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In addition to her work as a professor, Knight serves as the advisor of Mason's Women of Color in STEM organization and volunteers for the organization. In this role, she works to promote gender and racial diversity in STEM fields. Kelly is an expert in both forensic serology and forensic DNA analysis, and she has been an active participant in the forensic science community.

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