and long-term recovery needs. It will also explore the comprehensive approach and interventions needed among community providers.

Faculty: Amy Dowd, Wayne County SAFE; Samarah Hough, Wayne County SAFE.

4. Panel: Getting by with Less

Courtyard Marriott 8th Floor, Skyline A

This panel will discuss how various workgroups and jurisdictions have turned to alternative funding sources to help address the problem of untested sexual assault kits. Private-public partnerships will be highlighted.

Moderator: Kym L. Worthy, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Panelists: Dewanna Smith, City of Memphis; Peg Tallet, Michigan Women's Foundation; Kim Trent, Wayne State University Board of Governors.

5. Appellate Issues in SAK Prosecutions

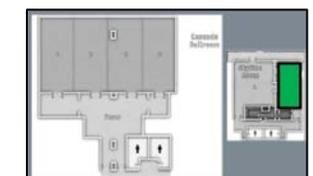
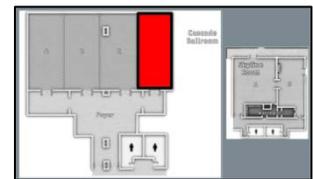
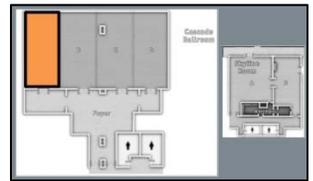
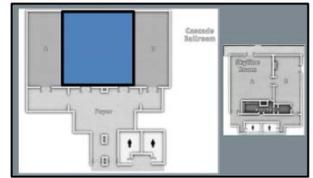
Courtyard Marriott 8th Floor, Skyline B

This session will address legal topics to include: statute of limitations issues, due process issues, venue/jurisdiction, change or amendments of statues, rules of evidence (e.g., 404B, 803(5) etc.), speedy trial issues, and extraditions.

Faculty: Jason William, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office; Amy Somers, Wayne County Prosecutors.

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Session Location



2:45pm - 3:00 pm **Break**

3:00 pm – 4:30pm **Breakout Session B (5 Concurrent Sessions)**

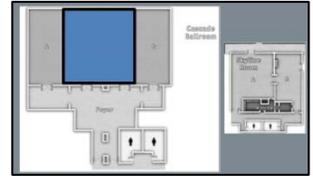
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1. Why a Trauma Informed Victim Interview Works

Courtyard Marriott 1st Floor, Cascade BC

This session will use actual case examples to show you what NOT to do in a victim interview. Use of a victim-centered and trauma informed forensic interview will be emphasized. A sample victim notification script/guideline will also be discussed.

Faculty: Anne Kanitra, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office; Keith Clark, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.



2. Advanced Prosecution Strategies in SAK Cold Cases

Courtyard Marriott 1st Floor, Cascade A

This session will include case studies of closed SAK cases and the unique issues raised by them. Topics to include: motion practice, voir dire, chain of custody issues, opening/closing arguments and multi-jurisdictional case issues.

Faculty: Tanya Abdelnour, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office; Angela Povilaitis, Michigan Department of the Attorney General.

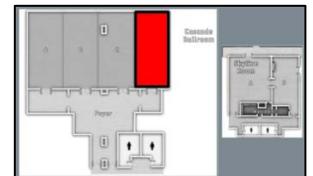


3. Circles of Our Multicultural Selves: Why Cultural Identity and Service Provision Matter

Courtyard Marriott 8th Floor, Cascade D

This session will focus on survivors' rich identities and the intricacy of how cultural identity influences how survivors experience, process and heal from violence within their individual lives and their identified communities. There will be a special focus on survivors engagement with systems and service providers.

Faculty: Nicole Denson, Wayne County SAFE; Kalimah Johnson, SASHA Center.



4. Lessons Learned from a Statewide/Multi-Jurisdictional Sexual Assault Kit Inventory, Data Management Overview and Demo

Courtyard Marriott 8th Floor, Skyline A

This session will discuss the challenges involved in conducting a statewide or multi-jurisdictional inventory of untested sexual assault kits. Michigan is home to nearly 600 law enforcement agencies, 83 county Medical Examiner's Offices, and myriad health care facilities – all known to collect or store sexual assault kits. Michigan's experience in implementing a statewide inventory will be discussed, along with lessons learned. This session will also demonstrate database systems developed by the Michigan State Police and the Portland Police Departments to track the kit inventory and information necessary for federal reporting for DANY and SAKI grantees.

