

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **PERSONAL DATA:**

Born: February 12, 1966  
Los Gatos, California

Community Service: Life Member, Alpha Phi Omega National Service Organization  
Member and Usher, St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Parish  
Highland Heights, Ohio  
Member, Irish American Club – East Side

### **EDUCATION:**

1984 to 1988 St. Lawrence University  
Canton, New York  
Class rank: 17 / 575  
Bachelor of Science in Biology, Magna Cum Laude

1988 to 1992 The University of Health Sciences,  
College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Class rank: 5 / 105  
Doctor of Osteopathy, Summa Cum Laude

**BOARD CERTIFICATION:**

November 19, 1997           Diplomate, The American Board of Pathology  
Anatomic Pathology and Clinical Pathology

September 15, 1998       Diplomate, The American Board of Pathology  
Forensic Pathology

**MEDICAL LICENSES:**

Issued: September 12, 1997   State of Ohio, 34-00-6746  
Expires January 1, 2021

State of Michigan, 5101025316  
Expires November 22,2022

**POSTGRADUATE TRAINING:**

1992 to 1993               Intern, Johnson City Family Practice  
(Osteopathic Internship)  
Wilson Memorial Hospital  
Johnson City, New York

1993 to 1997               Resident, Division of Laboratory Medicine  
(Anatomic and Clinical Pathology)  
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation  
Cleveland, Ohio

1997 to 1998               Fellow, Forensic Pathology  
Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office  
Cleveland, Ohio

**MEDICOLEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

As of June 26, 2020       Total Autopsies Performed: 4085  
Total Court Testimonies: 196  
Total Depositions: 32

**MEDICAL EMPLOYMENT:**

July 1, 1998 - May 31, 2006	Deputy Coroner and Forensic Pathologist Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office
June 1, 2006 - July 31, 2007	Chief Deputy Coroner and Forensic Pathologist Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office
August 1, 2007 - May 31, 2011	Deputy Coroner and Forensic Pathologist Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office
June 1, 2011 - February 7, 2016	Deputy Medical Examiner and Forensic Pathologist Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office
February 8, 2016 - Present	Chief Deputy Medical Examiner and Forensic Pathologist Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:**

April 5, 2006 to May 31, 2006	Acting Chief Deputy Coroner of Cuyahoga County
June 1, 2006 to July 31, 2007	Chief Deputy Coroner of Cuyahoga County
July 1, 2006 to Present	Program Director of Forensic Pathology Fellowship, Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office
February 8, 2016 to Present	Chief Deputy Medical Examiner of Cuyahoga County

**AWARDS AND HONORS:**

1984 to 1988	Dean's List, St. Lawrence Faculty Scholar
1986	Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society
1988	Phi Beta Kappa
1989	Sigma Sigma Phi, National Osteopathic Honor Society
1990	Psi Sigma Alpha, National Osteopathic Scholastic Honor Society
2019	Jewish Sacred Society Professionalism and Compassion Recognition

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- Human Toxoplasmosis
  - Laboratory Medicine Grand Rounds, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, May 1994.
  - Microbiology Continuing Education Series, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, November 1994.
- Fluids and Electrolytes
  - J. W. King School of Medical Technology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, July 1994.
- Maternal and Neonatal Screens
  - J. W. King School of Medical Technology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, February 1995.

4. Postmortem Forensic Toxicology
  - Laboratory Medicine Grand Rounds, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, April 1995.
  - Immunopathology Continuing Education Series, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, May 1995.
5. Non-Neoplastic Salivary Gland Pathology
  - Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, December 1995.
6. The Forensic Aspects of Alcohol
  - Laboratory Medicine Grand Rounds, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, February 1996.
  - Immunopathology Continuing Education Series, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, April 1996.
7. Isolation of *Toxoplasma gondii* From Specimens Submitted for Viral Culture: IFA Confirmation
  - Twelfth Annual Clinical Virology Symposium, Clearwater, FL, April 1996.
8. Male Genitourinary Pathology
  - Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, January 1997-2019.
9. Gastrointestinal Pathology
  - Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, January 1997-2019.
10. Forensic Pathology Photographic Review
  - Department of Pathology, MetroHealth Medical Center, March 1999-2001, 2008-2009, 2011-2012.
  - Department of Pathology, University Hospitals of Cleveland, May 2002.
  - Department of Pathology, MetroHealth Medical Center, April 2004, 2005, and 2007.
  - Department of Pathology, University Hospitals of Cleveland, April 2005, 2006, and 2009-2010.
  - Department of Pathology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, May 2007 and March 2009.
11. Forensic Pathology and the Forensic Pathologist
  - Department of Biomedical Engineering, Case Western Reserve University, October 1999.
  - Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy, June 2003.
  - Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy, February 2004.
  - Forensic Science (Chemistry 102) Course, The College of Wooster, April 2007.
12. Introduction to the Forensic Sciences
  - Twinsburg High School, November 1999.
  - Romance Writers of America, September 2003.
13. Non-Accidental Childhood Injuries
  - Pediatric Grand Rounds, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, February 2000.
  - Department of Pathology, MetroHealth Medical Center, April 2000.
14. Non-Accidental and Air Bag Associated Childhood Injuries
  - Ohio State Coroners Association, May 2000.
15. Air Bag Associated Injuries in the Pediatric Population
  - National Association of Medical Examiners Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN, September 2000.

