

2024 MFRPA Speaker Bios

Alcock, Patricia L. – Patricia L. Alcock is the Director of the ORA's Office of Training Education and Development (OTED). OTED's primary role is to analyze, design, develop, implement and evaluate adult education, training, development and certification programs for FDA ORA employees as well as with our State regulatory partners. Ms. Alcock has been with the FDA since receiving her B.A. from Lycoming College in 1989 and has multi-district and multi-Center experience at FDA. She served as an FDA Investigator in two ORA Districts for 7 years, a Compliance Officer in CDER's Office of Compliance for 3 years and has been in a management and leadership role with the FDA since 1999. She has received many FDA level awards for her contribution to public health protection.

Areshenko, Nicola – CDR Nicola Areshenko serves as a Project Manager for the MFRPS CAP and Human Food Contract in the Human and Animal Food Branch in the Office of Partnerships. Prior to this position she served as a Program Manager in the Office of Partnership's Produce and Integration Branches and as the Industrial Hygienist for the FDA's San Francisco District Laboratory.

Bills, Teresa Y. – Teresa Y. Bills is currently the Branch Chief for the Human and Animal Food (HAF) Branch in the FDA ORA Office of Partnerships. The HAF branch is comprised of a group of federal acquisition and assistance professionals responsible for managing contracts and cooperative agreements/grants issued to State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial (SLTT) regulatory agencies. Prior to joining FDA, Teresa served as the Governor's appointed Assistant Commissioner for the State of Tennessee and was responsible for acquisitions and contracts statewide. She received a Master of Education in Administration & Supervision and Bachelor of Science in Biology from Tennessee State University. Before joining Federal and State civil service, Teresa managed a Center of Excellence in Pediatric Nephrology focused on recombinant DNA technology for renal physiological studies at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

Blackshear, Katie – Katie Blackshear has worked for the FDA in various capacities for 15 years, including four years as a MFRPS Specialist in Office of Partnerships. She lives in Minneapolis with her husband, son and two cats.

Bland, Rashelly – Rashelly Bland graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. in Environmental Health from Old Dominion University in 2015. After graduation, she began her food safety regulatory career with the Virginia Department of Health and later transferred to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Food Safety Program. While at VDACS, she served as Food Safety Specialist Senior for three years and then as MFRPS Coordinator and Training Coordinator simultaneously for an additional three years. In the Spring of 2023, she was promoted to Food Safety Manager of the VDACS Food Safety Program and is now responsible for the management of the statewide manufactured food program in addition to serving as the Principal Investigator for the MFRPS and Food Protection Task Force Cooperative Agreement.

Boyd, Michelle – Michelle Boyd has been with Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, & Licensing (DIAL), Food Safety Bureau (FCS) as the Assistant Bureau Chief since May 2019. In her position she leads all grant initiatives, coordinates FCS's participation of the LFFM with the State Hygienic lab, leads the licensing team, and participates in assigned special projects. Prior to her tenure with DIAL she worked in public finance,

consulting, and procurement. Michelle is passionate about program standards and streamlining processes for efficiency.

Brown III, Abe – Abe Brown III, has spent (14) years in the federal government and is the Senior Advisor for External Engagement, Office of Partnerships, at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Abe initiates, develops, expands, and enhances strategic relations with other government agencies to advance an integrated public health system. He focuses on partnering with other government executives to market and advance the collaborative opportunities with the FDA. Brown received a B.S. in Occupational Therapy from Tuskegee University, a Master of Health Administration from the Ohio State University, and an Executive Certificate in Public Leadership from Harvard University. Brown is a certified Project Management Professional and is a certified Federal Acquisition Project/Program Manager.

Buchanan, Ellen – Ellen Buchanan has worked on integration efforts for over two decades. She currently works as the FDA OHAFO Audit Staff Director where she has system audit oversight of state food and feed food safety systems, International Governments in System Recognition, AB/CB relationships in the FSMA Third Party Program, and commodity specific System Recognition Agreements in the Congressionally mandated Partnership Agreements.

