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Work experience

**CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER**

**INTERIM DISTRICT 1 MEDICAL EXAMINER**

November 2020 – Present

**District 1 Medical Examiner’s Office, Pensacola, FL**

* District 1 Medical Examiner covering Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton Counties (population: approximately 800,000)
* Workload (2023): over 8500 deaths investigated, 6200 cremation permits reviewed, 1650 death certificates issued, and 1230 postmortem examinations performed
* Daily duties include performing autopsies, reviewing cremation requests, determining jurisdiction, writing autopsy reports, family meetings, interacting with outside agencies and giving expert testimony
* Performs approximately 250 postmortem examinations, 20-30 depositions, and 15-20 courtroom appearances for expert testimony annually
* Leads and directs a cohesive dedicated team of 30 FTEs including three (3) full time board certified associate medical examiners and a forensic pathology fellow
* Modernized increasing workflow demands by integration of technology to alleviate manhours on support staff
* LODOX purchased in 2021 with CARES Act money to alleviate workload and decrease cases needing full autopsies
* Acquired ANDE Rapid DNA machine to help cooler overflow and identify decedents faster
* Established first family advocate program in Florida through a grant from a local philanthropy group (Impact 100)
* Established the first new forensic pathology fellowship program in the Florida panhandle with Florida State University

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

November 2020 – Present

**District One Medical Examiner’s Support, Inc.**

**Pensacola, FL**

* Chief executive officer of the only independent 501(c)(3) non-profit medical examiner’s office that is funded by the four counties in the first judicial circuit of Florida (Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton counties)
* Over $2 million in revenues generated from grants (federal and local) and appropriations from the state government within first 3 years of employment
* Responsible for presenting, producing, and managing the annual budget (approximately $6 million yearly)
* Gives quarterly reports to the board of directors and county stakeholders

**ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR**

**FORENSIC PATHOLOGY CLERKSHIP SITE DIRECTOR**

January 2023 – Present

***Florida State University College of Medicine***

***Pensacola, FL***

* Introduce medical students to the field of forensic pathology through daily case reviews, cremation authorization reviews, and practical skills of evisceration

**CONSULTANT AND EXPERT WITNESS**

***President and Owner***

***Quality Autopsy Services, PLLC***

* Offering expert testimony and case review

**ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR**

**FORENSIC PATHOLOGY CLERKSHIP SITE DIRECTOR**

***Department of Pathology, College of Medicine***

***University of Central Florida, Sanford, FL***

* Volunteer clinical assistant professor in the department of pathology
* Clerkship director for the forensic pathology elective
* Direct supervision of medical students with unique hands-on experience in assisting select autopsy cases and preparing autopsy reports

**ASSOCIATE MEDICAL EXAMINER**

**District 23 Medical Examiner’s Office, St. Augustine, FL**

* Associate Medical Examiner covering St. Johns, Putnam and Flagler Counties (population: approximately 430,000)
* Daily duties include performing autopsies, reviewing cremation requests, determining jurisdiction, writing autopsy reports, family meetings, interacting with outside agencies and giving expert testimony
* Performed approximately 200-225 postmortem examinations, 15-20 depositions, and 3-5 courtroom appearances for expert testimony annually
* Cultivates and maintains excellent working relationships with outside investigative agencies by providing prompt communication, feedback and consultation
* Ad hoc statistician providing the public, law enforcement, and health care professionals with “real-time” data
* Implemented an invoice system for recovering revenue generated from cremation permits resulting in significant recovery of previously unpaid fees (increased of 12%)
* Major overhaul of the SOP leading to successful full NAME reaccreditation (August 2018)
* Generated the Annual Report and issues quarterly workload reports

**CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR OF PATHOLOGY – AUTOPSY SERVICE**

***Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine***

***The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX***

* Acted as the on call attending physician for the autopsy service, supervised residents and signed out medical autopsy cases
* Supervisor: Dr. L. Maximilian Buja (Director of Autopsy Service)

certifications and licenses

**ACTIVE MEDICAL LICENSES**

Florida Medical License ME129322

**DIPLOMAT – AMERICAN BOARD OF PATHOLOGY**

Board Certified in Forensic Pathology

Board Certified in Anatomic Pathology

**NRA CERTIFIED PISTOL INSTRUCTOR**

Orange Park, FL

CCW Florida – Instructor: Quiel Begonia

Postgraduate training

**FELLOWSHIP – FORENSIC PATHOLOGY**

**Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences - Houston, TX**

**RESIDENCY – ANATOMIC AND CLINICAL PATHOLOGY**

**University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston - Houston, TX**

education

**MEDICAL SCHOOL**

**Wayne State University, School of Medicine** – **Detroit, MI**

* Degree Obtained: Medical Doctorate (M.D.)