16. Forensic Pathology as a Career
  - Louisa May Alcott Elementary School, June 2000.
  - Broadview Heights Kiwanis Club, January 2004.
  - St. Peter Chanel High School, March 2009.
  - Cleveland Clinic Pathology Residency, February 2019.
17. A Retrospective Comparison of Skeletal Injuries in Infants and Children Utilizing Two Methods of Total Body Radiographs with Correlation of Autopsy Findings
  - National Association of Medical Examiners Annual Conference, Richmond, VA, October 2001.
18. Embolized Crospovidone in the Lungs of an Intravenous Drug Abuser
  - Cleveland Society of Pathologists, February 2002.
19. Identification of Crospovidone in Tissues of Intravenous Drug Abusers
  - National Association of Medical Examiners Annual Conference, Shreveport, LA, September 2002.
20. Suicide in Cancer Patients: A Five Year Retrospective Review
  - National Association of Medical Examiners Annual Conference, Shreveport, LA, September 2002.
21. The Autopsy, Forensic Sciences: How They Impact Your World
  - Case Western Reserve University, January 2004-2007.
22. Time of Death and Postmortem Changes
  - University Hospitals of Cleveland Department of Pathology, April 2004 and 2007.
  - Cleveland Clinic Foundation Department of Pathology, May 2007 and October 2010.
  - CCMEO Medicolegal Death Investigation Course, March 2012.
  - Cleveland EMS, June 2018.
23. Drug Prevalence in Drowning Deaths in Cuyahoga County, Ohio: A Ten Year Retrospective Study
  - National Association of Medical Examiners Annual Conference, Nashville, TN, September 2004.
24. Sudden Death Due to Bilateral Spontaneous Pneumothoraces in a Marijuana User
  - American Academy of Forensic Sciences 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, February 2005.
25. Sharp Force Injuries
  - The Ohio State Coroners Association 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Columbus, OH, May 2005.
  - Department of Pathology, MetroHealth Medical Center, March 2006 and February 2019.
  - Department of Pathology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, May 2007 and March 2009.
  - Department of Pathology, University Hospitals of Cleveland, March 2015.
26. Fatal Hemoperitoneum: An Unusual Complication of Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy
  - National Association of Medical Examiners Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, October 2005.
  - University of Michigan's Advances in Forensic Medicine & Pathology, May 2019.
27. Forensic Odontology: Pediatric Identification
  - Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office Forensic Odontology Training Seminars, March 2006.

28. Reporting Scene Data to the Pathologist; SUIDI Top 25 Explained
  - The Ohio State Coroners Association 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, Columbus, OH, May 2007.
  - Ohio Child Fatality Review Training, Columbus, OH, September 2007.
  - Infant Death Investigation Training, Columbus, OH, June 2011.
29. Infant Death Certification
  - Ohio Child Fatality Review Training, Columbus, OH, September 2007.
30. Forensic Pathologist as an Expert Witness
  - Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, April 1, 2009.
  - Case Western Reserve University School of Law, February 2010, 2019, and 2020.
31. Forensic Pathology and Death Investigation
  - North Coast Polytechnic Institute, June 17, 2009.
  - Northeast Ohio Public Safety Conference, March 2013.
  - Cleveland EMS, June 2018.
32. Que Sera, Sera? Survivability of Fatal Motorcycle Accidents Involving Un-Helmeted Cyclists
  - National Association of Medical Examiners Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2009.
33. Sudden Unexpected Infant Death
  - Euclid Hospital Presents The Coroner's Series, Euclid, OH, September 8, 2009.
  - University Hospitals of Cleveland Department of Pathology, May 2011 and March 2013.
  - Infant Death Investigation Training, Columbus, OH 2011.
34. Blunt Force Injuries
  - Euclid Hospital Presents The Coroner's Series, Euclid, OH, September 14, 2010.
  - Department of Pathology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, October 2010.
  - Department of Pathology, MetroHealth Medical Center, February 2019.
35. Homicidal Commotio Cordis in a Tissue Donor Victim
  - National Association of Medical Examiners Annual Meeting, Cleveland, OH, October 2010.
36. Forensic Pathology in the Hospital Setting
  - Department of Infectious Disease, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, February 2011.
  - Department of Pathology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, March 2014.
37. Forensic Radiology: Applications in the Evaluation of Injury and Death
  - Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists, April 2012.
  - Ohio State Coroner's Association, Northeast Regional Meeting, November 2012.
  - Department of Pathology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, March 2013.
38. Wounds and Injuries
  - CCMEO Medicolegal Death Investigation Course, November 2012.
39. Fatal Milk-Induced Pulmonary Hemosiderosis (Heiner Syndrome) in an Infant
  - American Academy of Forensic Sciences 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, February 2014.