Campbell, Raicine – Raicine Campbell has been with the FDA since 2013. She joined the Audit Staff in August 2023. Most recently, and for the last 6 years she was stationed in FDA's Beijing, China office as a Foods Consumer Safety Office (CSO) performing food inspections. Raicine also has experience working in FDA's Imports Division and prior to working for FDA she worked with the Ohio Department of Agriculture as a Food Safety Specialist.

Campbell, Wendy – Wendy Campbell joined the FDA in February 2010 and the Office of Partnerships in 2011. She currently serves as the Director of the Division of Partnership Investments and Agreements in OP. Prior to joining FDA, she worked for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services as the Food Defense Coordinator and Principal Investigator for the RRT cooperative agreement. Wendy graduated from NC State University with an M.S. and B.S. in Food Science.

Castillo, Leanna M. – Leanna M. Castillo is 2006 graduate of Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, TN with a B.S. in Agriculture and a Concentration in Agriculture Business. She worked with the State of Tennessee for 7.5 years and has been in her current role since April 2020. In Leanna's current role, she is the Grants Analyst/MFRPS Co-Coordinator for Tennessee's MFRPS Cooperative Agreement Program and is also the Grants Analyst for the Produce Safety Cooperative Agreement.

Chan, James – James Chan has over 2 decades of food safety experience with the California Department of Public Health. He is the manager responsible for ensuring the success of California's MFPRS program, FDA Contract, and FDA Mutual Reliance Partnership activities. James is dedicated to continuous improvement and has a special interest in optimizing technology to increase effectiveness of CDPH's food safety program.

Channels, Jason – Jason Channels is a native of Springfield, OH where he still resides with his wife, Teresa, of 23 years and his two sons, Jason II, and Justus. He is a graduate of Central State University in Wilberforce, OH with a degree in Water Resource Management in 1996, and currently serves as the MFRPS Coordinator for the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Food Safety. He has now worked within food safety programs a total of 18 years, starting as an Environmental Health Specialist for the Clark County Combined Health District for three years before joining the Ohio Department of Agriculture as a Food Safety Specialist in 2008. He took on the role of MFRPS Coordinator for the Ohio Department of Agriculture in November of 2015, achieving full conformance with the MFRPS in the fall of 2019. In his spare time, he enjoys hobbies such as basketball, music, and playing with his dog, Titan.

Clark, Jacob – Jacob Clark has been with the FDA for 10 years and is a State Liaison in the Division of Human and Animal Foods East 6 covering the states of MI, IN and IL.

Close, Kathleen – Kathleen “Katie Jo” Close is a CSO who works for the OHAFO Audit Staff performing assessments in the domestic and international program areas. She began her FDA career in January 2009 and lives in Iowa. Prior to working for the OHAFO Audit Staff in 2019, Katie Jo worked for the OHAFO HAF-W2 Division (Kansas City District) as a State Liaison and CSO conducting regulatory field work in the human and animal food, shell egg, and biologics arenas.

Cogswell, Coreen – Coreen Cogswell currently serves as the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Coordinator for Utah's Department of Agriculture and Food. She has worked for the regulatory division for the department for more than four years, conducting inspections at manufactured food facilities, retail stores, and dairy farms. Coreen has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Health Education and Promotion as well as a Master's Degree in Food Safety and Quality, both from Utah State University.

Colson, Matt – Matt Colson is a Consumer Safety Officer with the FDA Audit Staff. Prior to joining the FDA in 2020, Matt worked for the state of Florida for 13 years, where in his last position he oversaw the food inspection program with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Dabb, Sally – Sally Dabb has worked with the Kentucky Food Safety Branch as the Food Manufacturing Supervisor for the past three years where she oversees the food manufacturing regulatory program for the state. Prior to this, she spent over 25 years working in healthcare administration. She has her master's degree in nutrition science and kinesiology and maintains her registration as a Dietitian.