Faculty: John Bowen, Michigan State Police-Forensic Science Division; Mary Morrow, Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan; Ed Arib, Portland Police Department.



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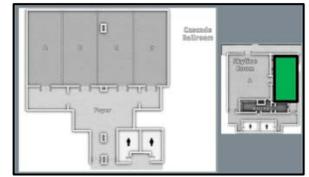
Session Location

5. Working with an Embedded Researcher

Courtyard Marriott 8th Floor, Skyline B

This session will explain the benefits of working on a daily basis with a research partner, and how research can help drive program design and development of best practices.

Faculty: Rick Bell, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office; Rachel Lovell, Researcher Case Western Reserve University.



Wednesday, September 28

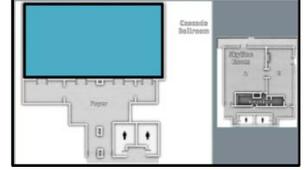
7:30am - 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast - Sponsored by Sorensen Forensics, LLC**
Courtyard Marriott 2nd Level, Courtyard Atrium

8:30am - 9:30am **Plenary: CODIS Overview and Update**

Courtyard Marriott 1st Floor, Cascade Ballroom

This session will provide an overview of how CODIS works, what information/data is maintained, what is eligible for CODIS entry, what results can and cannot be expected, the importance of quality and what is on the horizon. The session will include time for audience questions and answers (Q and A).

Faculty: Taylor Scott, Federal Bureau of Investigation.



9:30 - 10:00am **Plenary: Finding our Voice: From Survivor to Advocate**
Courtyard Marriott 1st Floor, Cascade Ballroom

Keynote Speaker: Ingham County Prosecutor Gretchen Whitmer

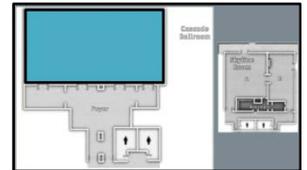
10:00 - 10:15am **Break**

10:15am - 11:30am **Plenary: Cold Case Investigation Best Practices Panel**
Courtyard Marriott 1st Floor, Cascade Ballroom

This session will provide an overview of best and promising practices in cold case investigations including: initial screening, offender focused investigations, using a fresh approach, training, revisiting the crime scene, and micro-corroboration of details.

Moderator: Detective Sergeant James Markey, Phoenix PD

Panelist: Maria Cox-Borkowski, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office; Ouita Knowlton, Memphis Police Department; Dan Clark, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office.



11:30am - 12:00pm **Closing: A Call to Action**
Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy
Courtyard Marriott 1st Floor, Cascade Ballroom

Thank You for Attending the 2016 Detroit Sexual Assault Kit Summit

The Summit Planning Committee would like to thank the following groups who helped make this happen:

