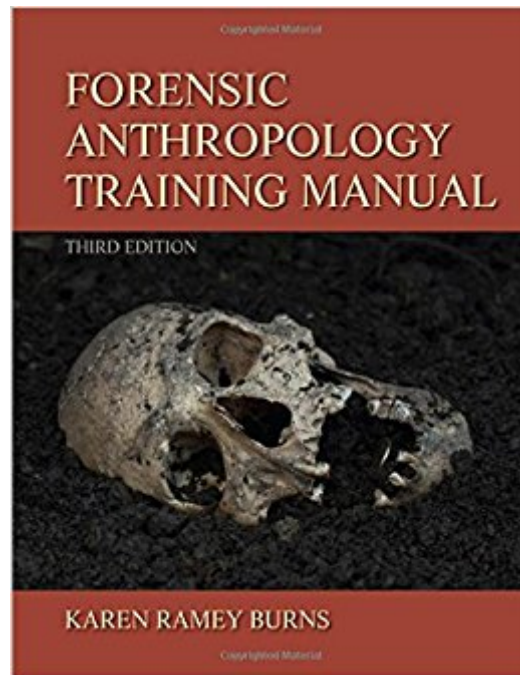




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# Forensic Anthropology Training Manual



## Synopsis

Provides basic information on successfully collecting, processing, analyzing, and describing skeletal human remains. Forensic Anthropology Training Manual serves as a practical reference tool and a framework for training in forensic anthropology. The first chapter informs judges, attorneys, law enforcement personnel, and international workers of the information and services available from a professional forensic anthropologist. The first section (Chapters 2-11) is a training guide to assist in the study of human skeletal anatomy. The second section (Chapters 12-17) focuses on the specific work of the forensic anthropologist, beginning with an introduction to the forensic sciences. Learning Goals Upon completing this book readers will be able to: Have a strong foundation in human skeletal anatomy Explain how this knowledge contributes to the physical description and personal identification of human remains Understand the basics of excavating a grave, preparing a forensic report, and presenting expert witness testimony in a court of law Define forensic anthropology within the broader context of the forensic sciences Describe the work of today's forensic anthropologists

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This new book focuses on the challenges and responsibilities of the forensic scientist, the multidisciplinary nature of the work, and the international potential for the forensic sciences. An excellent introduction to the realities of the profession of forensic scientist. Trains in the description and analysis of human skeletal and dental remains. Offers a well-illustrated approach to osteology

training, including: a concentration on vocabulary-building, the use of case studies, and a structured approach to skeletal analysis and report-writing. An excellent text for those considering the field of forensic science. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Karen Ramey Burns is a practicing forensic anthropologist, teacher, writer, and human rights worker. She received her graduate education in forensic anthropology under the direction of the late Dr. William R. Maples at the University of Florida and developed experience in major crime laboratory procedures while working for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Division of Forensic Sciences. She continues to serve the state of Georgia as a consultant in forensic anthropology and as an appointed member of the Georgia Council on American Indian Concerns. She has testified as an expert witness in local, state, and international cases. Dr. Burns has devoted much of her professional career to international work, providing educational and technical assistance in the excavation and identification of human remains in Latin America, Haiti, the Middle East, and Africa. She documented war crimes in Iraq after the Gulf War (1991) and provided testimony in the Raboteau Trial in Gonaïves, Haiti (2000). She is the author of the "Protocol for Disinterment and Analysis of Skeletal Remains," in the Manual for the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-Legal, Arbitrary, and Summary Executions (1991), a United Nations publication. In times of national emergency, she works for the National Disaster Medical System, part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. She was deployed for the Katrina/Rita Hurricanes disaster in 2005, Tri-State Crematory incident in 2002, the World Trade Center terrorist attack in 2001, the Tarboro, North Carolina, flood in 1999, and the Flint River flood of 1994. Dr. Burns has contributed to several historic research projects, including a study of the Phoenician genocide in North Africa (Carthage), the identification of the revolutionary war hero Casimir Pulaski, and the search for Amelia Earhart. Dr. Burns is a coauthor of the award-winning book *Amelia Earhart's Shoes, Is the Mystery Solved?* (2001), a discourse on the archaeological investigation. Her research interests include microstructure of mineralized tissues, effects of burning and cremation, and decomposition. She teaches human osteology, forensic anthropology, and human origins at the University of Georgia, as well as forensic anthropology and expert witness testimony for the U.S. Department of Justice's International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP). Dr. Burns is presently the Director of Field Investigations for EQUITAS, the Colombian Interdisciplinary Team for Forensic Work and Psychosocial Assistance, Bogotá, Colombia.

Unfortunately this book is seriously out of date with the current forensic knowledge. If you want some bathroom reading material this is a good book for it. There are wonderful illustrations and graphs but for real forensic study, you should check out some other titles. The concepts, wording, and how to go about things are outdated as of 2013 when I got this book for a forensic anthropology class with a professor currently in the field. She used this text as a 'what not to do today' in the field and as a history lesson. When this was actually written (late 1990's it is said but I cannot prove this statement) it was a good look at forensic anthropology and is a good read in learning the history of the science. But not for today's field practice. I am not dissing the author, she was wonderful in her time, I just wish the publisher didn't put this outdated text to print just because she died. The publisher has not updated any of the author information since the first edition run as Karen Ramey Burns died January 7, 2012 and this edition came out a month later. According to her LinkedIn account she was a Forensic Anthropologist at the University of Utah Department of Anthropology from 2008 until her death in 2012 which is 4 years, she did Equipo Colombiano Interdisciplinario de Trabajo Forense y Asistencia Psicosocial at Miembro del Comité Directivo Equipo Colombiano Interdisciplinario de Trabajo Forense y Asistencia Psicosocial for 7 years (2005 - 2012). She was also part of the Directory Committee for EQUITAS from 2005 - 2012 and was first considered an Forensic Anthropologist for TIGHAR 1999 - 2012 as well as working at the University of Georgia as an Adjunct Professor from 1995 - 2006 (11 years). The years tally on her LinkedIn is incorrect as they do not have her listed as deceased.

This book is amazing for the beginning learner on forensic anthropology. Even for someone who needs to brush up on their skills, this book is awesome. It has absolutely everything you would need to know from locating a grave to court trial procedures to professionalism guidelines and report writing skills. This book is SO helpful for a student just starting to learn about forensic anthropology and everything that goes along with it. I definitely recommend this book for beginning forensic anthropology classes as it is extremely useful. It will help with field work, court work and everything in between.

Was recommended for my forensic anthropology class and definitely helps with the lab part of the course when we're getting into sex and age determination, etc.

The artistic drawings of the skeletal elements are phenomenal, however, there are quite a few typographical errors, including the wrong image for the lesser multangular (carpal) on page 100, the

(b) image is actually a greater multangular.

Easy reading, but with good details of how to read bones, what to look for, how to guesstimate the age of the individual or bone(s).

Great textbook with great photos and diagrams. I couldn't have asked for a better text. Very easy reading and easy comprehension.

awesome

Have only look through it -- looks like it will be helpful in my research

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