**UNDERGRADUATE**

**Indiana University** – **Bloomington, IN**

* Degree Obtained: Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
* Major: Biology with Honors
* Minor: Chemistry
* Area Certificate: History and Philosophy of Science

professional activites

2024 – Present **Florida Association of Medical Examiners**

**President Elect**

Serving a 1-year term as president elect, voting member of the board of directors and executive committee. Two-year term as FAME president begins July 2025. Organizing and hosting the 51st FAME annual conference (September 2025) in Fort Walton Beach, FL.

2024 – Present **National Association of Medical Examiners**

**Finance Committee**

Review and prepare the annual expenditures, investments, and budget for the executive committee.

2024 – Present **National Association of Medical Examiners**

**EPP – Position Papers**

Update and draft position papers on topics of interest as recommended by the NAME executive committee for publication.

2024 – Present **Florida’s First Judicial Circuit Domestic Violence Taskforce**

**Member**

Meet quarterly with special prosecutors from the First Judicial Circuit, health care professionals, investigators, law enforcement, and social services to review, comment and make recommendations on intimate partner and domestic violence fatalities to come up with initiatives and strategies on preventable deaths.

2024 – Present **National Association of Medical Examiners**

**Member of the Finance Committee**

Annually review and submit the budget.

2023 – Present **Escambia County Medical Society**

**At Large Member – Board of Directors**

Make executive decisions with the board on behalf of the Escambia County Medical Society

2020 – Present **Florida State Child Abuse Death Review – Circuit 1**

**Member**

Meet quarterly with other health professionals, law enforcement, and social services to review, comment and make recommendations on infant and child fatalities to come up with initiatives and strategies on preventable deaths.

2019 – Present **The American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology**

**Ad Hoc Reviewer**

Review and comment on articles submitted to the journal and make recommendations for publication.

2023 – 2024 **National Association of Medical Examiners**

**Member of the Ethics Committee**

Review and recommend actions on ethics complaints submitted to NAME.

2018 – 2021 **National Association of Medical Examiners**

**Member of the Education, Program and Publications Subcommittee**

Review submitted abstracts and make recommendations for acceptance or denial to present at the annual NAME conference.

2020 – 2022 **National Association of Medical Examiners**

**Member of the Strategic Planning-Workforce Development Subcommittee**

Meets monthly to develop and implement strategies to address the workforce shortages in forensic pathology.

2017 – 2020 **Florida State Child Abuse Death Review – Circuit 7**

**Member**

Meet quarterly with other health professionals, law enforcement, and social services to review, comment and make recommendations on infant and child fatalities to come up with initiatives and strategies on preventable deaths.

2017 – 2020 **Flagler Cares**

**Member**

Meet quarterly with other health professionals, law enforcement, members of the community, and social services to review, comment and make recommendations on suicide prevention in Flagler County.

2015 **Annals of Clinical and Laboratory Science**

**Ad Hoc Reviewer**

Review and comment on articles submitted to the journal and make recommendations for publication.

peer reviewed publications

1. EL Bakota, Samms WC, Gray TR, **Oleske DA**, Hines MO. Case Reports of Fatalities Involving Tianeptine in the United States. *Journal of Analytical Toxicology*. 16 March 2018. (published ahead of press) PMID: 29566235.
2. **Oleske, DA,** Huang RPS,A Dasgupta, A Nguyen, A Wahed**.** Higher sensitivity of capillary electrophoresis in detecting hemoglobin A2’. *Annals of Clinical Laboratory Science.*  2014 Summer;44(3):291-3.PMID: 25117100
3. Huang, RSP, **DA Oleske,** A Tholpady, BN Chang, A Dasgupta, A Nguyen, A Wahed. High False Positive Rate for Monoclonal Gammopathy Using Capillary Electrophoresis (CAPILLARYS 2) Alone. *Journal of Clinical Laboratory Analysis.*  2014 Jan;28(1):42-6. PMID: 24375896
4. R Gordon, Sutton D, Thompson E, Shrikanth V, Verkley G, Stielow JB, Mays R, **Oleske D**, Morrison KL, Lapolla W, Galfione S, Tyring S, Samathanam C, Fu J, Wickes B, Mulanovich V, Wanger A, Arias C. Cutaneous Phaeohyphomycosis caused by Paraconiothyrium cyclothyrioides*. Journal of Clinical Microbiology.* 2012 Nov;50(11):3795-8. PMID: 22915609
5. M Maqbool, Huq AHM, Khodabakhsh K, Bassel S, **Oleske DA**, and Chugani H. Novel FDG-PET findings in anti-NMDA receptor encephalitis: a case based report. *Journal of Child Neurology*. 2011 Oct 26 (10):1325-8. PMID: 21596699
6. Berkowitz BA, R Roberts, **DA Oleske,** M Chang, S Schafer, D Bissig, M Gradianu. Quantitative mapping of ion channel regulation by visual cycle activity in rodent photoreceptors in vivo. *Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science.* 2009 Apr;50(4): 1880-5. PMID:19060264
7. Clay K, O Klyachko, N Grindle, D Civitello, **D Oleske**, C Fuqua. Microbial communities and interactions in the lone star tick, Amblyomma americanum. *Molecular Ecology*. 2008 Oct;17 (19);4371-81. PMID:19378409
8. Yeager RL**, DA Oleske**, RA Sanders, JB Watkins III, JT Eellsand DS Henshel. Melatonin as a principle component of red light therapy. *Medical Hypotheses.* 2007;69 (2): 372-6. PMID:17321060
9. Yeager RL, **DA Oleske**, DS Millsap, and DS Henshel. Severe craniofacial malformations resulting from developmental exposure to dioxin. *Reproductive Toxicology.* 2006 Nov;22 (4):811-812. PMID:16965893

