



FRSC 498

"Forensic Anthropology"

Prof. Sara Zapico

**New Course
for Fall 2021**

FRSC 498

**Special Topics in
Forensic Science**

Forensic

Anthropology

**M&W
8:30-9:50am**

Course Description: Forensic Anthropology is an applied area of biological anthropology that focuses on the identification of human remains and the interpretation of what happened to them in a medicolegal context. This course will provide an overview of forensic anthropology. Students will be introduced to the history of the discipline, key theoretical issues, and standard methods used in each of the major topic areas, as well as, the role of forensic anthropology in different forensic scenarios. This class is mostly lecture-based, however, some practical exercises will be included leading to a better understanding of the complex process of human identification.

Instructor: Professor Sara Zapico is a new Assistant Professor at NJIT. Prior to joining NJIT, Dr. Zapico was the Graduate Program Director of the Professional Science Masters Program in Forensic Science at Florida International University. Dr. Zapico received her doctorate in Biological Sciences and Biochemistry from the University of Oviedo in Spain. She also received a MS degree in Forensic Anthropology and Genetics from the University of Granada. Dr. Zapico spent 9 years as a postdoc and research collaborator in the Anthropology Dept of the Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian, as well as an Associate with the Forensic Unit of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva, Switzerland.