

NOVEMBER 8 & 9, 2023

STARVED ROCK LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER ONE LODGE LANE OGELSBY, ILLINOIS 61348 ROOM BLOCK: IEHA

THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION WELCOMES YOU TO THE 2023 ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE. WITH OVER 40 SPEAKERS, WE HAVE AN AMAZING LINE UP OF TOPICS ON FOOD, WATER & SWIMMING POOLS, WASTE WATER, AND GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TOPICS.

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THE SOCIAL EVENTS ON WEDNESDAY EVENING.

THE NIGHT STARTS WITH AWARDS, POSTER SESSIONS, AND A RECEPTION WITH LIGHT APPETIZERS.

NEW THIS YEAR, WE HAVE ARRANGED FOR THE LODGE TO PROVIDE TROLLEYS TO UTICA SO THAT YOU CAN EXPERIENCE A FEW HOURS IN TOWN! THE TROLLEYS SHOULD BE MAKING LOOPS EVERY 15-20 MINUTES. LAST PICK UP FROM UTICA: 8:15 PM.

WHEN YOU GET BACK, THE BONFIRE SHOULD BE ROARING. STOP OUTSIDE TO SAY HELLO, EAT A SMORE (OR TWO), AND MAYBE HEAR A FEW TUNES. IT'S DAVE'S LAST HOORAH AS CONFERENCE CHAIR, SO LET'S CELEBRATE THE AMAZING WORK HE HAS DONE FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS!

DURING LUNCHTIME, THE LODGE RESTAURANT WILL BE SERVING A BUFFET FOR A QUICKER MEAL SO THAT YOU CAN GET OUT AND ENJOY A HIKE THROUGH THE PARK!

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR TIME AT STARVED ROCK, WE HOPE THAT YOU FIND THE CONFERENCE TO BE INSIGHTFUL, THOUGHT- PROVOKING, AND SOCIALLY BENEFICIAL.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023 STARVED ROCK ROOM- MAIN

8:00 AM- CONFERENCE REGISTRATION BEGINS

8:45 AM- OPENING REMARKS

Justin Dwyer, IEHA President

9:00 AM- KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF SANITARIANS: FORGING YOUR PATH (1.0)

Eric Bradley, Linn County Health Dept.

10:00 AM- BUILDING, SUPPORTING &
EMPOWERING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC
HEALTH WORKFORCE (1.0)

Tom Butts- NEHA President

11:00 AM- MOBILE FARMERS MARKET/ CONSUMER OWNED CONTAINERS (1.0)

Justin Dwyer, IEHA President Hunter Buchanan, IDPH

LUNCH BREAK (ON YOUR OWN)
FREE GUIDED HIKES OF CANYONS- MEET AT FIREPLACE

1:30 PM- ETHNIC FOOD SAFETY TRAINING TOOLKIT (1.0)

Joann Xiong, Marion County Health
Department-Indiana
Jo Rhodes, Marion County Health Dept.Indiana

2:30 PM- INS AND OUTS OF USDA
COMPLIANCE (1.0)
Joe Woltz, USDA
Lori Slinger, USDA

3:30 PM- DECODING THE FOOD CODE (1.0)

Carolyn White, FDA





Food

Water

Wastewater

General EH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023 LASALLE ROOM

10:00 AM- THE STEPS TO CONDUCTING A FOODBORNE OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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UTICA ROOM

DROWNING AND PREVENTION (1.0)





Sonya Shearer, Sonya Shearer Consulting

LODGE POOL (MEET BY REGISTRATION TABLE)

10:00 AM- CONDUCTING POOL INSPECTIONS (2.0)

Rhonda Heller, Lake County Health Dept.



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2:00 PM- CONDUCTING POOL INSPECTIONS (2.0)

Rhonda Heller, Lake County Health Dept.



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VIRTUAL- PERU ROOM

10:00 AM- HUMAN TRAFFICKING- RED FLAG INDICATORS (2.0)

Dottie Laster, Rescue Central

1:30 PM- CONFLICT DE- ESCALATION (1.0)



Alicia Love, Montana Department of Ag.

2:30 PM- DELTA ECOPOD (1.0)



Tim Brekke, Infiltrator

3:30 PM- APPLICATION AND IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN FOOD SAFETY (1.0)

Dr. Nathan Libbey, Robochef, Inc.

