

Biography of Dr. Greg Hampikian

Dr. Greg Hampikian is a Professor at Boise State University (BSU) with a joint appointment in Biology and Criminal Justice. He has held research and teaching positions at the Yale University Medical School, Emory University, La Trobe University in Australia, Clayton State University and the CDC. His laboratory at BSU is involved in a wide array of DNA projects in the areas of forensic biotechnology, mitochondrial population studies, drug development, and bioinformatics. Hampikian has also pioneered the study of the shortest DNA sequences not found in nature, which he has named "nullomers." His work has been published in leading scientific journals such as *Nature*, *the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Science and Justice*, and *the American Journal of Physical Anthropology*. He has offered DNA workshops and seminars at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Harvard University, and the Pasteur Institute.

Dr. Hampikian is the founder and Director of the Idaho Innocence Project at BSU, and has worked on DNA cases throughout the US, UK, Italy and France, including nine exonerations. In four of those exonerations, new DNA testing led to criminal database matches. He is also the co-author of *Exit to Freedom* with Calvin Johnson. The book tells how Mr. Johnson was freed from prison by DNA evidence after 17 years behind bars. Dr. Hampikian's research and outreach activities have been covered by *Science*, *New Scientist*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Time Magazine*, *Fox News*, *CNN*, *20/20*, *Nightline* and *Good Morning America*. His laboratory and legal research has been supported by the National Institute of Justice, the Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Science Foundation among others.