



### Thanh Andrews

Thanh Andrews serves as a Consumer Safety Office and Project Officer in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Human Foods Program, specifically within the Office of Domestic Partnerships, Division of Domestic Partnership Investments, a role she has held since 2016. In this capacity, she functions as the Project Officer for the Rapid Response Team managing the cooperative agreement program.

Andrews began her FDA career in 2000 as an investigator at the San Diego Resident Post, where she conducted both domestic and foreign inspections. Her career progression included serving as a compliance officer while continuing to perform foreign inspections for the Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Office of Compliance.

She subsequently worked in the Office of Generic Drugs as a special assistant to the Director. Prior to her current position, Andrews contributed to Program Alignment initiatives for the Pharmaceutical Quality Program.

Her extensive experience spans over two decades with the FDA, managing various cooperative agreement programs and a contract, encompassing inspection activities, compliance oversight, and program coordination across multiple centers and offices within the agency.

Andrews holds a bachelor's degree from San Diego State University in Nutrition and Food Science and a master's degree in human relations.

## 2025 MFRPA & RRT Joint Session Speaker List — Alphabetical by Last Name



### Nicola Areshenko

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.



### Adam Betman

Adam Betman is a Senior Analyst within FDA's Office of Integrated Food Safety System Partnerships (OIFSSP) Partnership Services Staff. Adam has 10 years of experience serving as the focal point for training offered to SLTTs. Adam also serves as the Co-Chair and HFP rep to the RLTS Steering Committee, as well as the Co-Lead of FDA's Tribal Engagement Workgroup.



### Teresa Bills

Teresa Y. Bills is currently the Branch Chief for the Human and Animal Food (HAF) Branch in the FDA HFP Office of Domestic Partnerships. The HAF branch is comprised of a group of federal acquisition professionals responsible for managing contracts and cooperative agreements/grants issued awards 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

## 2025 MFRPA & RRT Joint Session Speaker List — Alphabetical by Last Name

studies at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.



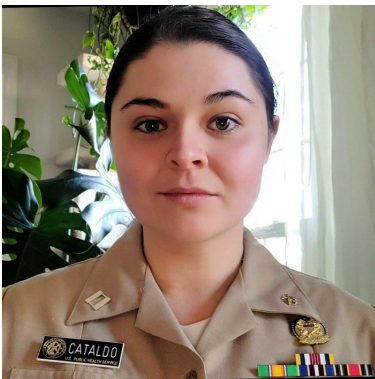
### Heather Birt

Heather Birt is the Recall Specialist in the Emergency Response Unit within MDARD's Bureau of Food Safety and Animal Health. As part of MDARD's core RRT, Heather and the other Emergency Response Unit members work with MDARD and local health inspection programs to coordinate responses to outbreaks and other food-related emergencies.



### Michelle Boyd

Michelle Boyd has served as the Assistant Bureau Chief at Iowa DIAL's Food Safety Bureau since May 2019. She leads all grant initiatives, coordinates FCS's participation in the LFFM with the State Hygienic Lab, leads the licensing team, and contributes to special projects. Her background includes public finance, consulting, and procurement. Michelle is passionate about program standards and streamlining processes for efficiency.



### Natalie Cataldo

Natalie Cataldo is an Environmental Health Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. She currently serves as a Consumer Safety Officer with the FDA's Human Foods Program, focusing on foodborne outbreak response. With over seven years of experience across federal and local agencies, her work spans epidemiology, food safety, and disaster response.

## 2025 MFRPA & RRT Joint Session Speaker List — Alphabetical by Last Name



### Brad Deacon

Brad Deacon is the Director of the Office of Legal Affairs and the Emergency Management for the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development. Brad has worked on the Rapid Response Team effort since the first year of the pilot project grant. He is also an adjunct professor at Michigan State University College of Law teaching Agriculture Law.



### CAPT Dominic Frasca

CAPT Frasca is an active duty USPHS officer, with 23 years' service- 20 of which are with FDA. His career began as a field investigator with FDA's New England District Office. He currently serves as the director of the division of emergency response, overseeing FDA's field and headquarters level emergency coordinators. CAPT Frasca holds a PhD in chemistry, and an MS in emergency management, and is a Certified Emergency Manager through IAEM.



### Daniel Gaines

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 including 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 TaskForce (FPTF) tracks and as a principal liaison between NCDA&CS FDPD and FDA.

## 2025 MFRPA & RRT Joint Session Speaker List — Alphabetical by Last Name



### Lori Holmquist

Lori is the Acting Associate Director in the Office of Food Products Inspectorate Immediate Office (FPI), bringing over 30 years of FDA ORA/OII experience spanning laboratory work, investigations, and compliance. She started as a physical science aide in the Minneapolis District Laboratory in 1990, advanced to chemist, then transferred to the Baltimore District Laboratory in 1995 before moving to the Baltimore District Investigations Branch to conduct MQSA/Drug and Device inspections. She transferred to the New England District as an investigator in 2000, progressed to supervisor in 2005, compliance officer in 2009, and director of investigations in 2012. Most recently, she served as senior advisor to the Office of Human and Animal Food Immediate Office from December 2022 before assuming her current role in October 2024. As the Acting Associate Director for FPI, she currently leads over 700 staff in the FPI, which includes the Office of Human Food Inspectorate (OHFI) and the Office of Animal Food Inspectorate (OAFI).



### Lisa Joseph

Lisa Joseph started as a CSO in Detroit District Office conducting domestic food inspections for five years, before joining the international cadre for one year. Next, Lisa served as a Supervisory Consumer Safety Officer for three years before she became the Detroit District Emergency Response Coordinator in 2014. As ERC, she worked closely with Michigan and Indiana RRTs on many outbreaks and investigations for six years, served as the Incident Commander on multiple high profile responses, and as Planning Section Chief in multiple regional-level NSSEs.

