

Albert B. Harper, Ph.D., J.D., was born in Crystal City, Texas (the Spinach Capital of the world) grew up in South Texas, and graduated from Eagle Pass High School in 1967. In 1970, he graduated from the University of Texas, Austin, with a BA in Anthropology. He earned his Ph.D. in Biobehavioral Science in 1975 from the University of Connecticut, where Dr. Harper was a professor from 1974 until 1989. His research experience and teaching interests have been in Human Biology and Anatomy, Human Genetics, Forensic Anthropology, Ecology and Evolution, Demography, Bio-statistics and Native American Prehistory. He has extensive fieldwork experience in Alaska, Siberia, and Texas, and he has published more than fifty articles in scientific journals on the Aleut population and evolution.

In addition to being on the faculty of the University of Connecticut, from 1980 to 1986 Dr. Harper was also on the Medical House Staff in the Department of Nuclear Medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. He was co-founder of the Osteoporosis Prevention Program that investigated risk factors and prevention strategies in treating osteoporosis.

In 1990, Dr. Harper graduated from University of Connecticut Law School. Since 1992, Dr. Harper has taught Law and Forensic Science at UConn Law School, a course which focuses on the role of scientific evidence and the use of expert witnesses in criminal and civil litigation. For several years, Dr. Harper practiced law in Hartford, Connecticut, focusing his practice on criminal defense at all levels ranging from murder to misdemeanors as well as civil litigation. He is admitted to practice in Connecticut and the federal district court.

1998, Dr. Harper helped found the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science at the University of New Haven, and until 2008 served as the Institute's Executive Director. The Institute of Forensic Science provides post-graduate specialized training for law enforcement officers, attorneys, and other professionals. The Institute is engaged in exploring research opportunities with the federal government and private corporations in new frontiers of forensic science.

Since 1973, Dr. Harper has been the Forensic Anthropologist for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the Connecticut State Police Forensic Laboratory. In that capacity, he provides forensic science consultation, homicide reconstruction and expert testimony in cases involving unidentified persons.

Dr. Harper has provided extensive expert consultation services for attorneys in many death penalty cases in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Texas and California. He has assisted counsel in numerous non-capital homicides, sexual assaults, and other serious felonies, providing scientific review and evidence analysis. He has reviewed more than one hundred cold cases for law enforcement agencies in many different states, providing technical assistance and strategies for case resolution.

Dr. Harper has been a member of the Death Review Committee for the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence since 2003. In that capacity, he provides counsel and scientific review of selected homicides which involve domestic partners to ascertain patterns in domestic violence. The goal of the CCADV Death Review Committee is to provide analysis and

policy advice to help reduce domestic violence. Since 2006, Dr. Harper has served as a forensic consultant to the FBI Northeast Region Mitochondrial DNA Laboratory, providing technical and identification service to identify unidentifiable human remains.

In January, 2009, Dr. Harper became affiliated with the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, a division of the City University of New York. He currently is the Director of the Crime Scene Academy.

Dr. Harper has published more than fifty books and scientific articles including:

Laughlin, W.S. and A.B. Harper (1979) Editors, The First Americans: Origins, Affinities, and Adaptations, Gustav Fischer New York, Inc., New York

Harper, A.B. (1980) "The History of the Aleut Population," J. Soviet Ethnohistory, (in Russian),

Laughlin, W.S. and Harper, A.B. (1987) "Peopling of the Continents: Australia and America." In: Biological Aspects of Human Migration, C.G.N. Mascie-Taylor and G.W. Lasker (Editors), Cambridge University Press.

Frohlich, B, A.B. Harper, R. Gilberg (eds) (2002) To the Aleutians and Beyond: The Anthropology of William S. Laughlin, Danish National Museum.

Harper, A. B. (1999) "Forensic Archaeology and the Woodchipper Murder" In: Lessons From the Past, K. L. Feder (Editor).

Harper, A. B., J. Schweitzer, J. Trombka, C. Selavka, G. Zeosky, and R. Kimble.(2004) "Survey of trace elemental contributions to the environment: comparison of samples from a diverse group of occupational workers with primer residues from firearms." JAAFS.

Harper, A. B. (2007) " Forward to Non-human DNA Typing Methods, H. Coyle (editor), CRC Press.

Regularly interviewed on television, radio, and newspaper, Dr. Harper was involved in 2006 with a National Geographic public television presentation, "The Great Inca Rebellion." That television documentary illustrated the use of contemporary forensic science techniques applied to ancient archeological investigations:

http://www.nytimes.com/2007/06/20/science/20inca.html?_r=1&oref=slogin.

Dr. Harper was the featured scientist in the Boston Globe "Meeting of the Minds" column on September 10, 2007:

http://www.boston.com/news/science/articles/2007/09/10/scientist_gets_skulls_and_bones_to_talk_to_him/

Using his forensic anthropology skills, Dr. Harper confirmed an 1843 daguerreotype photograph as that of Abraham Lincoln, taken as the earliest known image of the sixteenth President:
<http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9C02E7D6153DF933A1575BC0A96E958260&sec=&spon=&pagewanted=all>.

Similarly, Dr. Harper evaluated and confirmed a previously unidentified photograph of Vincent Van Gogh.

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