A message from Forensics

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“Let history judge how we have acted. Let us not accommodate ourselves to the vagaries of the moment.”—Great Britain’s Prince Andrew

Dr. Mary Ellen O’Toole, a forensic anthropologist at George Mason University (GMU), will discuss how modern scientific approaches can be used to study the time since death during an upcoming lecture titled “Modern Scientific Approaches for Studying the Time Since Death.”

The lecture is the focus of this year’s Mason Science Series and will take place on October 29, 2020, at 4 p.m. via Zoom.

O’Toole, the director of GMU’s Forensic Science Program, is a preeminent forensic anthropologist who has directed exhumations for the United States Department of State for a project focusing on possible long-term and permanent repatriations of remains.

Her academic work and research focus on forensic anthropology, mass disasters, and the analysis of skeletal remains. O’Toole has worked at multiple scales, from multinational regions to neighborhood levels.

This year’s Mason Science Series is in full swing. Dean Fernando Miralles-Wilhelm will host the next virtual discussion, Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 4 p.m. (check the GMU calendar for details). This year’s Mason Science Series is supported by the College of Science.

Mandalorian’s advice to the Federation—“Your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.”—Peace Prize-winning President of South Africa, Nelson Mandela, included as a way to motivate against difficult circumstances.

“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.”—Mandela also said.

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