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# Ritualistic & Occult Crimes

**Instructor: Dawn Perlmutter, Ph.D.**

**November 13 - 16, 2017**

**Tuition: \$547**

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## ABOUT TRITECH

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

# Ritualistic & Occult Crimes

Ritualistic and Occult Crimes is a comprehensive workshop designed to provide public safety, crime scene analysts, and law enforcement professionals with an extensive understanding of crime scenes containing symbolic and unfamiliar evidence. Investigators will be introduced to the types of crimes most often associated with occult activity, crime scene clues, investigation strategies, and an overview of active groups. Crime scenes, forensic and symbolic evidence involving the ritual practices of Satanism, Santeria, Voodoo, Palo Mayombe, and the Goth, Vampire, and Fetish Scenes will be presented. Crime scene and autopsy images will demonstrate forensic and symbolic evidence specific to particular groups. Case studies include ritual sexual abuse, animal sacrifice, and numerous ritual homicides.

The portion of the course covering ritual homicides will provide the student with an extensive understanding of homicides involving symbolic evidence and trauma. Attendees will be introduced to a variety of unfamiliar injuries, excessive mutilation, unusual trauma, and symbolic crime scene evidence. Uncommon ceremonies, rites of passage, and initiations specific to particular groups will be described. Attendees will also be educated on a variety of unusual activities such as cutting, branding, blood drinking, and body mutilation. The significance of magical and occult ideologies as a motivation for ritual murders is described. The prevalence of child victims and juvenile perpetrators is addressed. Distinctions between counter forensic measures and ideological motivations for disfigurement and dismemberment are described in detail. Crime

scene and autopsy images will demonstrate forensic and symbolic evidence specific to particular groups. Numerous case studies will be presented.

This workshop includes a half-day practical exercise where students will be exposed to realistic ritualistic crime scenes and have the opportunity to investigate a scenario to its logical conclusion. Students will also take part in a tour of commercial businesses, such as "botanicas," where accoutrements and paraphernalia used by ritualistic groups covered in the course are bought and sold.

## Topics include:

- Ritual homicides will provide the student with an extensive understanding of homicides involving symbolic evidence and trauma
- Unfamiliar injuries, excessive mutilation, unusual trauma, and symbolic crime scene evidence
- Uncommon ceremonies, rites of passage, and initiations specific to particular groups
- Unusual activities such as cutting, branding, blood drinking, and body mutilation
- Significance of magical and occult ideologies as a motivation for ritual murders
- Prevalence of child victims and juvenile perpetrators
- Demonstrations of forensic and symbolic evidence specific to particular groups

## COURSE INSTRUCTOR

### DAWN PERLMUTTER

Dawn Perlmutter, Ph.D., Director of the Symbol Intelligence Group is considered one of the leading subject matter experts (SME) in the areas of symbols, symbolic methodologies, unfamiliar customs and ritualistic crimes. In her SME capacity, she routinely provides law enforcement investigators, defense and intelligence agencies with specialized information to assist in operations, investigation and analysis. She has advised police departments and prosecutors offices on numerous cases of ritual homicide and presented expert witness testimony on ritualistic crimes.



Dr. Perlmutter is an adjunct Professor in the Forensic Medicine Program at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is the author of two books, *Investigating Religious Terrorism and Ritualistic Crimes* and *Symbols of Terrorism* as well as numerous publications on ritual violence.

Dr. Perlmutter has been interviewed for many documentaries, newspapers and newscasts. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy from New York University and a Masters Degree from The American University, Washington, D.C. Dawn Perlmutter is an active member of

The American Investigative Society of Cold Cases (AISOCC) and The Vidocq Society, an exclusive crime-solving organization that solves cold case homicides.