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Newsletter 2021

CALIFORNIA SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION



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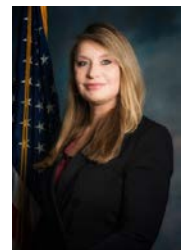
2021 CSAIA President Ryan Clark

## President's Message

A lot has been going on behind the scenes with CSAIA and we are excited to see our digital footprint expanding! As disappointed as we were with the mandatory cancellation of our in-person training in Shell Beach, our jump into online training was met with enthusiasm and success. Those who attended the Virtual 2021 Spring Training Conference responded with nothing but praise for our instructors and our board members, whom worked tirelessly to bring our membership the quality instruction they deserve. This has motivated us to continue with online training as a convenient and effective way of bringing the most current issues and tools to our members throughout the state. Keep an eye out on our website at [CSAIA.ORG](http://CSAIA.ORG) for regular content being scheduled throughout the year! And don't forget, membership gets you access to our recorded webinars, including those from our spring training!

We are already planning our 2022 In-Person Spring Training Conference in Shell Beach. We hope to see you all there in March!

*2021 CSAIA President, Ryan Clark*



President Elect Karla Beler

## 2021 CSAIA Virtual Spring Training Topic and Instructors

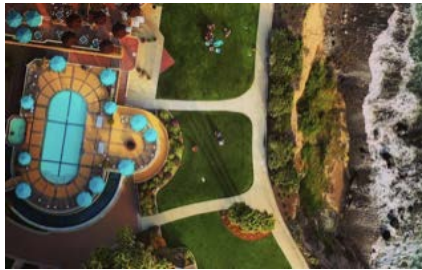
### CSAIA 2021 Spring Training Webinar

California Sexual Assault Investigators Association hosted our first virtual training for 2021 Spring Training.

We all missed The Cliffs Resort and Spa and seeing each other in person but we look for training in Pismo Beach, CA in 2022.

The conference was well received and attendees utilized the virtual platform to share knowledge about handling sexual assault investigations.

Special thanks to Chad Norris who was kind enough to help us navigate our first on-line conference! His expertise was greatly needed and appreciated!



Miss  
you

**Knowing Your Resources: Utilizing ViCAP for Your Investigations**  
Detective Jake Blass, Fremont Police Department

**Sexual Abuse Accommodation Syndrome**  
Sarah Valverde LMFT, CFI  
SART Coordinator Santa Barbara County

**True Victim Experience: USC Dr. Tyndall Sexual Abuse Survivor**  
Audry Nafziger, Career Prosecutor

**The Power of Pre-text calls**  
Hector Macias, Sgt. Ventura County Sheriff's Office  
Joe Preciado, Detective Ventura County Sheriff's Office

**Broken Blue: The Dangers of Untreated Vicarious Trauma in First Responders**  
Shane Norwood, Former Law Enforcement Officer

**Forensic Art: History and Applications in Investigations**  
Michael Streed, CFA- Ret Police Sgt.

**After the Bust: What Becomes of the Perpetrator**  
Charles Schwaebe, PhD, Sex Offender Intensive Supervision Program  
Office-(Retired). Sex Assault Prevention & Response Coordinator,  
NBVC

**Forensic Genetic Genealogy - Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
Jeff Stiff, Special Agent, FBI Los Angeles/Riverside  
John Shimp, Special Agent, FBI Houston

**Legislative Changes to Sexual Assault**  
Angela Alvarado, Deputy District Attorney  
Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office



**We miss the incredible staff at the Cliffs Resort and Spa, Pismo Beach!**



## 2022 CSAIA Spring Training

The 2022 Spring Training Conference will be March 8-11, 2022 at the Cliffs Resort and Spa in Pismo Beach, CA.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2022 Spring Training Conference.

If you have any suggestions for presenters, please feel free to contact a Board Member at: 951-290-8261.

## Upcoming One Day (Webinar) Trainings!



Look for announcements and registration information at [csaia.org](http://csaia.org) for upcoming on-line events.

### **Human Trafficking, April 27, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. Expert Testimony, coming in June 2021**

*Additional courses are being developed! Please let us know if you have a presentation idea!*



On January 26, 2021, Riverside County Chief Deputy DA Gerald Fineman provided an on-line training presentation, Strangulation Webinar, focusing on understanding the potential consequences of strangulation and dispelling myths and misperceptions about strangulation.





Photo credit: Child abuse investigator Sabrina Ostberg gestures inside of the new interview room. - Bill Husa — Chico Enterprise-Record

**CSAIA Board of Directors presented CSAIA 2019 President Sabrina Ostberg with a plaque in appreciation for her service. Thank you for your service Sabrina!**

## CSAIA member feedback from the 2021 Spring Training Webinar

*"I really enjoyed this year's training and I look forward to next year's training, in-person! My favorite topics were the Pre-text Calls, Genetic Genealogy and Legislative Changes to Sexual Assault, Angela is amazing."*

*"I enjoyed the training courses. They were extremely informative and it was nice to get the chance to chat with the presenters. The slides/ videos/ and case stories were extremely resourceful and helpful for working my caseload."*

*"Thank you for the great seminar! You guys did a fantastic job despite the issues presented."*

Yolanda Rocha with Salinas Police Department participated in an exercise during the CSAIA webinar presentation on pretext calls. She was the selected winner for a gift card contributed by the presenters Hector Preciado and Joe Macias from Ventura County Sheriff's Department. Thanks to all who participated!





