

Forensic Neuropathology Symposium

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Course Directors: Melissa Blessing, DO and Declan McGuone, FRCPath Neuro, MBBCh

Time (All Times EDT):	Session
1:00 pm – 1:05 pm	<i>Welcome/Introduction</i> Course Directors
1:05 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>New NINDS Criteria: Opportunities and Challenges for Forensic Neuropathologists</i> Declan McGuone, FRCPath Neuro, MBBCh Yale Medicine, New Haven, CT
1:30 pm – 2:20 pm	<i>Axonal Biology of Traumatic Brain Injury: Mechanisms and Molecular Insights</i> Audrey D. Lafrenaye, PhD Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
2:20 pm – 2:30 pm	Q & A
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	BREAK
2:45 pm – 3:05 pm	<i>Spectrum of Traumatic Axonal Injury: Practical Applications in Pediatric and Adult Neuropathology</i> Melissa M. Blessing, DO University of Iowa/Johnson County Medical Examiner, Iowa City, IA
3:05 pm – 3:35 pm	<i>White Matter Sequelae of Traumatic Brain Injury: Beyond CTE</i> Thor D. Stein, MD, PhD Boston University, Boston, MA
3:35 pm – 3:50 pm	<i>Traumatic Brain Injury: Practical Applications in the Courtroom</i> Course Directors
3:50 pm – 4:00 pm	<i>Q & A and Closing Remarks</i> Course Directors