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October 16th Dinner & Tour

featuring

Omar Simon

Owner / Operator

Simon Forensic, LLC

Tour of Simon Forensic
and hands on demo of weld
tensile test



Omar Simon has 26 years of experience in corrosion evaluation, scanning electron microscopy, metal alloy identification, failure analysis and aggregate testing.

Omar earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Western Washington University in 1998. An early life growing up on Washington State farm gained him a tinkers enthusiasm for finding, solving and fixing problems. Over a lengthy employment at a Seattle materials laboratory, Omar grew his natural talent for analyzing details into a successful career as a forensic chemist. He has crafted his innate understanding of mechanics, his chemistry education, and years of experience into a well-rounded approach to problem solving. In 2013 it became time to start a lab of his own, and now you can find Omar testing away at Simon Forensic. At Simon Forensic he has an ever-growing collection of specialized instruments to establish facts of interest that can translate into answers for clients.

****November AWS Meeting Preview:** Joint meeting hosted by ASM at Ivar's Salmon House with the topic of Additive Friction Stir Deposition

<https://southseattle.edu/programs/maritime-shipyard-welding>

Please register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aws-october-dinner-tour-tickets-1774822294259?aff=oddtcreator>

Dinner will be at
The Paddle Pub
4915 Lakewood Rd
Standwood, WA

Tour will be at
Simon Forensic
18826 Marine Dr
Stanwood, WA

Meeting Time:

Dinner 5:30 - 6:30

Tour 6:45 - 8:00

Dinner will be pay as you go
at the Paddle Pub
(15 spots are available for dinner)

Students: Interested in a shipyard
welding career?
Follow the link to learn more about the
South Seattle College program at
the Harbor Island Training Center