1. We owe our initial knowledge of anatomy and pathology to diviners and meat eaters. (Am J Pathol 1973;73:514-44)

2. Given the advanced diagnostic and therapeutic techniques applied in modern day medicine, the declining autopsy rates are a major concern. (this thesis)

3. To gain more consent for autopsies, the attitude towards the autopsy should change among the lay public and physicians. (this thesis)

4. To achieve the highest diagnostic accuracy, any alternative autopsy method should include histological examination. (this thesis)

5. The minimally invasive autopsy is a valid alternative for the conventional autopsy, but will never completely replace it. (this thesis)

6. The minimally invasive autopsy can provide tissue samples that are sufficient for molecular research. (this thesis)

7. The quality and efficiency of the daily pathology practice can be improved by digitalizing the histological and immunohistochemical slides. (Arch Pathol Lab Med. 2017 Aug 29)

8. To develop reliable computer algorithms, which provide information for decision-making and improve today's personalized medicine, reliable death certificates are essential. (N Engl J Med 2017; 377:1209-1211)

9. Pathology and radiology are not that different: both specialties use pattern recognition to establish diagnoses, but with a different resolution.

10. You see only what you look for; you recognize only what you know. (dr. Merrill C. Sosman)

11. Rather a high on-base percentage than a high batting average. (Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game)