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Hofstra University Continuing Education Offers Free Workshop on CSI: Forensic Linguistics

Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY - Hofstra University Continuing Education offers a FREE hands-on workshop, **CSI: Forensic Linguistics**, led by one of the country's most renowned forensic linguistics experts, Hofstra Professor Robert Leonard. Learn about cutting-edge research techniques used by law enforcement officials to help solve and prevent crimes. Dr. Leonard has worked on cases involving murder, espionage and extortion with an array of law enforcement and other entities, and has trained FBI and other agents in forensic linguistic techniques. The workshop takes place on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, from 6-8 p.m. at Mack Student Center, North Campus. To register or for more information, visit <http://ce.hofstra.edu> or call (516) 463-7200.

Imagine you're a linguistic scientist working with Homicide/Major Crimes. A woman has been murdered, and at the crime scene, CSI finds letters written to the victim. You get to play the forensic linguist as Professor Leonard guides you through two actual cases (of the many) that he has helped break: a Pennsylvania murder and the John Karr episode of the JonBenet Ramsey ransom note.

Robert A. Leonard, Ph.D., is a Professor of Linguistics, Chair of Department, and Director of the Forensic Linguistics Project at Hofstra University. Admitted as a Forensic Linguist in Federal and State courts, Dr. Leonard's consulting clients have included the FBI, Pennsylvania State Police, NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force, New Jersey Office of Attorney General, US Attorney's Office, Eastern District of NY, New Yorker Magazine, ABC-TV's Investigative Unit, and law firms that specialize in both civil and criminal cases. Leonard was Phi Beta Kappa and a Faculty Fellow at Columbia and a Fulbright Fellow for his Ph.D. research there. Dr. Leonard will be teaching a two-week intensive evening course about Forensic Linguistics at Hofstra University Continuing Education this spring.

Dr. Leonard may well be the only Fulbright Fellow to have performed at Woodstock. While in college, he co-founded and led the rock group Sha Na Na, who opened for Jimi Hendrix at the Woodstock Festival.

Hofstra University is a dynamic private institution where students can choose from more than 140 undergraduate and 155 graduate programs in liberal arts and sciences, business, communication, education and allied human services, and honors studies, as well as a School of Law. Hofstra University Continuing Education offers a broad range of workshops, seminars, conferences, lectures, events and courses in business, technology, adult education, and community learning.

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