

Dr. Damon De la Cruz



Speaker Details

Dr. Damon de la Cruz began his career in funeral service in 1993. He has worked as an embalmer and funeral practitioner in Los Angeles, CA, Portland, OR, and throughout the Republic of Ireland. Damon ran a successful trade embalming company throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties for several years. After being awarded a Doctoral degree in Pathobiology from the University of Southern California he began teaching. Currently, he is the Director of Education at the Frigid Fluid Company and an instructor at several Funeral Service Education programs internationally. Damon has multiple contributions to funeral education as a editor on several books and speaks nationally and internationally regularly.

Session Details

Hot Dogs and Decomposition

What do Hot Dogs reveal about decomposition? Do ants help us understand and communicate Rigor Mortis? Can a final battle scene from a popular science fiction movie help funeral service people unlock the mysteries of the chemical pathways of the “crosslink” reaction occurring between embalming chemicals and tissue? This discussion is designed to enable the audience to develop communication skills and technical skills in the care and preparation of human remains. How to modify embalming chemicals for optimal decedent care will also be discussed as will safe handling of chemicals.



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