PLATFORM presentations

1. Root, K, **Oleske DA**. *Utilizing Image Viewer Software, Digital Asset Management Software, and File Share Services for Autopsy Photographs at the District 1 Medical Examiner’s Office in Florida.* Accepted; to be presented at: National Association of Medical Examiner’s 58th Annual Conference, Denver, CO. September 2024.
2. Root, K, **Oleske DA**. *Digital Forensic Photography: Essential Techniques and Back-up Strategy.* Presented at: Florida Association of Medical Examiner’s 50th Annual Conference, Sarasota, FL. July 2024.
3. Washburn, NA, **Oleske DA**. *Rapid DNA Technology and the Medical Examiner’s Office: the D1 Experience.* Presented at: Florida Association of Medical Examiner’s 50th Annual Conference, Sarasota, FL. July 2024.
4. **DA Oleske.** *Artificial Intelligence and other Technology Uses in Forensic Pathology.* Presented at: Florida Association of Medical Examiner’s 50th Annual Conference, Sarasota, FL. July 2024.
5. **DA Oleske,** Lopez-Morell L. *Unveiling the Shadows: Exploring the Mysterious Cocaine-Sex Deaths of Miami-Dade County in the 1980s.* Presented at: National Association of Medical Examiner’s 57th Annual Conference, San Jose, CA. October 2023.
6. Pandey, M, Li F, **Oleske DA,** Lee J. *Locum Forensic Pathologists, the Future of Forensic Pathology Workforce.* Presented at: National Association of Medical Examiner’s 57th Annual Conference, San Jose, CA. October 2023.
7. **DA Oleske,** Schebler DJ. *The Medical Examiner’s Office as an Independent 501(c)(3) Non-profit Business: Trials, Tribulations, and the Journey to Success.* Presented at National Association of Medical Examiner’s 57th Annual Conference, San Jose, CA. October 2023.
8. Jones, J, **Oleske DA.** *District 1 Medical Examiner’s Family Advocate Program.* Presented at Florida Association of Medical Examiner’s 49th Annual Conference, Champions Gate, FL. July 2023.
9. **DA Oleske,** D Schebler. *The Medical Examiner’s Office as a Non-Profit Business: Uncharted Waters.* Presented at Florida Association of Medical Examiner’s 48th Annual Conference, Champions Gate, FL. July 2022.
10. M Pandey and **Oleske DA**. *Bringing Forensic Pathology to the Modern Era: Digitizing Our Records and Implementing Tablets in Daily Operations*. Presented at the National Association of Medical Examiners 56th Annual Conference, Dallas, TX. October 2022.
11. **DA Oleske**, Oleske DM, Derrick S, Hines MO. *Suicide Trends and Risk Factors in Youth Aged 10-19 years, Texas, USA*. Presented at International Conference on Pharmacoepidemiology & Therapeutic Risk Management, Dublin, Ireland. August 2016.
12. DC Pinto, **Oleske DA**. *Quantitative Assessment of Perimortem Blunt Force Trauma of the Neck.* Presented at Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Las Vegas, NV.February 2016.
13. **DA Oleske**, Anzalone M, Walterscheid JP, Wolf D. *Ethylene Glycol toxicity: Death without calcium oxalate crystal deposition.* Presented at American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Orlando, FL. February 2014.

