

*The Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society*  
*Presents*

**“Prosopagnosia in the Courtroom: Eyewitness  
Identification and Facial Recognition”**

Tuesday, April 1, 2008, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

*Please join us at 7:00 pm for refreshments*

**Speakers: Paul A. Spiers, Ph.D. and James Doyle, Esq.**

**Paul A. Spiers, Ph.D.**, previously at the Beth Israel Behavioral Neurology Unit focusing on Temporal Lobe Epilepsy and at MIT studying effects of nutraceuticals, and treatment of cognitive deficits associated with stroke and pathological aging, he now teaches Forensic Neuropsychology in the Behavioral Neurosciences Program at BU. His private practice focuses on Neuropsychology and the Law with probate, civil, criminal and appellate cases. His testimony has led to two legal precedents in Massachusetts. He has been an invited panelist and speaker at Suffolk Law School and for Massachusetts' District Attorneys and Public Defenders symposium on Criminal Responsibility. At John Jay College of Criminal Justice, he recently presented a paper on tonight's topic.

**James Doyle, Esq.**, a veteran litigator and writer has represented cases ranging from death row appeals and murder trials, to will contests and path-breaking civil liberties. He is the author of *True Witness: Cops, Courts, Science, and the Battle Against Misidentification* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2005), a narrative history of the struggle to mobilize psychological science in eyewitness prosecutions. He is the co-author (with Elizabeth Loftus) of *Eyewitness Testimony: Civil and Criminal*. His articles of cultural criticism have appeared in *Reconstruction*, *The Yale Journal of Law and Humanities*, and elsewhere. Attorney Doyle has taught on the faculties of Georgetown Law Center, BU School of Law and the Roger Williams University School of Law and has published articles on capital punishment, race and evidence. Commentator appearances include: NPR, CNN, and Court-TV. He was a member of the Planning Panel for the National Institute of Justice's pioneering Technical Working Group on Eyewitness Evidence. He now practices with the Boston firm Carney & Bassil. He is Director of The Center For Modern Forensic Practice at John Jay College of Criminal Justice working to integrate cutting edge forensic science into criminal justice practice.

Learning Goals

- 1) Participants will have a better understanding of the factors influencing eyewitness identification in criminal and legal matters.
- 2) Participants will appreciate the potential interface between Neuropsychology and the Law in this and other areas of criminal justice.
- 3) Participants will have some idea of the role that they can play in criminal matters of all kinds.

**Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, 125 Nashua Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Conference Room**

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