



**2026 Forensic Science Summer Workshops for Educators**  
**Western Michigan University**  
**Rooms 1408 & 1414 Wood Hall, WMU Campus**  
**Kalamazoo, Michigan**  
**2 Workshop Choices: July 15-17, 2026 OR July 20-22, 2026**

Forensic science has become a popular science course for middle school and high school students thanks to an explosion of “CSI” type shows in the media. Science teachers find it is a great way to get students involved in *doing* science. If you are considering bringing forensic science into your classroom or wish to start or “tweak” a forensic science course in your school, these workshops will help you do just that! You will learn key forensic science concepts along with great ideas about how to teach them for large groups of students.

I am shortening the normal workshop format to **two 3-day workshop segments** with the weekend in between. You may attend both or just one.

Tentative topics for this summer:

- Fingerprinting Techniques
- Forensic Anthropology
- Firearms ID
- Serology (blood detection, typing and bloodstain analysis)
- Forensic Glass Analysis
- Forensic Entomology & DNA (maybe some Pathology/Autopsy if time permits)
- Setting up crime scenes (and processing evidence) for large groups of students

**What is the cost for EACH 3-day workshop? Only \$275 for the training, handouts and access to a shared drive loaded with materials used in the workshop as well as “extra” materials that would be useful. If you register for BOTH workshops, I will discount the total fee to \$530.**

To register for the workshop, use the form link below or go to my website (below) for the link.

- Registration Form Links:
  - [Google Registration Form for July 15-17, 2026 Workshop](#)
  - [Google Registration Form for July 20-22, 2026 Workshop](#)
- Please register early, as workshops fill quickly (20 max/workshop).
- For more information or questions, contact:
  - Kathy Mirakovits (workshop leader): [kmirakovits@gmail.com](mailto:kmirakovits@gmail.com)

**Please note: Workshop payment must be personal or school checks, sorry no PO's or credit cards please.**

Workshop leader **Kathy Mirakovits** has taught high school forensics for over 30 years and currently teaches forensic science at Kalamazoo Valley Community College; both in person and asynchronous online. Since 2004 she has led workshops across the United States for teachers interested in learning forensic science and its application in science education. Kathy has developed numerous innovative forensic educational kits and materials as well as co-authoring a forensic science textbook and laboratory manual.

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