Poster presentations

1. JE Varnadore, **Oleske DA,** Winburn AP. *Maceration Technique for Laryngeal Cartilage.* Presented at: National Association of Medical Examiner’s 57th Annual Conference, San Jose, CA. October 2023.
2. DR Thrasher and **Oleske DA.** *A Case of Necrotizing Pneumonia from Marijuana Water Pipe.* Poster presented at: 71st Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, February 2019. (Emerging Young Scientist Award Finalist)
3. DR Thrasher, Walterscheid J, **Oleske DA.** *An Excipient Induced Oxycodone Fatality.* Poster presented at: 71st Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, February 2019.
4. **DA Oleske,** Salicru, M, Hunter, RL. Glucagonoma Found at Autopsy in Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis. Poster presented at: Texas Society of Pathologists; Austin, TX. January 2013.
5. **DA Oleske,** Huang RSP, Dasgupta A, Nguyen A, Wahed A**.** Higher sensitivity of capillary electrophoresis in detecting hemoglobin A2’. Poster presented at: American Society of Clinical Pathology; Boston, MA. February 2012.
6. Huang RSP, **DA Oleske,** Dasgupta A, Nguyen A, Wahed A**.** Increased Rate of False Positivity for Monoclonal Gammopathy Using Capillary Electrophoreses. Poster presented at: American Society of Clinical Pathology; Boston, MA. February 2012.
7. **DA Oleske,** Chang M, Schafer S, Bissig D, Grandianu M, Roberts R, Berkowitz BA. Quantitative Mapping of Ion Channel Regulation by Visual Cycle Activity in Rodent Photoreceptors In Vivo: Part II: Modulation with RPE65. Poster presented at: WSU Medical Research Symposium; Detroit, MI. January 2009.
8. **DA Oleske**, Yeager YL, Sanders RA, Eells JT, Watkins III JB, and Henshel DS. A Developmental Study of Energy and Glutathione Redox Balance in Brain after Dioxin Exposure and 670nm Light Treatment.. Poster presented at: Society of Toxicology National Conference; Charlotte, NC. April 2007.
9. **DA Oleske,** Lim J, Yeager YL, Sanders RA, Eells JT, Henshel DS, and Watkins III JB. Near infrared light therapy attenuates TCDD-induced hepatotoxicity. Poster presented at: Midwest Regional Conference - Society of Toxicology; Lincolnshire, IL. September 2006.

lectures

1. **DA Oleske**. Introduction to the Medical Examiner’s Office. Presented at: University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL. June 2023.
2. **DA Oleske**. Introduction to the Medical Examiner’s Office. Presented at: University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL. May 2022.
3. **DA Oleske**. Introduction to the Medical Examiner’s Office. Presented at: University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL. May 2021.
4. **DA Oleske**. Case Review: Trauma Morbidity and Mortality Conference. Presented at: St. Johns County Fire Rescue, St. Augustine, FL. October 2019.
5. **DA Oleske**. Case Review: Trauma Morbidity and Mortality Conference. Presented at: St. Johns County Fire Rescue, St. Augustine, FL. July 2019.
6. **DA Oleske.** A Primer on Forensic Pathology. Introduction to Forensics Class. Presented at: St. Johns River State College, St. Augustine, FL. March 2018.
7. **DA Oleske.** Medicolegal Death Investigation Involving Hospital Deaths. Nursing Grand Rounds. Presented at: Flagler Hospital, St. Augustine, FL. November 2017.
8. **DA Oleske.** Your Patient Died: Now What? Nursing Grand Rounds. Presented at: Flagler Hospital, St. Augustine, FL. August 2017.
9. **DA Oleske.** Autopsy Service, Jurisdiction in Texas, and Death Certification. Oral Presentation presented at: UT Emergency Medicine Department, Houston, TX. May 2015.
10. **DA Oleske.** Autopsy Service, Jurisdiction in Texas, and Death Certification. Lecture presented at UT Internal Medicine Department, Houston, TX. June 2015
11. **DA Oleske**. Toxic Effects of Gasoline and Gasoline Derivatives. CME Lecture presented at Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, TX. November 2013.
12. **DA Oleske**. Aggressive Digital Papillary Adenocarcinoma and Eccrine Tumors. CME Lecture presented at University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX. May 2013.
13. Maqbool, MM, **Oleske DA.** NMDAR-antibody encephalitis in a teenage boy. Oral Presentation presented at: DMC Neurology Grand Rounds; Detroit, MI. January 2011.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

* Suicidality and chronic pain with opioid dependence in the Veteran population
* Ballistics of modern ammunition
* Public health and epidemiology

professional memberships

* National Association of Medical Examiners
* American Academy of Forensic Sciences
* Florida Association of Medical Examiners
* Florida Medical Association
* Florida Society of Pathologists
* American Society of Clinical Pathologists
* Escambia County Medical Society

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

* Statistics
* Grant Writing and Management
* Cardiovascular Pathology
* Ballistics and Firearms
* Recruitment and Education
* Non-profit Business Models
* Home Remodeling