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Ritualistic Crimes and Religious Extremism II

Instructor: Tony Kail

July 17 - 21, 2023 | 8 am - 5 pm

Tuition: \$679

Hosting Agency:

**Aurora Municipal Center | 3rd floor, Fitzsimons Room
15151 E Alameda Parkway | Aurora, CO 80012**

Lodging information:

**Best Western Plus Gateway Inn & Suites
800 S Abilene Street | Aurora, CO 80012
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ABOUT TRITECH

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Ritualistic Crimes & Religious Extremism II

This 40-hour course combines two of our Ritualistic Crime Investigations courses and combines them into a single weeklong presentation. The course includes the Cultural Anthropology for Crime Scene Investigators Course and the Investigating Crimes Involving the Narco Culture. The courses are approved for 40 hours of certification training credit by the International Association for Identification's Crime Scene Certification Board.

This course will be of special interest to investigators and forensic technicians who work in areas where there is the presence of drug cartel activity.

Cultural Anthropology for Crime Scene Investigators

Cultural Anthropology for Crime Scene Investigators is a hands-on course combining lecture, multi-media presentation and activities designed to familiarize investigators with cross-cultural encounters with practitioners, artifacts, and sacred spaces at crime scenes. Investigators will become familiar with traditional cultures frequently misidentified as 'cults' as opposed to living traditional cultures. Students in this class will gain an understanding of cultural anthropology and its application to interpretation of ceremonies, rites of passage and material culture. The class will look at cultural relativism and controversial topics including animal sacrifice and the use of human remains in religious shrines. The class focuses on communicating respect for cultural traditions while focusing on performing professional investigations.

The Appropriation of Religion by Criminal Organizations

The first portion of this training will focus on normative practices of traditional religious cultures with the focus on understanding artifacts, shrines and ceremonies. The second portion of this training will introduce attendees to the exploitation and appropriation of religion by criminal enterprises.

Rituals and ceremonies can provide a therapeutic channel for those involved in criminal activities. Rituals performed for protection from police, rivals and the success of criminal activity have been identified in many countries including the U.S., Colombia, Mexico and throughout Europe. Human traffickers are utilizing the traditions of Sub-Saharan Africa in the procurement and maintaining of victims. Drug traffickers have been observed appropriating deeply held spiritual traditions of Latin-America as a means of psychological empowerment and inspiration for ritualistic violence.

Street level appropriation of religious culture including the use of sacred artifacts for protection and furtherance of criminal activity will be discussed. Use of religious ideologies as forms of control found among case histories of drug trafficking organizations such as La Familia Michoacan and Los Caballeros Templarios will be examined.

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

TONY KAIL



Tony Kail is a cultural anthropologist that has thirty-years' experience researching and documenting religious cultures, extremist groups and security threat groups throughout the U.S. and Africa. A former Sheriff's Deputy, Kail has provided training and consulting for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Capitol Police, United States Attorney's Office and the United States Army. He has written for numerous publications including The Journal of Counterterrorism and Homeland Security, Law and Order Magazine and Police Quarterly. Kail is the author of several books including Narco Cults: Understanding the Use of Afro-Caribbean and Mexican Religious Cultures in the Drug Wars from CRC Press (2015), Magico-Religious Groups and Ritualistic Activities: A Guide for First Responders from CRC Press (2008) and A Cop's Guide to Occult Investigations from Paladin Press (2003). His books are recommended on the F.B.I.'s 2011 suggested reading list of Narco Cult related books for law enforcement.