# GW Forensic Psychology Newsletter



## Forensic Psychology Program in the Press!

Dr. Richard Cooter, Program Director of the Forensic Psychology Program, was interviewed by several media outlets in regard to recent mass shootings. Dr. Cooter spoke with *Scripps Media* in the segment "Inside the mind of a mass shooter," and he was also quoted by *USA Today* in the article "Rancho Tehama: Why do mass shooters target children, strangers?"

Sami Badini, who started the Forensic Psychology Program in fall 2017, was featured in a *GW Today* article titled <u>"Sami Badini Awarded Alexandria Partnership Fellowship."</u> Sami was awarded the Alexandria Partnership Fellowship due to his outstanding contributions to the city of Alexandria. He is also recognized for his contributions as a human rights activist both on a local and international level. We join in congratulating Sami and encourage everyone to read the article!





## The Student Association for Forensic Psychology Hosts NCMEC Forensic Artist Joe Mullins

On November 1st, the Student Association for Forensic Psychology hosted Joe Mullins, a forensic imaging specialist who works at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. During his visit, Mullins showed students how to do age progressions for long-term missing children using Adobe Photoshop and photographs of the child's parents when they were around the same age. Mullins not only showcased his skills and work from actual cases, but he also demonstrated his age-progression skills using examples of well-known celebrities, such as Scarlett Johansson.

Mullins also spoke about his experience creating facial reconstructions from skulls, and how it enabled him to help answer questions for families that were "frozen in uncertainty."

There was a great turnout, and attendents found it to be very informative and interesting. We look forward to hosting him again in the near future!

## **Class Notes**

### **Current Students**

Christine Scutt was recently hired as a Case Management Specialist for the Missing Children Division of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Alexandria, Virginia.

### Class of 2017

Jessica Dunkle is currently working as a Medicolegal Death Investigator for Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office.