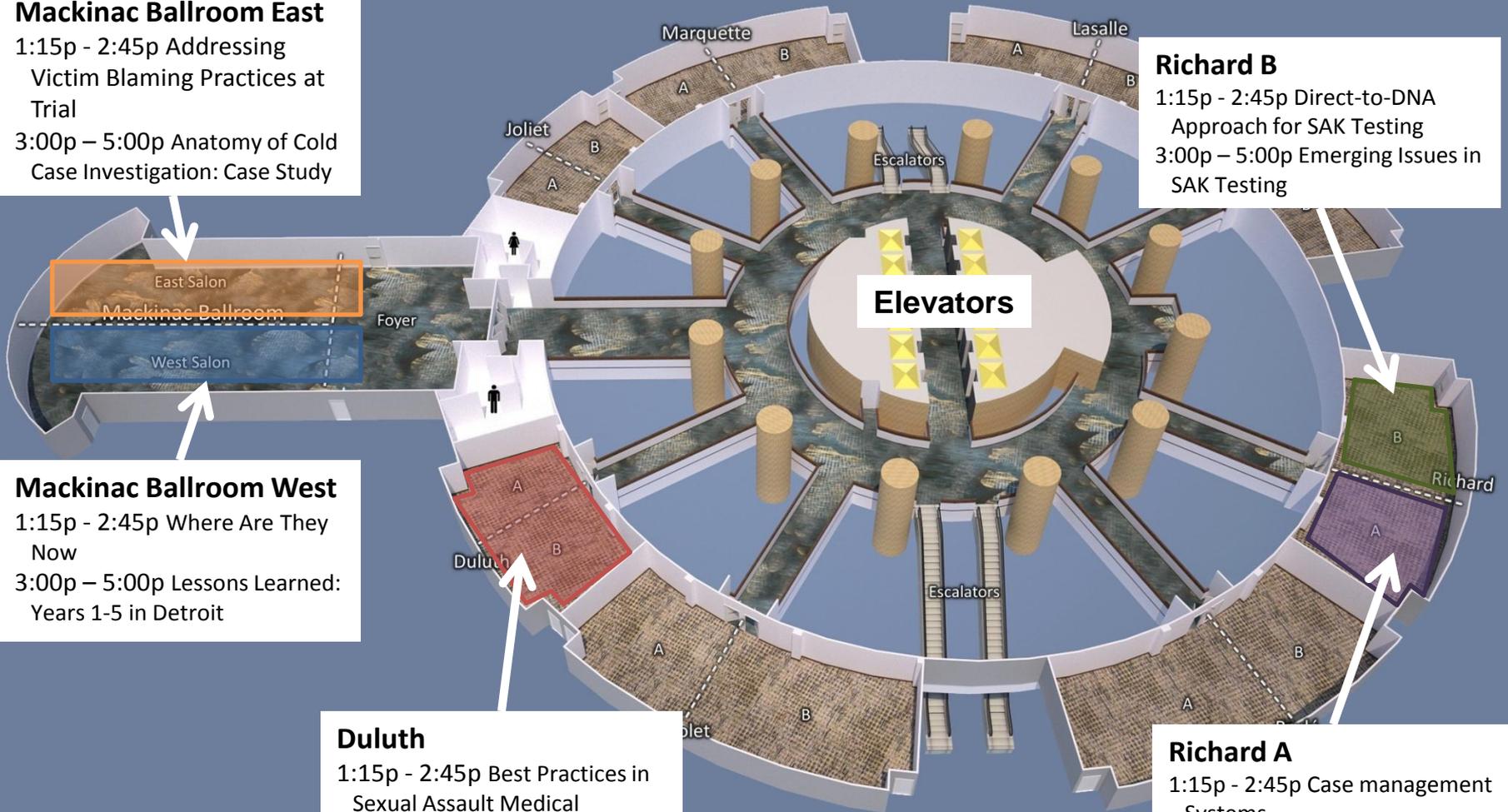
The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Wayne County CEO Warren Evans, Wayne County SAFE, Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Treatment and Prevention Board, The Joyful Heart Foundation, RTI International - Center for Justice, Safety, and Resilience, The Michigan Women's Foundation, Oakland University School of Forensic Nursing, and Sorensen Forensics, LLC.

Thank you to the numerous volunteers, committee members, and presenters who poured countless hours into this Summit. A special thank you also goes out to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office and the City of Memphis for hosting the prior SAK Summit of Cities and their leadership in helping victims of sexual assault find justice.

