

## **AEHAP Board Bios 2015-2016**

### **President- Lynn Burgess, PhD (2015-2016)**

I graduated with a B.S. degree in zoology from Utah State University in 1974 and then I served for six years as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. I returned to college at Eastern Washington University and graduated in 1989 with a master's in biology. I worked for several years in the milk processing and animal feed businesses as the production and lab manager and product quality control. I worked in environmental health in 1990 at a county health department before returning to Utah State University and graduated in 1998 with a Ph.D. in toxicology. My primarily research area was in the chemoprevention of cancer and angiogenesis.

I started work in 1999 at Dickinson State University as a biology professor. Presently, I am a professor and the Director of the Environmental Health Program. I started the program in the fall of 2003. We were accredited in June of 2010.

I have completed two, three year terms with EAHC and I'm on my third term. I'm a past President of the Board of Directors of AEHAP. I'm a member of the Society of Toxicology and NEHA. I also direct an NIH funded research program for undergraduate students and we are studying the toxicology of cadmium on gap junctional communication in kidney cells.

### **Immediate Past President-Mike Fletcher, PhD, REHS (2015-2016)**

I have both professional and academic experience in Environmental Health. From 1982 to 1994, I was an Environmental Specialist in Oklahoma, about 10 years with the Oklahoma Department of Health and about another 2 years with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. Since 1994, I have been Assistant to Full Professor of Environmental Health at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, MO. I have been Environmental Health Program Director at MSSU since 2001 to the present. From 2002 to 2006, I served AEHAP as board member, President Elect, President and Past President. From 2006 to 2012, I served EHAC as council member, site visitor and self-study reviewer. I have also assisted in judging the AEHAP Student Research Competition. My philosophy is to be inclusive and work toward consensus while seeking innovative ways to promote and advance environmental health.

### **President-Elect Jason Marion, PhD (2015-2016)**

Dr. Marion currently serves on the AEHAP board as a member-at-large. Dr. Marion is an assistant professor of environmental health science at Eastern Kentucky University. Marion graduated with B.S. and M.S. degrees in environmental science and biology from Morehead State University and later earned M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from The Ohio State University in public health emphasizing environmental health and epidemiology. Prior to ECU, Marion worked 13 years with the state of Ohio serving the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Department of Agriculture. He has had additional experience with U.S. EPA's National Risk Management Research Laboratory in Cincinnati and then later at The Ohio State University as an infectious diseases fellow. Dr. Marion is a member of NEHA and the American Public Health Association (APHA). Dr. Marion maintains an active research agenda with graduate and undergraduate students studying heavy metal exposure in Appalachian well water users as well as waterborne diseases in developing nations. Additionally, Dr. Marion has published research papers in prestigious journals such as Water Research, Environmental Science and Technology, and PLoS One. Dr. Marion currently is the PI for the Kentucky Environmental Public Health Trainingships Program sponsored by HRSA. Dr. Marion's board experience has included service as a member of the

Board of Regents at Morehead State University and as a member of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees.

**Treasurer- Tim Murphy, PhD, RS/REHS, D.A.A.S., (2014-2015, 2015-2016) 1st Term**

Is, an Associate Professor and Department Chair of the Environmental, Safety & Occupational Health Management Programs at The University of Findlay. He has more than 30 years experience in environmental, safety, & occupational health management and has managed environmental projects for governmental agencies and private sector clients. From 1981 to 1997, Dr. Murphy was employed in the public health, environmental emergency response, and environmental remediation fields. Following graduation from Ferris State University, he was employed as a registered sanitarian in Roosevelt County Montana; the following 14 years were spent in the environmental remediation and emergency response field employed as a Program Manager, Project Manager, Site Supervisor, Health and Safety Officer, and Technical Foreman.

Dr. Murphy has a detailed working knowledge of USEPA and OSHA emergency response procedures and is experienced in project start-up and management of emergency responses including regulatory compliance, incident command, initial response, chemistry of hazardous materials, and hazardous materials incident analysis and he has managed a number of Superfund cleanups. Dr. Murphy's primary interests include public health leadership and workforce development issues, sustainability issues, alternative energy, emergency preparedness and emergency response and environmental remediation project management. Dr. Murphy is performing research in the area of credentialing of environmental public health personnel and the educational competencies of the credentialed professional. In addition Dr. Murphy is a member of the EHAC board and was recently elected to a second 3-year term.

**Member at large- Jim English Jr., MScREHS (2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017) 1st Term**

Professor Jim English is Director of Environmental Health Programs in the College of Health Sciences in the School of Community and Environmental Health at Old Dominion University. He has successfully led the only accredited BSEH program in Virginia for 25 years and has directed 5 reaccreditations of its programs. He has also served as Chair of the School of Community and Environmental Health and MPH/ENVH track coordinator. The Environmental Health programs include the undergraduate (BSEH), graduate (MS/ENVH) and a Certificate in Occupational Safety. He teaches and advises students in ENVH programs. He has been at Old Dominion University since August of 1988. He also teaches in the joint EVMS/ODU MPH program as an associate professor.

Prior to coming to ODU he was the Director of Environmental Health Services and Deputy Director of Public Health for the City of Norfolk from 1982 – 1988. His degrees are in biology and environmental health. He is a member of the National Environmental Health Association, the Virginia Environmental Health Association and the Tidewater Environmental Health Association having served as President of the latter two and a State delegate to the former.

