

# *Texas Section AACCC: Dinner Mini-Conference & Awards*

## **“DIFFICULT TO DETECT DRUGS: DESIGNER DRUGS - BATH SALTS AND SPICES”**

*presented by:*

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**OBJECTIVES: At the conclusion of this presentation, participants should be able to:**

- a. Recognize that certain benzodiazepines are difficult to detect using immunoassays
- b. Know that keto-opioids cannot be detected by opiate immunoassays
- c. Bath salts (structurally similar to amphetamines) cannot be detected by amphetamine; GC/MS methods are necessary
- d. Spices (synthetic marijuana) cannot be detected by marijuana immunoassays; LC/MS/MS methods are required

***Methodology: Lecture followed by question and answer session***

**Friday, June 13, 2014**

**5:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Venue**

San Luis Resort, Grand Ballroom

5222 Seawall BLVD, Galveston Texas 77551

***PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT (Registration Form Attached)***

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration (\$50.00 per person; parking included): Make check payable to “Texas Section AACCC” and mail to –

**Judy Mitchell, Department of Pathology, Clinical Chemistry  
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**or RSVP by telephone: 409 772 9247 (Ms. Judy Mitchell)**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 6, 2014**