EVENING ACTIVITIES STARVED ROCK ROOM- MAIN

1:30 PM- AWARDS

2024 Board Members Member of the Year- North, Central, South Sanitarian of the Year Newcomer of the Year "Tom Chojnacki" NEHA AEC Stipend Award

5:00 PM- RECEPTION/ POSTER SESSIONS

5:00 PM- TROLLEY TO UTICA

Shuttle every 15 minutes Last shuttle from UTICA @ 8:15 p.m.

6:30 PM- BONFIRE/ S'MORES

Join for an evening of beverages, smores, and networking.

Bonfire located in front of Lodge, across from Hotel Lobby Entrance











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9:00 AM- INSPECTING VENDING MACHINES (1.0)

Brian Turner, NAMA

10:00 AM- VACUUM PACKAGING AND SOUS VIDE COOKING (1.0)

Kenneth Thompson, Joliet Jr. College

11:00 AM- RODENT EXCLUSION BEST PRACTICES:
WHAT HEALTH INSPECTORS AND FACILITY
OWNERS NEED TO KNOW (1.0)

Dave Colber, Xcluder

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1:30 PM- CULTURE AND DATA: THE KEYS TO HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM (1.0)

Steven Mandernach, AFDO

2:30 PM- CONDUCTING RISK BASED INSPECTIONS
(1.0)

Carolyn White, FDA

3:30 PM- CULTIVATING CULTURAL COMPETENCE:
TRANSFORMING HEALTH INSPECTION AND
SERVING FOOD SAFETY WITH DIVERSITY
(1.0)

Dr. Brian Chen, University of Illinois - Springfield
Benjamin Fletcher, Sangamon County Health
Department



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023 LASALLE ROOM

9:00 AM- NCPWS UPDATES (1.0)

Eric Portz, IDPH Jennifer Krick, IDPH Benjamin Koester, IDPH

10:00 AM- POOL INSPECTION TRAINING FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATOR (1.0)

Dori Bugajski, IDPH

11:00 AM- IDPH WELL UPDATES (1.0) 🜔

Chad Moorman, IDPH

1:30 PM- BACK TO THE BASICS: PERMITTING AN ONSITE SEPTIC SYSTEM(1.0)

Ryan McConnell, Peoria County Health Dept.

2:30 PM- ISWS PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES: A NEW ONSITE WW ASSESSMENT TOOL & LEGIONELLA TESTING OF HOMES ON PRIVATE WELLS (1.0)

Steve Wilson, Illinois State Water Survey

3:30 PM- IDPH ONSITE WASTEWATER UPDATES
(1.0)

Chad Moorman, IDPH

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UTICA ROOM

9:00 AM- CLEANING AND SANITIZING UNDER THE NSF STANDARDS (1.0)

Derek Deland, NSF

10:00 AM- BED BUG BEAGLE DEMO (1.0)



11:00 AM- PUBLIC HEALTH MISINFORMATION (1.0)

Joe Smyser, Public Good Projects

1:30 PM- SOCIAL MEDIA AND FOOD SAFETY (1.0)

Chirag Bhatt, HS GovTech USA

2:30 PM- TESTING METHODS, INTERFERENCES, & TECHNIQUES (1.0) (

Jody O'Grady, Taylor

3:30 PM- SALESFORCE (1.0) ()

Ted Chimiklis, Salesforce

9:00 AM- ADA AND SERVICE ANIMALS (1.0) Lauren Galloway, Equip for Equality

10:00 AM- CMAHC (1.0)

Dewey Case, Model Aquatic Health Code

11:00 AM- FOOD COMPOSTING AND PLASTIC RECYCLING (1.0)

Chris Newman, EPA Julie Shiff, EPA

1:30 PM- TIPS FOR PRIVATE WELLS & PREPARING YOUR WELL FOR THE WINTER TRAINING (1.0)

James Meece, GLCAP

3:00 PM- SEPTIC OWNERS AND AN OVERVIEW OF SEPTIC TREATMENT & MANAGEMENT (1.0)

James Meece, GLCAP









SHANA ALTMAN EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION FROM ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY AND EARNED THE DESIGNATION OF CERTIFIED HEALTH EDUCATION SPECIALIST IN 2008. SHE HAS SERVED AS THE FOODBORNE AND ENTERIC DISEASE PROGRAM MANAGER WITH THE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL SECTION AT THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SINCE 2016. PRIOR TO WORKING AT IDPH, SHE WORKED AS THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATOR AT THE LOGAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR 6 YEARS.

