**Northumbria University**

**Medicine, Science and Justice Day, 28th June 2018**

***A one-day seminar for professionals and academics demonstrating the contribution of science and medicine to complex cases and problems in the justice system internationally***

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| **0830-0900** | **Registration** |
| **0900-0910** | **Welcome** |
| **0910-1000** | **Cannibalistic Homicide in England and Wales**  Alfredo Walker (University of Ottawa, Canada) |
| **1000-1100** | **Forensic science contribution to the Stephen Lawrence and Joanna Yates inquiries**  Kelly Sheridan (Northumbria University, UK) |
| **1100-1130** | **Refreshments** |
| **1130-1230** | **The contribution of forensic anthropology to medico-legal investigation**  Martin Evison (Northumbria University, UK) |
| **1230-1400** | **Lunch** |
| **1245-1345** | **Lunchtime Discussion and Q&A**  ***Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) in Canada***  A discussion of medico-legal and ethical issues and principles following the Supreme Court of Canada ruling that an absolute prohibition on medical assistance in dying sought by competent adults, who are suffering intolerably from grievous and irremediable medical conditions, violates their rights and is unconstitutional, and the passage into law of Bill C-14 protecting medical practitioners from criminal prosecution.  Chairs: Michelle Robson and Kristina Swift (Northumbria University, UK)  Discussion Panel: Alfredo Walker (University of Ottawa), Others TBC |
| **1400-1445** | *Blood pattern analysis: demonstrating the role of BPA in an exoneration case*  **Gillian Leak (Principal Forensic Services, UK)** |
| **1445-1530** | ***Medico-legal and ethical aspects of the diagnosis of violence against children in Brazil***  Marco Guimarães (University of São Paulo, Brazil, TBC) |
| **1530-1630** | ***Seeking Answers to the Burning Question: Review of a Fire Death in German Police Cell***  Alfredo Walker (University of Ottawa, Canada)  In 2005, the burnt body of an asylum seeker was found shackled by both wrists and ankles to a mattress in a police cell in small German town. From the onset, the case was treated as self-inflicted burn injury and was investigated as such until it was externally reviewed by a team of British experts many years later in 2013. The presentation will review the forensic and medico-legal evidence that was flowed out of the initial investigation and how that review influenced a change of opinion by the German authorities. |

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