Delius, Guy – Guy Delius works with the FDA in the Division of Standards Implementation and has been there since 2010, working in the Federal MFRPS Program. Before FDA, Guy was the Director of the Kentucky Division of Public Health Protection and Safety, and held positions of President of AFDOSS, and the Kentucky Public Health Association, and the Kentucky Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians, as well as a past AFDO board member.

Fruechting, Phillip – Phillip Fruechting, R.S., is the Program Manager for Arkansas Department of Health's (ADH) Wholesale/Manufactured Foods and Rapid Response Team. He has been with the Department of Health since 2011 and has managed the wholesale/manufactured foods program since the agency enrolled in

Manufactured Foods Regulatory Program Standards. He is a member of AFDO and is co-chair of the AFDO's Food Recovery Committee, serves as state representative on the MCAFDO board and he is state co-chair for the Partnership for Food Protection's Information & Technology workgroup.

Furlow, Margaret – Margaret Furlow has worked for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Manufactured Food Program since 2019 and became the MFRPS Coordinator in 2023. Prior to working for the state, she conducted retail inspections for Local Public Health. Her educational background includes a degree in Food Science/ Human Nutrition and a Master's in Public Health Epidemiology.

Gaines, Daniel – Daniel Gaines is the Food Administrator for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Food and Drug Protection Division (NCDA&CS FDPD). He is responsible for managing all areas of the food program to include inspections, compliance, enforcement, and emergency response activities. He serves as principal investigator on the Flexible Funding Model (FFM) cooperative agreement which encompasses the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) and Food Protection Task Force (FPTF) tracks and as a principal liaison between NCDA&CS FDPD and FDA.

Gonzalez, Frank – Frank Gonzales is a Senior Public Health Sanitarian and the Manufactured Food Standards Coordinator in the Bureau of Environmental Health with the Arizona Department of Health Services. He works in the Office of Food Safety & Environmental Services on topics including manufactured food standards & program development, rule writing, retail and manufactured food inspections, as well as local regulatory alliance. Frank is a Registered Sanitarian and has been in the environmental public health field since 2017. He has worked at a local County Environmental Health Services Department in Arizona as a Public Health Sanitarian from 2017 to 2023, FDA credentialed Inspector since 2023 and recently became a FSPCA Preventive Controls for Human Food Qualified Individual. In addition to food safety, Frank's environmental health experience includes vector control and nuclear emergency response planning since 2021. He holds a bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from Arizona State University.

Greene, Frank – Frank Greene is the Director of the Division of Food, Standards and Product Safety in the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection. The Division has oversight of manufactured food products, wholesale egg distribution, organic, weights and measures, and product safety. The Division also shares responsibility with local health over retail food products. Food Safety remains a top priority in the Division, with participation in MFRPS, the Conference for Food Protection as well as contract work with FDA, USDA and CPSC.

Gulledge, Shadow – Shadow Gulledge graduated from the University of South Carolina with her B.S. degree in Biological Sciences in 2012, and her M.S. degree in Earth and Environmental Resources Management in 2014. She joined the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) in 2015, as the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) Coordinator. Mrs. Gulledge enhanced the agency's Manufactured Foods Safety Program until DHEC was found to be in full conformance with all 10 MFRPS standards in FDA's Assessment in 2019. Mrs. Gulledge has now been the Team Leader for DHEC's Manufactured Foods Safety (MFRPS) Program since 2022, and though she retains her responsibilities as MFRPS Coordinator, she now also supervises, audits, and trains staff and provides subject matter expertise to residents of South Carolina regarding manufactured food safety and regulation.