CHIRAG BHATT HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE FOOD SAFETY INDUSTRY FOR 4 DECADES. AFTER WORKING WITH A LOCAL REGULATORY AGENCY (CITY OF HOUSTON) FOR OVER 26 YEARS, CHIRAG WORKED WITH A CUSTOM SOFTWARE COMPANY AS A VP, FOOD SAFETY AND CLIENT CONSULTING FOR A FEW YEARS PRIOR TO JOINING A LARGE RESTAURANT COMPANY (BLOOMIN BRANDS) AS THEIR GLOBAL REGULATORY COMPLIANCE MANAGER. HE ALSO WORKED WITH A MAJOR DISTRIBUTION COMPANY (SYSCO CORP) AS REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR. HE RECENTLY WORKED WITH A RETAIL COMPANY (BUC-EE'S) AS A DIRECTOR OF FOOD SAFETY AND QA FOR 2 YEARS. CURRENTLY, CHIRAG IS THE DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS (ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH) WITH HS GOVTECH – A COMPANY PROVIDING SAAS (SOFTWARE AS A SOLUTION) FOR OVER 800 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AGENCIES IN NORTH AMERICA. CHIRAG HOLDS A BS IN BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY. HE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE FOR FOOD PROTECTION SINCE 1998 AND HAS SERVED IN MANY ROLES. HE IS A RS WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS AND ALSO HOLDS – CERTIFIED COMPREHENSIVE FOOD SAFETY (CCFS) CREDENTIAL FROM NEHA. HE HAS SERVED AS CHAIR FOR THE NATIONAL REST ASSN'S QA EXECUTIVE STUDY GROUP FOR THREE YEARS. CURRENTLY, CHIRAG SERVES AS AN EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER WITH FOOD SAFETY SUMMIT AND IS AN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER WITH SANI PROFESSIONAL. HE LIVES IN THE GREAT STATE OF TEXAS.

ERIC BRADLEY (MPH, REHS, CP-FS, DLAAS) IS THE DEPUTY HEALTH DIRECTOR AT THE LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. HE HAS WORKED IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOR MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN GEORGIA, ILLINOIS AND IOWA, INCLUDING SIX YEARS AS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER AT THE SCOTT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN DAVENPORT, IOWA. ERIC IS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF SANITARIANS, A PAST-PRESIDENT OF THE IOWA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION AND ACTIVE WITH SEVERAL LEGISLATIVE/ADVOCACY COMMITTEES IN IOWA. HE IS A TECHNICAL ADVISOR (FOOD SAFETY AND DEFENSE) FOR THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION AND A PEER REVIEWER FOR NEHA'S JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

HUNTER BUCHANAN IS A GRADUATE PUBLIC SERVICE INTERN (GPSI) WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOOD PROGRAM. PURSUING MASTERS DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE WITH A CONCENTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD. INTERESTS INVOLVE FOOD SAFETY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS.

DORI BUGAJSKI IS A LICENSED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER WITH 34 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AT THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. SHE IS A GRADUATE OF ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH. DORI HAS A LONG HISTORY OF INSPECTING AND REGULATING FACILITIES IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE GENERAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM SUCH AS SWIMMING FACILITIES, MANUFACTURED HOME COMMUNITIES, YOUTH CAMPS, CAMPGROUNDS, AND NON-COMMUNITY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES. HER APPROACH TO PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATION EMPHASIZES COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FACILITIES SHE OVERSEES. SHE IS COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC. DORI IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS PUBLIC SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE WEST CHICAGO REGIONAL OFFICE AND WAS RECENTLY SELECTED TO SERVE AS CENTRAL CHAPTER VICE- PRESIDENT OF THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

THOMAS BUTTS, MSC, REHS HAS BEEN A NEHA MEMBER FOR 36 YEARS AND WAS ELECTED IN 2019 TO THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE CURRENTLY WORKS ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AS A CONSULTANT AND AS AN HOURLY EMPLOYEE FOR TWO LOCAL HEALTH AGENCIES IN COLORADO. TOM WAS ALSO APPOINTED TO THE COLORADO STATE BOARD OF HEALTH REPRESENTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IN MARCH OF 2019 AND CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE PRESIDENT. PRIOR TO HIS RETIREMENT IN 2017, HE SPENT HIS CAREER WITH TRI-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY THAT SERVES THREE COUNTIES AND OVER 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE SURROUNDING DENVER WORKING IN GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, HAZARDOUS WASTE, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND AS AGENCY DEPUTY DIRECTOR. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, TOM HAS SERVED IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WITH MANY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING AS A REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, TREASURER, AND THEN PRESIDENT OF THE COLORADO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (CEHA).HE RECEIVED HIS BS IN EH FROM COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITYAND MSC IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FROM COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES.

