

**WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 2 4:00pm**

**at the  
Indiana Medical  
History Museum**

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## **A Cemetery without Crosses: Migrant Death and Forensic Investigations along the South Texas Border**

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Justin Maiers and Ryan Strand**

The Forensic Science Lecture Series (FSLs), sponsored jointly by the Indiana Medical History Museum and the University of Indianapolis Archaeology & Forensics Laboratory, was established in 2004 to help educate the public in the forensic sciences and related fields as well as to spotlight the fascinating stories that scientists have to tell.

This presentation will highlight the human rights work that faculty and students from the University of Indianapolis have been conducting along the south Texas border. They spent several weeks in the summer of 2013 exhuming the bodies of unidentified migrants that were buried in pauper's graves without a forensic investigation into their identity. Thirteen sets of skeletal remains were eventually transported to the University of Indianapolis Archeology and Forensic Laboratory for forensic analysis in an attempt to contribute to the positive identification process. The team will introduce the audience to the humanitarian crisis on the border and discuss their work by following one of these unidentified individuals from exhumation at the cemetery to forensic analysis in the laboratory.