Horne, Karla A. – Karla Ann Horne completed her Master of Science Degree in Biology at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas in 2000. The first step in her career was as an Environmental Investigator for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regulating public water systems. Karla then proceeded to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as an Environmental Scientist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency where she was charged with evaluating State Air Quality Implementation Plans to ensure consistency with the Clean Air Act. After moving to Michigan in 2005, she became a Registered Environmental Health Specialist while working for a local health department in rural northern Michigan. Karla began her career with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in January 2009 and was promoted to Senior Food Safety Field Scientist in Northwest Michigan in June 2016. Karla was responsible for food related emergency preparedness and recall activities in the Northern half of Michigan. In August 2018 Karla was promoted to North Region Food Supervisor and oversaw ten Food Safety Scientist across the Northern forty-one counties of Michigan. In November 2022 she transitioned to Northeast Manufactured Food Supervisor. Currently she is the Wholesale Food Program Manager for the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Isaac, Kellie – Kellie Isaac is the Chief Innovation Officer and SAFHER Director at the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO). She is an experienced IT professional working in the Public & Private sector with familiar companies such as Boeing, Amazon, Lloyd's Register, and the State of Colorado. She loves partnering with customers to take their big visions and turn them into reality by delivering valuable user-friendly products for their organization and end-users. Kellie is thrilled to be part of the AFDO team to develop and deliver SAFHER. SAFHER is a great opportunity combining Kellie's entrepreneurial spirit with her mission-driven work supporting the public and private sector. She is looking forward to working with AFDO, FDA, States, and the private sector to help improve inspections, facilitate data management and data sharing, and track and prevent foodborne illness.

Jackels, Rustan – Rustan Jackels is a Manufactured Foods Agricultural Consultant with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. She began her career at MDA in 2011 as a Retail and Manufactured Foods Inspector and Dairy Farm Inspector. Rustan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Environmental Studies from Iowa State University, and a Master of Science degree in Biology from the University of South Dakota. She is a Registered Sanitarian and has been a member of the 3610-audit form revision workgroup as well as the dietary supplement audit form workgroup.

Jensen, Travis – Travis Jensen has worn many different hats around the MFRPS since 2011. He served as the MFRPS Program Manager at the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF), served as a State Liaison covering human and animal food contracts while working on the development of the first Partnership Agreement between FDA and UDAF, and now, serving as a MFRPS Specialist within OP/DSI. He holds an MPH from Westminster College, and lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, enjoying as much fishing, hunting, and hard rock concerts as possible with his wife and twin 6-year-olds.

Jones, Krissa – Krissa Jones is a 28-year veteran at the Georgia Department of Agriculture having served in key positions and capacities over the years. In 2009, the Food Safety Division Manufactured Food Program was established by Georgia Law and Krissa was one of the original five inspectors hired. In 2013, she was promoted

as Georgia's RRT Program Manager where she was instrumental in the development and implementation of the program. In 2015, she was promoted to Manufactured Food Program Manager where her expertise and experience in food processing has been vital. Today, the Manufactured Food Program is a nationally recognized regulatory program consisting of subject matter experts and award-winning field staff. Under Krissa's leadership, Georgia has achieved and maintained full implementation and conformance with the FDA Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) since 2018.

Kennelly, Patrick – Patrick Kennelly is a Program Director for the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO), and currently manages the Integrated Food Safety System (MFRPA) Cooperative Agreement. Prior to joining AFDO, Patrick worked for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for 28 years. During his tenure with CDPH, Patrick was responsible for overseeing the Department's statewide food safety operations which include inspection of processed food manufacturers and distributors, investigation of food-borne illness outbreaks (CalFERT), food recalls, and development and delivery of food safety education to the food processing industry.

Kimbrough, Jessica – Jessica Kimbrough has worked in FDA's Office of Partnerships, Division of Integration, conducting data analysis and data visualization to showcase the work done by FDA's State Partners for the past 3 years. Prior to her time with OP, Jessica was a State Liaison for HAFW5 for 6 years and a field investigator for 6 years.

Klug, Margaret – Margaret Klug has 14 years of experience in various roles at FDA's Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA). Since 2015, she has been a National Expert for the foods program. Much of her time is spent contributing to the design, implementation, and presentation of training programs for federal and partner agency inspectional staff. Since 2022, she has been a co-lead for a group planning how to implement the new Food Traceability Rule.