LAURA CARLIN COCHRAN, MPH. HAS SERVED AS DUPAGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S PROTECT SWIMMERS 10M PROJECT COORDINATOR SINCE 2018. LAURA STUDIED PUBLIC HEALTH AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO AND HAS WORKED IN THE AREA OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH FOR OVER TWO DECADES. LAURA ALSO TEACHES GRADUATE-LEVEL PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY AND ADVOCACY COURSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND LIVES IN WHEATON WITH HER FAMILY.

DR. BRIAN CHEN IS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE CHAIR OF THE MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD (UIS). HE EARNED HIS PH.D. IN HEALTH BEHAVIOR AND TWO MASTER'S DEGREES (E.G., IN APPLIED STATISTICS) FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH-BLOOMINGTON. HIS PROFESSIONAL TRAINING HAS FOCUSED ON HEALTH BEHAVIOR, APPLIED STATISTICS, AND EVALUATION RESEARCH. DR. CHEN'S RESEARCH FOCUSES ON THREE MAJOR THEMES TIED TO EMERGING PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES, WITH A FOCUS ON SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH, HEALTH EQUITY, AND E-EDUCATION AND HEALTH COMMUNICATION. THESE THREE THEMES CONNECT TO A VARIETY OF SCHOLARSHIP ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTS IN HIS RESEARCH PROJECTS AND PROPOSALS. THEY INCLUDE 1) HEALTH BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH, 2) E-EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HEALTH, AND 3) PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTION (E.G., FOOD SAFETY EDUCATION) AND EVALUATION RESEARCH. DR. CHEN LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE PROPOSED RESEARCH BY DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE MEASURES OF THE IMPACT OF A NON-PROFIT FOOD PANTRY PROGRAM ON FOOD INSECURITY IN ILLINOIS AND BY DEVELOPING ONLINE GAMIFIED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EVALUATING STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES IN BIOSTATISTICS. MOREOVER, HE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN FACULTY-LED STUDENT RESEARCH, SUPERVISING 12 MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) RESEARCH MENTEES AND THREE DOCTORAL STUDENTS FROM THE DOCTOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM AT UIS. IN BRIEF, DR. CHEN IS A PASSIONATE PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR AND RESEARCHER. HE IS COMMITTED TO USING HIS EXPERTISE TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES.

DAVE COLBERT IS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF SALES FOR XCLUDER. WITH 17 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH PEST MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS IN NORTH AMERICA, EUROPE AND ASIA, DAVE HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF THE GLOBAL EXCLUSION MARKET. HE HAS SPEARHEADED THE DEVELOPMENT OF MANY OF THE EXCLUSION TECHNOLOGIES AVAILABLE IN THE XCLUDER CATALOG. A PARTICIPANT IN BOBBY CORRIGAN'S RODENT ACADEMY, DAVE WORKS WITH FACILITY MANAGEMENT TEAMS AND PEST MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS TO DEVELOP EXCLUSION STRATEGIES FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF INDUSTRIES INCLUDING SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES, MUSEUMS, RETAIL CHAINS, GROCERY STORES AND FOOD SERVICE, DISTRIBUTION AND MANUFACTURING FACILITIES.

DEREK DELAND IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS MANAGER IN NSF'S REGULATORY AFFAIRS DIVISION. IN THIS ROLE HE SERVES AS A POINT OF CONTACT FOR LOCAL AND STATE REGULATORY AGENCIES PROVIDING SUPPORT WITH RESPECT TO NSF STANDARDS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND SERVICES. DEREK CAME TO NSF AFTER 19 YEARS AT A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN MICHIGAN WHERE HE SERVED AS A SANITARIAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR. HE RECEIVED HIS MPH WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONCENTRATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-SPRINGFIELD. HE IS ALSO A NEHA MEMBER AND CREDENTIALED REHS/RS.

DARRAH DUNLAP, IDPH FOOD PROGRAM MANAGER, LEADS THE RETAIL AND MANUFACTURED FOOD PROTECTION PROGRAMS IN ILLINOIS. DARRAH JOINED IDPH IN 2017. IN HER PREVIOUS ROLE, SHE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR LEADING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INVESTIGATIONS IN RESPONSE TO CASES OF LEGIONELLOSIS. DRAWING ON HER EXPERIENCE AS AN INSPECTOR AND INVESTIGATOR, DARRAH EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND BUILDING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS IN PUBLIC HEALTH. DARRAH HOLDS AN MPH WITH A FOCUS IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND A BS IN BIOLOGY WITH A CONCENTRATION IN MICROBIOLOGY.

