

COLD CASE JFK **TCA Panelists' Biographies**

PAULA S. APSELL

**Senior Executive Producer, NOVA; Director of the
WGBH Science Unit**

As Director of the WGBH Science Unit and Senior Executive Producer of the PBS science series NOVA, now in its 40th season, Paula S. Apsell has overseen the production of hundreds of acclaimed science documentaries, including such distinguished miniseries as “The Fabric of the Cosmos” with Brian Greene, “Making Stuff Stronger, Smaller, Cleaner, Smarter,” hosted by New York Times technology reporter David Pogue, “Origins,” and “Evolution.” In 2005, Apsell introduced a spinoff in NOVA scienceNOW, a critically acclaimed science magazine series. Today, NOVA is the most-watched prime-time science series on American television and has won every major broadcasting award, including the Emmy, the Peabody, and the duPont-Columbia Gold Baton. Apsell has been recognized with numerous individual awards, including the New York Hall of Science’s Distinguished Service Award for Public Understanding of Science and the Carl Sagan Award, given by the Council of Scientific Society Presidents. She has served on several boards, including that of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History and Brandeis University’s Science Advisory Council. She is also a trustee of the International Documentary Association.

RUSHMORE DeNOOYER

Director, Producer and Writer - “Cold Case JFK”

Rush DeNooyer is an accomplished filmmaker who has written, produced, and directed numerous documentaries for PBS, History, Discovery, National Geographic, Smithsonian, Turner Broadcasting, and others.

DeNooyer directed, wrote, and produced “Universe or Multiverse?,” the concluding episode of the landmark NOVA miniseries “The Fabric of the Cosmos” in 2011. Hosted by renowned physicist and best-selling author Brian Greene, the critically acclaimed “Fabric” series translated for primetime television the latest mind-bending concepts in theoretical physics.

DeNooyer’s 2009 NOVA film “Hubble’s Amazing Rescue” documented the final mission to repair the Hubble Space Telescope. Over two years, DeNooyer made 27 trips around the country following the astronauts and engineers as they planned, practiced, and executed the mission. The film earned a Silver



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Chris Award, CINE Golden Eagle, and a Writers Guild nomination.

He also directed and wrote History's "Failure Is Not an Option" and "Beyond the Moon," which together tell the behind-the-scenes story of the engineers of NASA's Mission Control. The New York Times hailed "Beyond the Moon" as a "startlingly frank depiction of the soul of an extraordinary human undertaking." "Failure" received the Columbus International Film Festival's Silver Chris Award and a CINE Golden Eagle.

DeNooyer's work has also been honored with a George F. Peabody Award and numerous Emmy nominations.

LUCIEN C. HAAG

Forensic Consultant, Forensic Science Services

Lucien C. "Luke" Haag is a former Criminalist and Technical Director of the Phoenix Crime Laboratory [1965-1982] with more than 47 years' experience in the field of criminalistics and forensic firearm examinations.

Currently he is an independent forensic consultant with his own company, Forensic Science Services, Inc., in Carefree, Arizona.

He is a Distinguished Member and past-president of Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners, a Distinguished Member of the California Association of Criminalists, a member of the Southwest Association of Forensic Scientists, a Fellow in the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and a past board member of the International Wound Ballistics Association.

He has authored and presented more than 180 scientific papers, most of which have dealt with various exterior and terminal ballistic properties, effects and behavior of projectiles and is the author of the book Shooting Incident Reconstruction, co-authored by his younger son, Michael Haag.

He has worked on a number of high-profile and historic cases, including a re-examination of the evidence in the Lindbergh kidnapping case, newly discovered evidence in the assassination of Huey Long of Louisiana, the death of Meriwether Lewis, the Randy Weaver case in Northern Idaho, the Bloody Sunday shootings in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, the Tom Horn case in Wyoming, the Temple murders in Phoenix, Arizona, and many others.

MICHAEL HAAG

Albuquerque Police Department Senior Forensic Scientist

Michael Haag is a private consultant who owns his own company, Forensic Science Consultants, and Senior Forensic Scientist with the Albuquerque Police Department, supervising APD's Firearm and Tool Mark Section, Chemistry Section, and Blood/Breath Alcohol Section. He is also a member of APD's Major Crime Scene Team. While his primary area of expertise is shooting incident reconstruction, he is also a firearm and tool mark examiner.

Haag is a Distinguished Member of the Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners (AFTE) and past Member of the Year, and also is one of the few in the field to hold AFTE certifications in all three areas offered: firearm examination and identification, tool mark examination and identification, and gunshot residue/distance determination.

Haag has investigated such notable cases as a pentuple homicide investigation involving the murder of two police officers, the shooting of Billy the Kid, a Taiwanese presidential assassination attempt, and a mass homicide in Iraq.

He has taught, and continues to teach, shooting incident reconstruction courses around the United States and internationally.

JOHN MCADAMS

Historian and Leading JFK Assassination Expert

John McAdams was in his high school typing class in Kennedy, Alabama when a school staff member came into the room and announced, “they’ve shot President Kennedy”; however, his intense interest in the assassination took a few decades to develop. He was an undergraduate at the University of Alabama during Bear Bryant’s heyday, and then travelled north to Harvard to earn a Ph.D. in political science. He went from Harvard to a job at Marquette University, where he has taught for over 30 years. He has published more than 20 articles in scholarly journals, including the Journal of Politics, the American Journal of Political Science, Sociological Quarterly and Law and Contemporary Problems. In the early 1990s, in the wake of the movie JFK and the blooming of Internet discussion of the assassination, he developed an intense interest in the case, becoming a full-fledged “buff.” He began teaching a course on the assassination at Marquette, and began curating the “Kennedy Assassination Home Page.” In 2011, his book JFK Assassination Logic: How to Think About Claims of Conspiracy (Potomac Books) was released.

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