

## IAFN's Spotlight-on-a-Member



**Stacy Drake**

**LOCATION:** Houston, Texas, USA

**WORK SETTING:** University of Texas, School of Nursing & The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences

**FORENSIC NURSING EXPERIENCE:** Stacy has been a forensic nurse since 1996.

**YEARS OF IAFN MEMBERSHIP:** 10+ years

### **Tell us more about your forensic nursing role:**

Dr. Drake practices as a forensic nurse at the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. Stacy A. Drake, PhD, MPH, RN is an Assistant Professor at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) School of Nursing. Dr. Drake received her PhD of nursing at Texas Woman's University and her MSN with a concentration in forensic nursing from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, her MPH from UTHealth School of Public Health, and her BSN from Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

### **Why did they become a forensic nurse or decided to work with forensic nurses?**

Dr. Drake has years of experience within various clinical and administrative positions including EMS/fire, trauma/burn/medical and surgical ICU, death investigation, and risk management. Dr. Drake teaches on a variety of topics and is involved with mentoring a number of community based clinical experiences. Her research interests include understanding of deaths in the public sector for purposes of prevention and eliminating disparity, improved injury outcomes, forensic nursing science education, and death investigation systems.

### **Khara Breeden shares her reasoning behind "Spotlighting" Stacy:**

Dr. Drake is actively involved in both IAFN and with the Texas Chapter of IAFN and instrumental in coordinating educational webinars with intentions of reaching forensic nurses throughout Texas. She currently is the IAFN committee chair for the research committee and is the President-elect of the Texas Chapter. Texas is sure lucky to have her!