The California Sexual Assault Investigator's Association (CSAIA) was established in 1979 as a non-profit organization with a mission to set the standard on education and training for sexual assault law enforcement investigators. This association has continued to strengthen over the years with the unity of Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) including Forensic Nurses, Advocates, District Attorneys, Probation and Child Protective Services.

Each year during the CSAIA Annual Training Conference the Association honors professionals for Outstanding Performance in the field of sexual assault investigations, forensics, and legislation. All of the awards are based on nominations submitted to the CSAIA Board of Directors.

This year, the Board of Directors will be accepting nominations for the following awards for superior accomplishments and outstanding performance:

**The Michiel Hyder Sustained Achievement Award  
Sustained Achievement in Forensic Sciences Award  
The Patrick Sullivan Outstanding Investigator of the Year Award  
The Outstanding Agency of the Year Award  
The Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award**

Each award recipient and a guest will be invited to attend an awards ceremony during the 2022 CSAIA Annual Training Conference held at Pismo Beach, CA.

As members of the law enforcement community, we challenge you with the task of thinking about who has made an outstanding contribution, one who makes a considerable difference in the profession of law enforcement, specifically the investigation/prosecution of sexual assaults, and offer a nomination for a sustained accomplishment award. All of us flourish with validation and recognition. Please take the time to recognize someone, or an agency, that has made a difference in our profession. You may forward this information to a co-worker or supervisor that you feel may have knowledge of a person, team or agency to which recognition is due.

Nomination forms, guidelines and award criteria can be found on the website at [www.csaia.org](http://www.csaia.org). Nominations must be submitted to Awards Chairperson; Karen Sherwood by **January 20, 2022, at 5pm**. Nominations can be submitted via e-mail to: [karen.sherwood@csaia.org](mailto:karen.sherwood@csaia.org)

We welcome your nominations and thank you for your time and consideration of the professionals in our field of expertise.



**The 2021 Spring Donation will be going to The Wounded Warrior's Association**

For the 2021 CSAIA Spring Training Conference, the Board of Directors chose the Wounded Warriors Project to receive a donation from CSAIA. We were unable to have a raffle and chose to make a donation instead. The raffle is something we all look forward to and it will resume at our next in person conference.

***Previous recipients raffle proceeds:***

- 2013-Pomona Children's Advocacy Center, Pomona CA*
- 2014-Child Assessment Center, San Bernardino CA*
- 2015-The Family Healing Center, Fresno CA*
- 2016 -Chadwick Center, San Diego CA*
- 2017- Sexual Assault Intervention and Prevention  
Serving Butte, Glenn, and Tehama Counties, CA*
- 2018-CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) San Luis Obispo County, CA*
- 2019 – Butte County Schools Fire Relief Fund*

***Each year CSAIA donates all raffle proceeds to deserving agencies throughout CA. If you know of an agency in need please let us know. Thank you!***



## Our training is recognized by POST, BRN, STC and MCLE you get credit for attending!

Most of the courses presented by the California Sexual Assault Investigators Association are POST Certified. For peace officers, this means you as an officer get POST Continuing Education Credit for the time you attend the class!

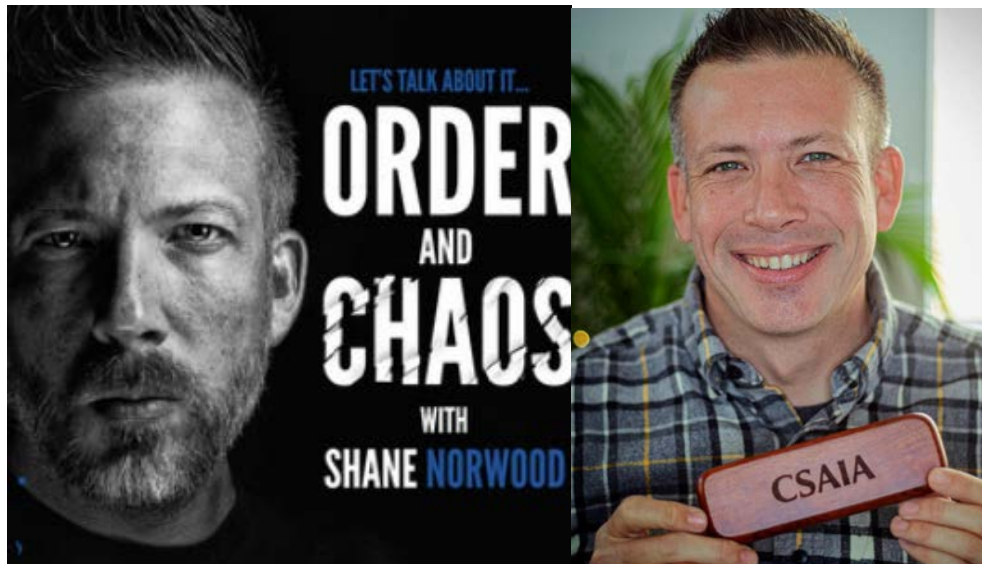
The POST Administrative Manual (PAM) requires each student sign in on the POST Course Roster along with their POST ID number (not your social security number). *Students may not sign the Roster for another student.*