40. Deaths due to Asphyxia
  - Southwest General Hospital EMS, November 2016
  - University of Michigan's Advances in Forensic Medicine & Pathology, May 2019.
41. Fentanyl Analogs in Postmortem Examinations
  - American Academy of Forensic Sciences 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, February 2018.
42. The Opioid Crisis: The Cleveland Experience
  - University of Michigan's Advances in Forensic Medicine & Pathology, May 2019.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

National Association of Medical Examiners

- Fellow
- Best Resident Subcommittee, 2005 to 2009
- Member, Board of Directors, 2011 to 2017
- Forensic Pathology Training Subcommittee, 2016 to present

National Association of Medical Examiners Foundation

- Member
- Board of Trustees, 2014 to present
- Chair, Research Committee, 2015 to present

American Academy of Forensic Sciences

- Fellow, Pathology/Biology Section

St. Lawrence University Alumni Association

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

1. Merrick TC, Felo JA, Jenkins AJ. Tissue distribution of olanzapine in a postmortem case. Am J Forensic Med Pathol. 2001;22(3):270-274.
2. Ganesan S, Felo J, Saldana M, Kalasinsky VF, Lewin-Smith MR, Tomashefski JF Jr. Embolized crospovidone (poly[N-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone]) in the lungs of intravenous drug users. Mod Pathol. 2003;16(4):286-92.
3. Tomashefski JF, Felo JA. The pulmonary pathology of illicit drug and substance abuse. Curr Diag Pathol 2004;10(5):413-426.
4. Gorniak JM, Jenkins AJ, Felo JA, Balraj EK. Drug prevalence in drowning deaths in Cuyahoga county, Ohio: a ten-year retrospective study. Am J Forensic Med Pathol. 2005;26(3):240-243.
5. Felo JA. Book Review: Essential Forensic Neuropathology by Juan C. Troncoso. Am J Surg Pathol. 2010;34(5):755.
6. Naso-Kaspar CK, Herndon GW, Wyman JF, Felo JA, Lavins ES, Gilson TP. 'Lingering' Opiate Deaths? Concentration of Opiates in Medulla and Femoral Blood. J Anal Toxicol. 2013;37(8):507-11.

7. Maskovyak A and Felo J. Sudden death due to asphyxia by primary tracheal small cell carcinoma. Acad Forensic Pathol. 2014 4(4):558-562.
8. Maskovyak A, Felo J, Kohler L. Prevalence of drugs and alcohol identified in fatal work-related injuries: a two office experience. Acad Forensic Pathol. 2015 5(1): 98-104.
9. Wiens AL, Felo JA. Dissecting thoracic aortic hematoma masquerading as blunt force injury of the neck. J Forensic Sci. 2015 60(4): 1093-1094.
10. Maskovyak A and Felo J. Sudden death due to spontaneous small bowel perforation within an incarcerated umbilical hernia. Acad Forensic Pathol. 2016 6(2): 122-129.

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:**

1989 to 1990	Osteopathic Manipulation Technique Laboratory Assistant, The University of Health Sciences
1994 to 1997	Lecturer, John Weaver King School of Medical Technology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation
1995 to 1996	Deputy Inspector, College of American Pathologists
1996 to Present	Basic Science Lecturer, Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine
1999 to 2008	Pulmonary Pathology Lecturer, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
1999 to Present	Visiting Pathology Lecturer, MetroHealth Medical Center Department of Pathology
1999	Bioengineering Lecturer, Case Western Reserve University
2000	Visiting Pathology Lecturer, Cleveland Clinic Department of Pediatrics
2002 to 2010	Instructor, Department of Pathology, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
2010 to 2015	Clinical Instructor of Pathology, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
2015 to Present	Clinical Assistant Professor of Pathology, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
2006 to 2015	Clinical Assistant Professor of Pathology, Ohio University of Osteopathic Medicine
2016 to Present	Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor of Forensic Pathology, Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
2006	Ohio State Representative, National Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Investigation Academy
2007 to Present	Visiting Pathology Lecturer, Cleveland Clinic Department of Anatomic Pathology and Clinical Pathology
2007	Visiting Pathology Lecturer, The College of Wooster Department of Chemistry
2009 to Present	Coordinator, Euclid Hospital's Medical Examiner's Educational Series
2011	Visiting Pathology Lecturer, Cleveland Clinic Department of Infectious Disease
2020	Clinical Education Site Coordinator, West Virginia University Pathologist Assistant Program