Kohls, Angela – Angela Kohls joined FDA in December 2010. She has spent her entire FDA career in the Office of Partnerships helping her assigned states achieve full conformance with the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS). Prior to joining FDA, Angela worked for the State of Kansas in a variety of positions beginning as a field inspector and working up to program management. Angela is a proud alumnus of Kansas State University. In her free time, she enjoys attending and watching a variety of sporting events, spending time with family and friends and, supporting her son, Joshua, with his activities.

Lac, Anh – Anh Lac began her career with FDA in March 2009 as an Investigator in the Dallas District Office and became a Supervisory Consumer Safety Officer in 2017 in the Human and Animal Food Division West 3. She co-managed the Human Food program within the Division in addition to managing the Dietary Supplement and Health Fraud/Undercover programs. In 2021, Anh joined the Division of Partnership Investments and Agreements in the Office of Partnerships. In her current role as a Program Manager, she coordinates, develops, and manages new program initiatives and special projects.

Martin, Cathy – Cathy Martin has been involved in food safety her entire career. She has been Michigan's MFRPS Coordinator for 3+ years. Cathy also enjoys traveling, gardening and photography.

Martinez, Eric – Eric Martinez is from El Paso, Texas and works for the Texas Department of State Health Services as a Compliance Officer. One of Eric's duties as a Compliance Officer is to manage program inspectional data. One fun fact about Eric is that he loves to travel all over the world.

McDonald, Bobbie – Bobbie McDonald is the MFRPS coordinator at the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Environmental Health, Food Safety and Sanitation Program, and yes, her business card is huge. Bobbie started with the program in 2014 as an Environmental Health Officer, and in 2015 moved into her current position where she also manages the retail standards and the inspection database, and many other things as needed. Prior to moving to Alaska, Bobbie was a microbiologist in a state public health laboratory in the Midwest for almost 25 years.

McGill, Tressa – Tressa McGill is retired from the State of Oklahoma and FDA/Federal government after 34 years of public health work. She has a Masters in Public Health from the University of Oklahoma. Tressa now contracts with the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) to assist with projects within AFDO, including providing support for the MFRPA.

Montalbano, Angela – Angela Montalbano is the Assistant Director for the Division of Food Safety and Inspection for the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. Angela actively participates on the executive board of several food safety associations as the AFDO President Elect and NYSAFP President, in addition to numerous national workgroups. Angela participates in PFP as the state co-chair for the Training workgroup, including work on the development of the National Curriculum Standards. Angela completed the one-year IFPTI (International Food Protection Training Institute) Fellowship in Leadership, Cohort 1 in 2010-2011.

Moore, Michael – Michael Moore has been the Director of the Massachusetts Food Protection Program since 2011. Prior to that he was a local health agent in Concord, Worcester, Framingham, and Gardner, Massachusetts.

Morris, Sheri – Sheri Morris holds a BA in Biochemistry from Temple University. Sheri's Food Safety career has included 15 years in the food industry followed by 25 years with the PA Department of Agriculture. She is currently the Assistant Director for the Bureau of Food Safety & Laboratory Services. Sheri is the CASA representative on the MFRPA Executive Board and the current Chair.

Motsinger, Michelle – Michelle Motsinger is currently the Acting Director for the Division of Standards Implementation in FDA's Office of Partnerships. In her previous roles in FDA, she served as Division's Regulatory Program Standards Group Manager, a MFRPS Specialist, and a State Liaison.

Mueller, Cassie – Cassie Mueller has been the MFRPS Coordinator for the MN Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Food & Feed Safety Division since March 2016. She began her career at MDA in 2009 as a Food Inspector. Cassie holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and is a Registered Environmental Health Specialist. She is one of the original authors of *The Standards Coordinators Manual* and enjoys having the opportunity to work with Local, State, and FDA partners from all over the country.

Nakagawa, Lisa – Lisa Nakagawa is the State Liaison for FDA Human and Animal Food West 5, which encompasses California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Mariana Islands, and Guam. She has worked for FDA for 10 years.