POST further requires that the Course Presenter (in this case, CSAIA) keep an attendance roster for every day of training, verifying each student's attendance. Within 10 days of the end of the course, the CSAIA must submit the Course Roster to POST, documenting each student's total hours.

Per the PAM, students may miss up to 10% of the class for "valid reasons" (e.g. work-related callouts, court appearance, etc.), or other "extraordinary circumstances." POST may require the course presenter (the CSAIA) to obtain supervisor verification for any time missed, and/or POST themselves may contact the student's employer to verify that the missed time meets these criteria.

Additional criteria must be met for on-line training. Polling of students is required. A test must also be administered and returned to the CSAIA for each participant.

Please be aware that the CSAIA could lose its status as a POST Presenter if we do not ensure all of these regulations are met. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding!



Shane Norwood presented for the 2021 CSAIA webinar. His message was powerful and timely. Thank you Shane!

## Membership Corner



We are currently **285 members** strong! If you have any recruitment ideas or would like to encourage members of your team or organization to become members of CSAIA, please contact our Membership Coordinator Karla Beler. Karla can be reached at [kbeler@csaia.org](mailto:kbeler@csaia.org), [kbeler@riversideca.gov](mailto:kbeler@riversideca.gov) or [boardmember@csaia.org](mailto:boardmember@csaia.org).

### Membership Status

Check out your membership status at [www.csaia.org](http://www.csaia.org). All memberships are now based on an annual renewal from the date you joined the Association. Membership is \$50.00 a year.

### Training Ideas??

CSAIA is always looking for new and innovative ideas in training to bring to membership.

If you have any ideas for our Conference Training or One-Day Training, please contact: [boardmember@csaia.org](mailto:boardmember@csaia.org)

### Website:

#### Resources Area

The resources area provides presentations, downloads, interesting articles, and other web sites that are relevant to you. It is driven by member postings; the more items posted; the more resources will be shared.

#### Training Events

Education and Training programs will help you build new skills and reinforce your own experiences and knowledge.

#### Forum

The California Sexual Assault Investigators Association web page has a Forum section. Members can post questions or content for others to view or comment on.

## Members **make the difference!** Join today!

There are many benefits simply from belonging to your association. The greatest benefit to joining CSAIA is the networking and camaraderie that takes place between members. As a CSAIA member, you have access to many on-line resources to enrich your professional career as well as the connection with law enforcement and forensic nurse specialists who have a real passion for what they do.

***Please note you must have a current membership to access the tools on the new page. Thank you!***

You must register at the new web address for access to the members' only section on the website. Membership renewal is separate. Your membership must be current for approval and access. <https://www.csaia.org/register>.



CSAIA was fortunate to have Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney Angela Alvarado present for the 2021 webinar. Her knowledge and energy have members requesting her presentation every year! CSAIA Board of Director Linda Richards presented Angela Alvarado with a gift on behalf of CSAIA members.



## It is CSAIA Election Year!

VOLUNTEER

### Expectations of Board Members

1. Be actively involved in achieving the Association's goals and activities.
2. Willingness to communicate the mission statement to others.
3. Demonstrate a willingness to participate in board recruitment and training efforts.
4. Participate in board orientations and training activities and adhere to board duties and responsibilities as outlined in the by-laws.
5. Actively participate in decisions related to administrative and business matters.
6. Actively serve on assigned committee(s) during the year.
7. Attend board meetings or notify President of unavailability prior to next meeting date. Absences may constitute a basis for removal from the board.
8. Maintain conduct and comments that are respectful to others.

*If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the CSAIA Board of Directors let us know and submit your application. Details will be posted on our website and don't forget to vote!*

**Elections will take place in November, 2021 for the 2022-2023 term.**

VOTE

## CSAIA 2021 Board of Directors



Back Row: Ryan Clark, Sabrina Ostberg, Steve Welch, Karla Beler, Tony Holguin, Amber Fransik  
Front Row: Marty Amaro, Gina D'Aquilla, Karen Sherwood, Linda Richards

President Ryan Clark  
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Membership is on a 12-month annual cycle. Watch your e-mail for an electronic notification to renew your membership and make sure your email is current with us. RENEW ON-LINE! Annual membership is \$50.00.

You must renew to continue to have access to the Members Area on the website and to continue to receive information by e-mail!!

*Stay safe and well!*