JUSTIN DWYER IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER FOR PEORIA CITY/COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND HAS SPECIALIZED IN COTTAGE FOOD AND FARMERS MARKET RESEARCH. HE HOLDS AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN CULINARY ARTS FROM LE CORDON BLEU, ST PAUL, A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE FROM EUREKA COLLEGE, AND IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON HIS MASTER'S IN PUBLIC HEALTH AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS - SPRINGFIELD. JUSTIN IS ALSO CURRENTLY SERVING AS PRESIDENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR OF ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

BENJAMIN FLETCHER, AN EXPERT IN FOOD SAFETY EDUCATION AND HEALTH INSPECTION AT THE SANGAMON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, IS A PROUD SUPPORTER AND GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) 100% ONLINE PROGRAM. HE EARNED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM BLACKBURN COLLEGE, A SMALL LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE IN CARLINVILLE, ILLINOIS, WITH A CAMPUS POPULATION OF AROUND 550 STUDENTS. BEFORE ENTERING THE MPH PROGRAM AT UIS, HE WAS A HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY AND ZOOLOGY TEACHER. THIS JOB INSPIRED HIM TO BECOME A PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, AND THE UIS MPH PROGRAM WAS THE BEST FIT FOR HIM. TWO SEMESTERS BEFORE GRADUATION, HE WAS HIRED AS A HEALTH INSPECTOR BY THE SANGAMON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. HE HAS BEEN DEVOTING HIS EXPERTISE IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY INSPECTION AND EDUCATION FOR RESTAURANTS AND OTHER FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THREE YEARS.

RHONDA HELLER, SENIOR LEHP WITH LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. RHONDA STARTED WITH LCHD IN 1989, BEGINNING AS AN ASSOCIATE SANITARIAN, DOING FOOD, WELL, SEPTIC, AND COMPLAINT INSPECTIONS. AFTER 10 YEARS, SHE MOVED INTO A SEPARATE SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND BECAME THE SOLE TANNING INSPECTOR, LEAD INSPECTOR/RISK ASSESSOR, AND SWIMMING FACILITIES INSPECTOR (POOLS AND BEACHES). SHE BECAME CERTIFIED IN RADON MEASUREMENT AND HEALTHY HOMES AND BECAME THE GO-TO PERSON FOR IAQ/OAQ AND MOLD ISSUES. FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS SHE HAS BEEN TRAINING COWORKERS ON POOL INSPECTIONS AND CONDUCTING AN EDUCATIONAL/INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION FOR LAKE COUNTY POOL OPERATORS. SHE LOVES HER JOB, LOVES SHARING HER EXPERIENCE, AND MOSTLY, LOVES LEARNING SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY.

JENNIFER KRICK IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S NON-COMMUNITY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS PROGRAM. JENNIFER HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN WATER QUALITY ISSUES SINCE 2019 AND CURRENTLY COORDINATES ILLINOIS' COMPLIANCE WITH THE REVISED COLIFORM RULE.

DOTTIE LASTER TRIGGERED THE LARGEST RESCUE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS IN THE UNITED STATES WITH THE RESCUE OF A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM OF GERARDO SALAZAR, "EL GALLO". SHE HAS SERVED VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. DOTTIE HAS LED HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCES IN HOUSTON, TEXAS AND LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO AND ORANGE COUNTIES, CALIFORNIA, USA. SHE TRAINED OVER 6,000 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ON THE ISSUE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. DOTTIE HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MANY INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS AND DOCUMENTARIES FOR ABC, CBS, CNN, DER SPIEGAL, VANITY FAIR CONFIDENTIAL, DISCOVERY INVESTIGATES AND TEXAS MONTHLY MAGAZINE. SHE PRACTICED IMMIGRATION LAW FOR 6 YEARS AS AN ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE. LASTER IS THE FOUNDER OF TRAFFICKING VICTIM RESCUE CENTRAL WHERE SHE SERVES AS A PUBLIC SPEAKER, TRAINER AND CONSULTANT AND FOR THE ISSUE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. SHE IS THE AUTHOR OF 55 THINGS PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS SHOULD KNOW AND CO- AUTHOR OF MY LITTLE BLACK BOOK OF RED FLAGS AVAILABLE ON AMAZON.