Pierquet, Jennifer – Jennifer Pierquet (P-R-Key) joined the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) in May 2019 as a project manager to oversee two support and maintenance contracts for 20 state inspection systems. In 2022, she was promoted to SAFHER's Deputy Director, a position responsible for overseeing implementation operations for the System for Agriculture, Food, Health, E-inspections, and Registrations (SAFHER). Jennifer is excited to take on this new role and support regulatory programs in implementing the forthcoming technology platform. She formerly worked for the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals, Food and Consumer Safety Bureau as the Manufacturing Foods Regulatory Program Standards Coordinator and was involved in Iowa's Rapid Response Team. Prior to Iowa, she worked for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Jennifer received a Masters in Public Health from the University of Minnesota, School of Public Health and is proud alumni of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Qian, Luke – Chenhao (Luke) Qian is a post-doc in the Department of Food Science at Cornell University, under the advisement of Dr. Martin Wiedmann. His research has been focused on developing models for predicting dairy spoilage as well as produce safety risks. He has developed two Monte-Carlo simulation models that can predict 1) late-blowing defects in Gouda cheese, and 2) fluid milk spoilage due to psychrotolerant sporeformers, respectively. In addition, he designed the user-friendly interfaces using R Shiny and deployed both models on a web server to encourage more usage and drive more innovations in digital dairy. Currently, Luke is involved in developing 1) a random forest model that can predict different spore levels in organic raw milk using data from farm management surveys and weather stations, 2) an exposure assessment of cytotoxic *B. cereus* in milk consumption, and 3) an agent-based model (ABM) to simulate the *Listeria* transmission within a retail store and assess the control strategies.

As a part of his interest in leveraging modeling for improved food quality and safety, Luke is excited about lowering barriers to transform these models into practical digital tools, by exploring 1) technical solutions for preserving data privacy and encouraging data sharing without compromising the model utility and 2) different prediction outcomes (e.g., economic risk) that can potentially prevent the model misinterpretation and facilitate the decision-making process. Apart from his research projects, Luke has also been developing modules to teach undergrad and graduate students about using and developing food safety models.

Ramos, Jocelyn – Jocelyn Ramos has been with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for more than 20 years. Primarily, her career has been involved as a field investigator inspecting domestic and foreign manufacturers of medical devices, food products and imported products. Ms. Ramos has been with the Office of Partnerships since 2014 and currently serves as a Project Manager for the Manufactured Food Regulatory Programs Flexible Funding Model Cooperative Agreement Program. Ms. Ramos managed various state contract and cooperative agreement programs for different commodities and provides technical expertise to state regulatory partners as it relates to policy in both contracts and cooperative agreements.

Rigdon, Carrie – Carrie Rigdon (pronounced RIG-dun) is the Research Director at the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO). Dr. Rigdon leads and assists several projects in research question development, effective data collection, detailed data analysis, and the publication of findings. Prior to joining AFDO, Dr. Rigdon worked at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, initially helping develop Minnesota's Food Emergency Rapid Response Team, and more recently as Operations Manager and Interim Assistant Division Director for Food and Feed Safety.

Smith, David – David Smith is the Manufactured Food Program Manager for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Prior to joining MDA, David was with the Washington State Department of Agriculture for almost ten years as a field inspector, training coordinator and as the Food Safety Program Manager leading the team through the pandemic. Before working with state agriculture programs, David graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Master of Science in Food Science and worked in the manufactured food industry for fifteen years managing food safety and quality at the plant and corporate level.

Smith, Dawn – Dawn Smith has over 30 years' experience in regulatory food safety programs. Dawn has spent twenty plus years with a state department of agriculture working in areas such as retail, shellfish, dairy, food manufacturing, and regulatory program standards. Currently, Dawn is in her tenth year with the Regulatory Program Standards Audit Staff. She serves as the technical expert for the domestic programs we support.

