Forensic Linguistics for Investigative Practitioners:
Threat Assessment, Counter-Terrorism, Linguistic Profiling and Authorial Attribution.

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This workshop introduces the field of Forensic Linguistics as practiced by law enforcement and other investigators. Using cases worked by the co-presenters, workshop focuses on communications dealing with:

- **Terror:** Domestic and foreign terror campaigns
- **Threat Assessment:** Threats to government, officials, workplace, schools, and private individuals
- **Criminal Communications:** Extortion, ransom notes, criminal intelligence disinformation, intercepted communications

TOPICS:

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Sociolinguistics, Dialectology, Language Variation
FBI’s Communicated Threat Assessment Database
Case examples

**Threat Assessment**
Types of threats
Motivations of threateners
How to assess a threat
Case examples

**Authorial Attribution**
Authorship characteristics
Court cases
Case examples

Linguistic Profiling
Determining sociolinguistic/autographical identifiers from anonymous communications
Use of “contra-indicators”
Post-Offense Manipulation of Investigation Communications (POMICS)
Case Examples

CASES

Some major cases worked by Fitzgerald:
1993, World Trade Center Bombing
1995 - 1998, UNABOM Case
1998 - 2001, Olympics/Southeastern Bombings Task Force
1997 - 1999, Upper East Side Rapist Case, with the New York City Police Department
2000, Ten day fugitive hunt/hostage standoff of spree killer, Baltimore County, MD
2001, Double Homicide of Dartmouth College Professors, Hanover, NH
2001 – 2008 9/11 attacks and Anthrax Investigations
2002 - Homicide of Wall Street Journal reporter, Pakistan
2002 - Washington, DC area Sniper Case
2003 - Detainee interview process, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
2004 - Olympic Games Deployment, Athens, Greece
2005 - Serial Bomber Case, Venice, Italy
2006 - United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission,
Assassination of Lebanese Prime Minister in February, 2005

Some cases worked by Leonard:
Taye Diggs-Idina Menzel arson threat letters
Alvarez spy case (against FBI interrogators)
JonBenet Ramsey murder, John Karr episode
“Dickie” Scruggs bribery case (for defense)
Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper doctored tape case

Fitzgerald and Leonard worked together in two cases:
McGuire “suitcase” murder, in which Fitzgerald testified
Hummert murder, in which Leonard testified.