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DR. LIBBEY IS THE DIRECTOR OF CLIENT SUCCESS AT ROBOCHEF, INC, A FOOD AUTMATION COMPANY IN LIBERTYVILLE, IL. NATHAN HAS SPENT THE PAST 20 YEARS IN A VARIETY OF LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THE FOOD SPACE FROM LAST MILE, TO RETAIL, TO FOOD SAFETY STARTUPS. DR. LIBBEY HAS A BA FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, AS WELL AS A MASTERS IN REGULATORY AFFAIRS OF FOOD INDUSTRIES AND DOCTOR OF LAW AND POLICY FROM NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, BOSTON, WITH CERTIFICATES IN FOOD SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP AND LEAN SIX SIGMA FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AND VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY. NATHAN HAS BEEN FEATURED IN COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS, INDUSTRY JOURNALS, AND HAS PRESENTED RESEARCH AT NUMEROUS PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCES.

ALICIA LOVE IS THE MEAT, MILK, AND EGG INSPECTION BUREAU CHIEF AT THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK. SHE HOLDS A MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH FROM GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY AND A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN APPLIED BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES FROM ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY. SHE IS A REGISTERED SANITARIAN IN THE STATES OF MONTANA AND ARIZONA. HER WORK HISTORY INCLUDES REGULATORY EXPERIENCE IN RETAIL AND MANUFACTURING SETTINGS WITH AN EMPHASIS IN FOOD SAFETY AND HAZARD ANALYSIS CRITICAL CONTROL POINT.

STEVEN MANDERNACH (MAWN-DUR-KNOCK) IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FOOD AND DRUG OFFICIALS (AFDO). PRIOR TO BECOMING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN 2018, MANDERNACH WAS THE BUREAU CHIEF FOR FOOD AND CONSUMER SAFETY AT THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS, WHERE HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGULATION OF IOWA'S 24,000 FOOD MANUFACTURERS, RETAIL FOOD OPERATIONS, AND LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS. MANDERNACH SPENT OVER 15 YEARS IN STATE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING MANAGING IOWA'S \$35 MILLION IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT. HE ALSO SERVED AS ACTING ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE GOVERNOR OF IOWA. MANDERNACH IS A PAST-PRESIDENT OF AFDO AND CURRENT CO-CHAIR OF THE ASSOCIATION'S LAWS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE. HE ALSO SERVED AS THE CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR FOR THE MANUFACTURED FOOD REGULATORY PROGRAM ALLIANCE AND IS A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE MID-CONTINENTAL ASSOCIATION OF FOOD AND DRUG OFFICIALS. MANDERNACH SERVES ON THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES' REGULATORY AFFAIRS PROGRAM. HE WAS APPOINTED 2017-18 AMBASSADOR TO PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA. MANDERNACH CO-AUTHORED THE ARTICLES "REPORTING OF FOODBORNE ILLNESS BY U.S. CONSUMERSAND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS," WHICH APPEARED IN THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND "REGIONAL INVESTIGATION OF A CYCLOSPORIASIS OUTBREAK LINKED TO IMPORTED ROMAINE LETTUCE - NEBRASKA AND IOWA, JUNE-AUGUST 2013," WHICH APPEARED IN THE JOURNAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND INFECTION. HE ALSO CO-AUTHORED "LISTERIA MONOCYTOGENES OCCURRENCE AND ADHERENCE TO RECOMMENDATIONS: SMALL AND LARGE RETAIL DELICATESSENS IN IOWA' FOR FOOD PROTECTION TRENDS AND "PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO MULTISTATE SALMONELLA TYPHIMURIUM OUTBREAK ASSOCIATED WITH PREPACKAGED CHICKEN SALAD, UNITED STATES, 2018," WHICH APPEARED IN EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES. HE ALSO CO-AUTHORED THE CHAPTER ON "PREVAILING STATUTES, REGULATIONS, AND ORDINANCES" FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD PROTECTION INSTITUTE'S TEXTBOOK FOR FOOD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS. MANDERNACH FREQUENTLY CONTRIBUTES TO MANY FOOD TRADE PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS FOOD SAFETY MAGAZINE, NEW FOOD MAGAZINE, AND QUALITY ASSURANCE AND FOOD SAFETY MAGAZINE. MANDERNACH GRADUATED WITH A J.D. FROM DRAKE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL AND A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY. HE HAS COMPLETED GRADUATE WORK IN FOOD SAFETY AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY. MANDERNACH WAS AN ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR OF BUSINESS LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCE FOR 10 YEARS AT DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

RYAN MCCONNELL HAS WORKED AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST II AT PEORIA CITY/COUNTY HEALTH DEPT SINCE FEBRUARY OF 2015. PRIOR TO THAT HE WORKED AS AN EHS AT TAZEWELL COUNTY HEALTH DEPT STARTING IN 2003. RYAN HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BIOLOGY FROM ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY. IN HIS FREE TIME HE ENJOYS MAKING HORRIBLE DAD JOKES, TEACHING THE FOOD HANDLER AND FOOD MANAGER CLASSES TO THE INMATES AT THE PEORIA COUNTY JAIL, JAMMING OUT WITH HIS BAND, AND PLAYING WITH FIRE AND CHAINSAWS.

