

# CAREERS IN BIOLOGY: DEATH INVESTIGATION SYSTEMS AND FORENSIC PATHOLOGY

## ABSTRACT

The medicolegal death investigation system is responsible for conducting death investigations and certifying the cause and manner of death. In the US, it is either the coroner or medical examiner. The forensic pathologist is the doctor who specializes in the examination of persons who die suddenly, unexpectedly, or violently. They determine cause and manner of death by performing autopsies.

## ABOUT DR. GORNIAK

Born and raised in the Bronx, Dr. Gorniak pursued her D.O. while working the night shift as an EMT. As the Medical Examiner for Las Vegas, Nevada, she is certified in anatomic and forensic pathology and is a registered medicolegal death investigator. She has been involved in the examination of a number of high-profile cases, and has been featured in true-crime podcasts and the acclaimed 2019 HBO documentary, “The Case Against Adnan Syed.”



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Tuesday ▪ November 30 ▪ 3:30-4:45PM

Virtual Zoom Event: [Click Here](#) to access Webinar

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