

# Indiana Medical History Museum



Forensic anthropologists are frequently asked to analyze human remains to assist the pathologist and coroner in their determination of the cause of death of a decedent. However, wounds and fractures to the bones can be difficult to interpret, particularly when the remains have been exposed to weathering, animal scavenging, and farming machinery. This presentation will examine how the anthropologist uses scraps of bone to reconstruct the events that occurred at the time of death, drawing on an understanding of basic fracture mechanics and no small measure of pure luck to identify and distinguish blunt, sharp, and gunshot trauma.

**Wednesday May 20, 2015**

**6:00 pm - 7:15 pm**

## Cracking the Case

Interpreting Skeletal Trauma and  
Fracture Patterns in Bone  
by Dr. Stephen Nawrocki



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