JODY O'GRADY STARTED HER CAREER IN THE POOL & SPA INDUSTRY IN THE LAST CENTURY, SHE HAS BEEN ABLE TO USE HER CHEMISTRY DEGREE FROM ALLEGHENY COLLEGE (PA) WITH TAYLOR WATER TECHNOLOGIES FOR DECADES. WITH POSITIONS THAT STARTED IN CUSTOMER SERVICE AND PROGRESSED THROUGH VICE PRESIDENT OF SALES OPERATIONS, JODY IS CURRENTLY THE DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE AS TAYLOR BECAME A FLUIDRA BRAND IN 2021. HAVING ANSWERED THOUSANDS OF TECHNICAL CALLS AND EMAILS FOR THE COMPANY, MS. O'GRADY RELISHES THE TOUGH QUESTIONS THAT COME FROM WATER TESTING, WATER CHEMISTRY AND BALANCE. AS A VOLUNTEER, SHE CHAIRS THE RECREATIONAL WATER & AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE AND SITS ON THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE POOL & HOT TUB ALLIANCE. SHE WAS RECENTLY AWARDED THE 2022 PHTA CHAIRMAN'S AWARD.

BARBARA OLIFF, RN, BSN CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE TRAINING MANAGER FOR IMERT. SHE ALSO TEACHES TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE FOR MILITARY MEDICAL PROVIDERS FOR TACTICAL RESCUE SOLUTIONS AND IS AN INSTRUCTOR AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING ACADEMY FOR THEIR CENTER FOR DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MEDICINE PROGRAM. BARB PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE ILLINOIS TERRORISM TASK FORCE – ILLINOIS SCHOOLS STOP THE BLEED INITIATIVE AND IS STILL ACTIVELY TEACHING STOP THE BLEED IN HER COMMUNITY. SHE HAS EXPERIENCE INEMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, SERVING AS AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NURSE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATOR, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EDUCATOR AND REGIONAL HOSPITAL READINESS AND RESPONSE COORDINATOR.

ERIC PORTZ HAS AN ENGINEERING DEGREE FROM SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY-CARBONDALE. HE PREVIOUSLY WORKED AT THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE AREAS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT, UNDERGROUND TANKS AND DRINKING WATER COMPLIANCE. IN 2004, ERIC MOVED TO HIS CURRENT POSITION WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AS THE NON-COMMUNITY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS PROGRAM MANAGER.

LORI SLIGER IS AN INVESTIGATOR FOR THE US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE, OFFICE OF INVESTIGATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AUDIT, COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (USDA/FSIS/OIEA/CID). SHE HAS WORKED AS A USDA PUBLIC HEALTH SERVANT SINCE 2016. INITIALLY SERVING AS AN IN PLANT FOOD SAFETY/CONSUMER SAFETY INSPECTOR AND NOW SERVING AS ONE OF SEVEN USDA COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATORS COVERING THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. PRIOR TO JOINING THE USDA, FROM 1997 TO 2006, LORI SERVED AS AN AEROSPACE MEDICAL HOSPITAL CORPSMAN IN THE US NAVY. WHERE SHE TRAINED BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IN EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN PROCEDURES, FIRST AID, CPR, AND FIELD SANITATION. LORI SEPARATED FROM THE NAVY AND WORKED AS A SENIOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE/PURCHASING MANAGER AT MCCORMICK PLACE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS FROM 2008 TO 2016. IN THIS POSITION SHE OVERSAW THE PROPER EXECUTION OF FOOD SAFETY AND HACCP PROCEDURES IN PERMANENT FOOD SERVICE LOCATIONS AND OVER 13 DIFFERENT KIOSKS AND SATELLITE POP UP FOOD SERVICE AREAS WITHIN THE FOUR BUILDING CONVENTION CENTER COMPLEX.