Monday, September 26th - Marriott - Conference Renaissance Center Level 5

Mackinac Ballroom East

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Richard B

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Years 1-5 in Detroit

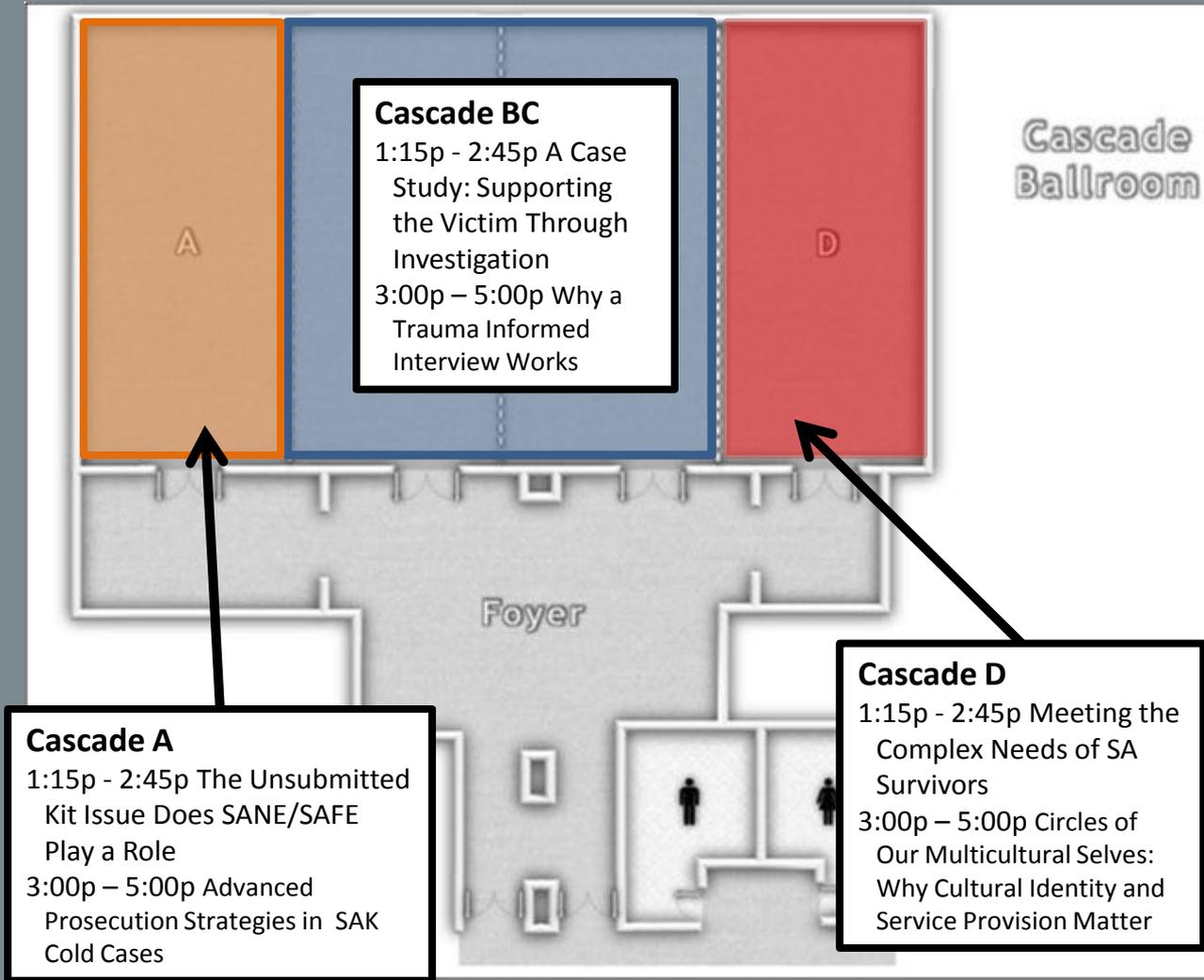
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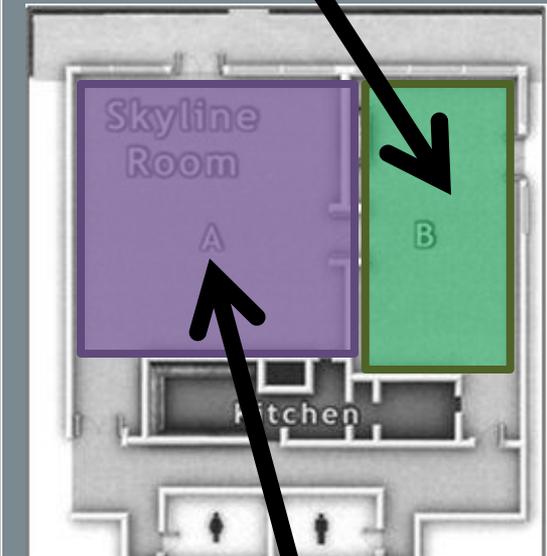
1:15p - 2:45p Case management
Systems
3:00p – 5:00p Visual Trial
Strategies, Software,
Equipment, Ethics in Sexual
Assault Trials

Tuesday, September 26th – Wednesday, September 28th – Courtyard By Marriott Cascade Ballroom (Lobby) and Skyline Rooms (Level 8)



Skyline B

1:15p - 2:45p Appellate Issues In SAK Cases
3:00p – 5:00p Working With an Embedded Researcher



Skyline Room A

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