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Dr. Henry C. Lee is a famous forensic scientist. He was born in China and grew up in Taiwan. Before coming to the U.S. in 1965 with his wife Margaret, Dr. Lee worked at the Taipei Police Department where he earned the rank of captain. Once in the U.S. Dr. Lee went to John Jay College and graduated with a B.S. in Forensic Science in 1972. From there, Dr. Lee went to New York University (NYU) where he obtained his master's degree in 1974 and his Ph.D. in 1975. Lee also got special training from the FBI Academy, The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), and other organizations. He is a recipient of 20 honorary degrees including Doctorate Degrees of Science from the University of New Haven and the University of Connecticut. Honorary Doctorate of Law from: Roger Williams Law School, Mitchell College, American International University and Taiwan Scientific Technology University. Dr. Lee also received Honorary Doctorate Degree in Human Letters from the University of Bridgeport, St. Joseph College, and Armstrong University, in recognition of his contributions to Law and Science.

After his education Dr. Lee joined the University of New Haven and created the forensic science program. Dr. Lee is now a professor of Forensic Science at the University of New Haven in the University's Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences which is named in his honor. Dr. Lee is also currently the director of the Forensic Research and Training Center. Before this, Dr. Lee worked as chief criminalist for the State of Connecticut and director of the Connecticut State Police Forensic Science Laboratory. During this time, Dr. Lee worked on 8,000 criminal cases in 46 different countries.

Dr. Lee has also won medals for his work. Recently, he has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American College of Forensic Examiners (ACFE) in 2000, the Medal of Honor by the Ellis Island Foundation in 2004, Congressional Recognition for Outstanding Services by the US Congress in 2004, the Presidential Medal of Honor by the President of Croatia in 2005, the Medal of Service from the Ministry of Interior, Taiwan ROC in 2006, and the Gusi Peace Award from the Philippines in 2008.