

Operation Identification

Advocating for the Dead Through
Humanitarian Forensic Action

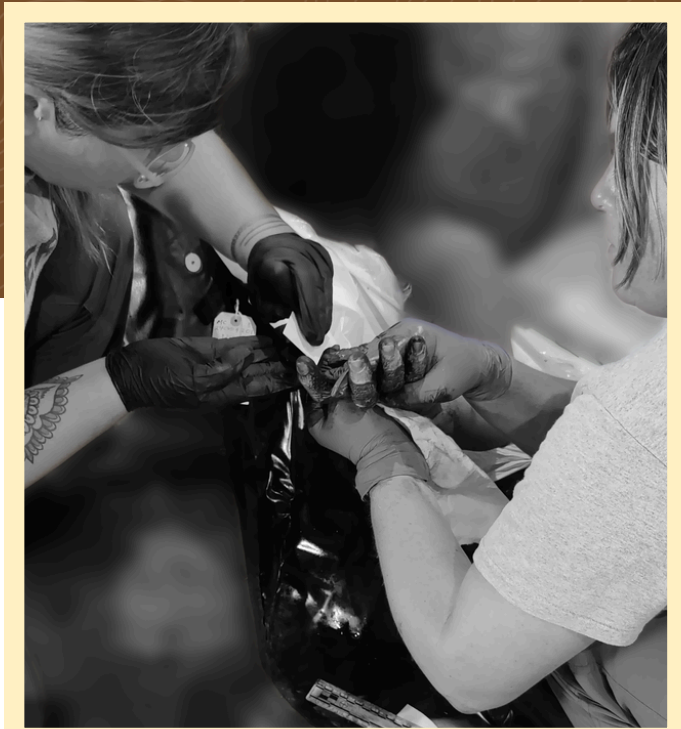
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Operation Identification (OpID), a humanitarian project at Texas State University, was founded in 2013, and seeks to locate, recover, identify, and repatriate the remains of unidentified migrants recovered in the Texas borderlands. To date, OpID has managed 640 cases from 19 border and border adjacent counties, of which 206 have been positively identified through scientific means. However, the identification process for deceased irregular migrants remains challenging in large part due to the fragmented medicolegal system in Texas. This presentation will discuss the development of OpID and our current advocacy efforts.



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GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. Victoria Swenson is a biological anthropologist who studies human variation in forensic and archaeological contexts. **Dr. Courtney Coffey Siegert** is a forensic anthropologist with Operation Identification, specializing in migrant identification and humanitarian casework.

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