Agenda

8 a.m.  Breakfast and Registration

8:45 a.m.  Opening Remarks by Justice David Nahmias, Supreme Court of Georgia

9 a.m.  Panel 1: Innocence and Science
• This panel will examine the causes of wrongful convictions, focusing on how unreliable and misapplied forensic evidence contributes to miscarriages of justice.
• Moderator: Professor Russell Covey, GSU College of Law

10:15 a.m.  Panel 2: To Err is Human
• This panel will discuss the role of human error in forensic evidence collection, evaluation, and presentation; considering the causes of error and effective methods to minimize error.
• Moderator: Mark Loudon-Brown, Staff Attorney at Southern Center for Human Rights

11:30 a.m.  Lunch and Keynote Address by Spencer Hsu, “Uncovering Forensic Flaws: An Outside Perspective”

12:30 p.m.  Panel 3: Technological Advances in Forensic Science
• This panel will review a wide range of innovations, including algorithm-driven forensic tools, DNA and facial recognition software programs, and advances in traditional forensic methods.
• Moderator: Associate Dean Jessica Gabel-Cino, GSU College of Law

1:45 p.m.  Panel 4: Ethical Conflicts
• This panel will consider conflicting ethical norms among scientists, law enforcement, and the legal profession; discussing the competing standards and how these differences manifest and affect a criminal prosecution.
• Moderator: Professor Natsu Saito, GSU College of Law

3 p.m.  Panel 5: The Path Forward
• This panel will identify what state and localities can do to promote continued forensic science reform efforts; addressing the role and impact of state forensic science commissions and junk science legislation.
• Moderator: Marissa Dodson, Public Policy Director for the Southern Center for Human Rights

4 p.m.  Closing Remarks