Stevanus, Karla – Karla Stevanus is the Environmental Administrator for the manufactured foods program for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. She has worked with her agency for 18 years and was on Florida's original implementation team for MFRPS.

Stryker, Kim – Kim Stryker is the Program Manager for the Alaska Food Safety & Sanitation program. She has chaired the MFRPA twice and is currently Vice-President of AFDO. Alaska's program has contracted with FDA to perform inspections for at least 40 years, primarily to do seafood HACCP inspections in remote locations. Alaska conforms with and implements all 10 Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards.

Szappanos-Hart, Patricia – Patricia Szappanos-Hart is the Cannabis Program Director for Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA). She has been involved in Tennessee's MFRPS program since Day One, first as a field inspector, next as regional supervisor, and currently as MFRPS Co-Coordinator. In her role as TDA's MFRPS Co-Coordinator, she focuses on the programmatic elements within the standards. As Patricia moves into a new role within TDA, she is committed to training the next MFRPS Co-Coordinator and making the transition as smooth as possible.

Tait, Heika – Heika Tait has worked for the FDA for 22 years, 9 of those years in the Division of Integration with the Office of Partnerships evaluating state related data.

Tart, Alan – Alan Tart is the Deputy Director of the Office of Partnerships, an office within FDA's Office of Regulatory Affairs. In this capacity, Alan provides executive-level management, programmatic, and operational leadership, direction, and guidance to advance the agency's partnerships with other federal, foreign, state, local, tribal, territorial, and association regulatory and public health partners to advance an integrated food safety system, domestic mutual.

Taylor, Jodi – Jodi Taylor is the Assistant Chief of the Food Safety Division with the Ohio Department of Agriculture. In the Assistant Chief capacity, she focuses on manufactured foods, preventive controls, sampling, and policy development. She has been with the Department since 1998.

Trubee, Justin – Justin Trubee is the Manufactured Food and Hemp Program Manager for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). He has been with the department for nine years and has over 25 years of experience in the food industry as a chef, food manufacturer, environmental protection specialist, MFRPS coordinator, and now program manager.

Watson, Scott – Scott Watson is the newest member of the DSI Team with the Office of Partnerships. Prior to coming to DSI, Scott worked as a State Liaison for the Office of Human and Animal Food Division East 5 and was a member of the Audit Staff for a brief period.

Wehrle, Joe – Joe Wehrle has over 50 years of experience leading organizations in the military, the corporate world and non-profit companies. Joe retired as a Lieutenant General in the Air Force where he held multiple command and staff positions. He has 120 combat missions in Vietnam and more than 1,800 flying hours, primarily in the F-4 and F-15E fighter aircraft. His last assignment was at the Pentagon where he served as the Air Force Assistant Vice Chief of Staff. Joe entered the corporate world with USAA where he served as President of the Property and Casualty Insurance Company which was named in 2007 as the #1 customer service company in America by Business Week. He then was chosen as the President and CEO of the National Insurance Crime Bureau...a non-profit company that works with insurers, consumers and federal, state and local law enforcement to combat and prevent insurance crime. He served there for 12 years, retiring in 2000.

Williams, Summer – Summer Williams is the RRT Program Manager with the Georgia Department of Agriculture. In addition, she coordinates food recalls, outreach efforts, and the Georgia Food Safety Task Force. Summer is a 2020 graduate of the Fellowship in Food Safety Program with the International Food Protection Training Institute (Cohort VIII). She is a Board Member of the Association of Food and Drug Officials of the Southern States (AFDOSS) and regional representative on the Board of the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO).

Wirsing, Elisabeth – Elisabeth Wirsing serves as the Senior Environmental Health Program Manager at the Vermont Department of Health. This role includes directing the Food & Lodging Program work in retail food, manufactured food, shellfish, and lodging since 2010. She completed an MPH in Epidemiology at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health and the CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellowship program. Liz is a board member and past president of the Northeast Food and Drug Officials Association (NEFDOA) and past president of the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) Board of Directors.