Lisa joined the Office of Partnerships as a Rapid Response Teams Technical Lead in September 2020, working with the other technical leads to improve the effectiveness of multi-jurisdictional food/feed emergency responses through facilitating capability and



## 2025 MFRPA & RRT Joint Session Speaker List — Alphabetical by Last Name

capacity development and capturing best practices from 24 funded and two voluntary RRTs. She is also actively engaged in the geographical Incident Management Team, and in many other projects related to incident response. Lisa is currently serving as the Branch Chief for the RRT and MFRPS technical leads in Branch II of the Division of Domestic Partnerships, Coordination, and Integration.



### Margaret Klug

Margaret 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.



### Erik Mettler

Erik P. Mettler, M.P.A., M.P.H. is the Assistant Commissioner for Integrated Food Safety Systems in the FDA's Human Foods Program (HFP), Office of Integrated Food Safety System Partnerships (OIFSSP). In this role, he leads a full range of HFP's activities to strengthen an integrated food safety system including the implementation of seamless partnerships and operations among federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal agencies. OIFSSP furthers the goal of promoting our public health mission through collaboration with our strategic partners in industry, consumer groups, academia, foreign regulatory authorities, and other stakeholders by encouraging, cultivating, supporting, and fostering relationships and cooperative efforts. Most recently, Mr. Mettler served as the Assistant Commissioner for Partnerships and Policy in the Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA), where he led several of ORA's cross-cutting activities, including field

## 2025 MFRPA & RRT Joint Session Speaker List — Alphabetical by Last Name

operational policy, partnerships, implementation of new laws and regulations, and overall strategic planning and prioritization.



### Angela Montalbano

Angela is the Assistant Director for the division of Food Safety and Inspection for the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. She began her career in 1990 as a food inspector with the Department. Angela is the 24/25 past president of AFDO and the 23/24 past president of the NYSAFP. Angela actively participates on national food safety and training workgroups, including PFP (Partnership for Food Protection), National Curriculum Standards development and the RLTS (Regulatory Lab Training System). Angela completed the one-year IFPTI (International Food Protection Training Institute) Fellowship in Leadership, Cohort 1 in 2010-2011.



### Brooke Mullican

Brooke Mullican serves as the Director for the FDA's Office of Training, Education & Development, where she leads initiatives to strengthen the operational readiness of FDA and public health professionals. With over 20 years of experience in human resources management, she brings expertise in workforce development, human capital strategy, and enterprise training systems. She focuses on building strategic partnerships to develop a skilled and confident public health workforce. Under her leadership, the team leverages tools like the Learning Management System (LMS) and is advancing the integration of AI and VR to enhance immersive training experiences. Her work supports impactful learning programs aligned with the FDA's mission to protect public health.



### **Daniel Osei**

Daniel Osei brings 15 years of diverse FDA experience to his current role as Division Director within the Office of Education, Training and Development. He earned his B.S. in Biology from the University of Texas at Arlington before beginning his FDA career, where he has worked across multiple programmatic areas including Human and Animal Food, Biologics, and Imports.

In his current position, he leads a team of 23 dedicated professionals who develop and deliver critical training programs for FDA's Office of Inspections and Investigations and state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) partners. His team's comprehensive training portfolio spans Manufactured Foods, Emergency Response, Produce, Retail, Milk and Shellfish, and Medical Products—ensuring inspectors and partners have the knowledge and tools needed to protect public health.

His broad programmatic background across FDA's mission areas provides valuable perspective in developing training that bridges regulatory science with real-world application, helping to strengthen the nation's food and medical product safety infrastructure through education and capacity building.



### **Allison Scott**

Allison Scott is a Supervisory Consumer Safety Officer in the Division of Import Operations within the Office of Enforcement and Import Operations at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.



## 2025 MFRPA & RRT Joint Session Speaker List — Alphabetical by Last Name



### Kyle Shannon

Kyle Shannon is the Chief of the Center for Food Emergency Response and Defense at the Maryland Department of Health. He has worked in environmental health since 2002, with expertise in food safety, zoonotic and vector-borne disease control, and public health emergency management. He is a licensed environmental health specialist in Maryland and a 2017 Fellow of the International Food Protection Training Institute.



### Alida Sorenson

Alida Sorenson is the Response and Outreach Supervisor for the Food and Feed Safety Division at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Alida has her Masters Degree in Environmental Health from the University of Minnesota. She has been involved with RRT work since 2012.



### Quynh Anh Tran

Quynh Anh H. Tran, PharmD, MPH, CPH, is a Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service and serves as the Rapid Response Teams Technical Lead.

## 2025 MFRPA & RRT Joint Session Speaker List — Alphabetical by Last Name



### Melanie Voges

Melanie C. Voges is a Consumer Safety Officer and State Liaison at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. She began her FDA career in August 2010 as a Consumer Safety Technician and advanced to her current role in November 2015 after completing the required science coursework and earning her CSO position.



### Summer Williams

Summer Williams is currently the Food Safety Division Deputy Director at the Georgia Department of Agriculture. She leads the Georgia Food Safety and Food Defense Task Force alongside overseeing the Georgia Rapid Response Team & Recalls Program. Summer is the current AFDOSS Board President and AFDOSS affiliate advisor to the AFDO Board. Prior to her work with the State of Georgia, Summer worked with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in Food Safety and Agricultural Law Enforcement for over 13 years.