ANDREA STADSHOLT EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BIOLOGY FROM EUREKA COLLEGE. SHE THEN ATTENDED OSF ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY AND ATTAINED ASCP MLS CERTIFICATION. SHE HAS SERVED AS THE SUPERVISOR OF THE IDPH ENVIRONMENTAL MICRO LABORATORY SINCE 2016. SHE BEGAN HER CAREER WITH THE IDPH DIVISION OF LABORATORIES IN 2004 AS A CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST IN THE DIAGNOSTIC MICRO SECTION. FROM 2013-2016, SHE WORKED AS A LABORATORY QUALITY SPECIALIST AND ACTED AS A DRINKING WATER LAB CERTIFICATION OFFICER AND DAIRY LABORATORY EVALUATION OFFICER.

DR. KENNETH THOMPSON, ED.D., MBA, CEC, CCA, PCIII, CHE, CHS, HE IS CURRENTLY A CHEF INSTRUCTOR AND THE CULINARY ARTS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR AT JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE WHERE HE TEACHES COURSES INCLUDING INTRODUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL COOKING, PRODUCT FABRICATION, APPLIED FOODSERVICE SANITATION, CULINARY SUPERVISION, AND NUTRITION. PRIOR TO JOINING JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE IN 2015 HE WAS THE EXECUTIVE CHEF AT ONE OF THE TOP PRIVATE COUNTRY CLUBS IN THE UNITED STATES. HE HAS ALSO WORKED IN RESTAURANTS, HOTELS, AND AS A PRIVATE CHEF. HE EARNED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA. IN 1996, HE EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM LAKELAND UNIVERSITY IN 2019, AND COMPLETED HIS DOCTORAL DEGREE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS IN 2023.

BRIAN TURNER, CP-FS, PCQI, L.E.H.P., HAS ENJOYED A FULFILLING CAREER IN FOOD SAFETY, QUALITY AND WORKPLACE SAFETY. PRESENTLY, BRIAN IS THE PUBLIC HEALTH CONSULTANT FOR THE NATIONAL AUTOMATIC MERCHANDISING ASSOCIATION OVERSEEING THE MACHINE EVALUATION PROGRAM (MEP) FOR CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION OF FOOD, WATER AND BEVERAGE VENDING MACHINES. ADDITIONALLY, HE PROVIDES CONSULTATION FOR THE MEP PROCESS AND REPRESENTS THE CONVENIENCE SERVICES INDUSTRY ON COUNCIL I OF THE CONFERENCE FOR FOOD PROTECTION (CFP). BRIAN HAS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FROM ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY AND OVER 35 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN FOOD SECURITY, WORKPLACE SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH. THIS INCLUDES MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE IN REGULATORY, RETAIL GROCERY, FOOD MANUFACTURING, FOOD SERVICE, CONVENIENCE SERVICES AND TRAINING DEVELOPMENT.

CAROLYN WHITE IS A RETAIL FOOD SPECIALIST FOR FDA'S OFFICE OF STATE AND COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS. SHE IS BASED OUT OF KANSAS CITY, MO AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STATES OF ILLINOIS AND INDIANA. PRIOR TO HER TIME WITH FDA SHE WAS A TRAINING AND GRANTS MANAGER FOR A LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM. WITH OVER 15 YEARS OF COMBINED REGULATORY AND INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE, HER FOCUS REMAINS ON BUILDING COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH OUTCOMES. SHE BELIEVES THAT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT THROUGH THE RETAIL PROGRAM STANDARDS CAN TRANSFORM FOOD PROTECTION PROGRAMS AND MAKE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON REDUCING FOODBORNE ILLNESS RISK FACTORS. CAROLYN EARNED HER BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BIOLOGY FROM MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY AND HER MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH FROM MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

JOSEPH WOLTZ III IS A SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR FOR THE US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD SAFETY ANDINSPECTION SERVICE, OFFICE OF INVESTIGATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AUDIT, COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION. HE RE-ENTERED PUBLIC SERVICE IN JUNE 2009 AND CURRENTLY SUPERVISES A TEAM OF NINE COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATORS COVERING THE STATES OF ILLINOIS, IOWA AND MINNESOTA. BEFORE RE-ENTERING PUBLIC SERVICE, JOSEPH WORKED FOR KMART CORPORATION AS A REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF FOOD SAFETY FROM MARCH 2000 THROUGH JUNE 2009. IN THIS POSITION HE LED STORE, DISTRICT, REGIONAL AND DIVISIONAL TEAMS IN APPROPRIATE FOOD SAFETY, SANITATION AND PEST CONTROL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE PROTECTION OF CUSTOMERS, ASSOCIATES AND THE CORPORATE BRAND NAME.









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