**Member at Large- Elica Moss, PhD (2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018) 1st Term**

Dr. Elica Moss, a native of York, AL is a 1998 graduate of Alabama A&M University where she graduated with a bachelors of Science degree in environmental science and a minor in chemistry. Dr. Moss then obtained her PhD in Environmental Toxicology and Environmental Microbiology from the Michigan State University.

Dr. Moss is currently employed at Alabama A&M University as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences. She is actively involved in environmental research, teaching, and outreach. Current research activities include “Identification and Enumeration of E. coli and the Impact of Climate Change and Variability to determine the Water Quality in the Flint Creek Watershed (FCW)” and “The Effects of Forest Management Practices on the Community Structure of Chemolithotrophs in the Bankhead National Forest.”

Dr. Moss is coordinator of the Environmental Health Science Program, the National Science Foundation (NSF) sponsored Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program in China, NSF’s Undergraduate Research and Mentoring Program and the BES Scholar’s program. She currently teaches Environmental Toxicology, Hazardous Waste Management, Environmental Health Science, Epidemiology, and Biology Lab. Dr. Moss also serves as advisor to the Environmental Science Club.

Her outreach activities include working with the North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence (NACEE) by mentoring high school students and collaborating with area high school teachers to teach part of their curriculum, as part of the EnvironMentors program. She also works with the National Science Foundation as a Grant Reviewer and has been employed with the College Board as a member of the Development Committee for the Advanced Placement Environmental Science Exam.

She maintains membership in various professional organizations such as The American Microbiology of Microbiology (ASM), Soil Science Society of America (SSSA), Minorities in Agricultural, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS), Alabama Environmental Education Consortium (ALEEC), Alabama Water Resources Association (AWRA), and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Dr. Moss volunteers with the Huntsville Botanical Gardens, the Boys and Girls Club, Girls, Inc., Harbor Chase Assistant Living Facility and the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life and the Madison County Drinking Water Festival, and the Passage Program-“From Girls to Women”-Union Chapel MB Church. Dr. Moss enjoys reading, shopping, and traveling, both domestically and internationally.

**Member at Large- Anne Marie Zimeri, PhD, (2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018) 1st Term**

Dr. Anne Marie Zimeri has a PhD in molecular genetics, with research experience research directed toward the genetic manipulation of small metal binding molecules important to human health, and toward eliminating the mycotoxin, Fumonisin, from the environment and the food supply. Her 8+ years of laboratory experience conducting scientific research related to human health and the environment gave her a deep understanding of the technology available to address exposure issues. Her interest in environmental exposures to toxicants led her to her current position as a faculty member in the Environmental Health Science Department at the University of Georgia, where she is the program director for the BS in Environmental Health Science degree and a primary lecturer for the program. In this position she teaches several required courses, including an introductory course and a course on solid and hazardous waste management. She developed and teaches two specialty courses (Bioremediation, Genetic Applications in Environmental Health), which address human health especially as it relates to exposure to environmental toxins. Dr. Zimeri is also interested in exposures related to agriculture and has developed a set of study abroad courses on global food security taught at the UGA-Costa Rica campus and in the surrounding area.

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**Ex Officio Member AEHAP Cooperative Agreement Principal Investigator Chuck Treser, MPH (2015-2016):**

Mr. Chuck Treser was born near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1945. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Thiel College in 1967, and served three years in the United States Army. In 1971 he began his career in environmental health as an environmental health inspector with the Allegheny County Health Department in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He obtained a MPH degree at the University of Michigan in 1976, after which he returned to Allegheny County where he developed a comprehensive training program for new environmental health employees. In 1980, he accepted a position as Lecturer in Environmental Health with the University of Washington's Department of Environmental Health to manage a continuing competency education system for environmental health personnel.

Chuck is currently a Senior Lecturer in the University of Washington's Department of Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences, teaching in both the undergraduate and graduate programs. He is an active participant in the University of Washington's Northwest Center for Public Health Practice – the organizational nexus within the School of Public Health & Community Medicine for connecting the academic pursuits of the school with the needs of the Public Health practice community. He has participated in several national efforts to improve EH workforce capacity, including being the principal investigator on a cooperative agreement between the Association of Environmental Health Academic Programs (AEHAP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to improve EH practice by promoting and strengthening environmental health academic programs. He is a Diplomate in the American Academy of Sanitarians.

**Ex-Officio Member Yalonda Sindé, AEHAP/EHAC Executive Director**

Yalonda comes to AEHAP after serving for thirteen years with the Community Coalition for Environmental Justice. She was a founding board member of the organization for three years and then served as Executive Director for ten years. Yalonda's leadership established CCEJ as one of the most

influential grassroots organizations in the Pacific Northwest. Since 1991, Ms Sindé has been a leader on issues of environmental health, children's health, environmental justice and many other social justice causes and she has convened many local, regional, and national coalition efforts to promote environmental health and justice.

Yalonda has earned a BA in Political Science and a Masters Degree in Executive Non-Profit Leadership from Seattle University.

Yalonda is a seasoned director, eloquent speaker, writer, organizational development expert, community educator and outreach specialists. She is an effective event coordinator, coordinating numerous workshops, conferences, trainings and events on a variety of issues. She has gained notoriety for her articles, speeches and leadership ability in bringing together diverse constituents.

Ms. Sindé has received numerous awards for her work including:

- Seattle Race Conference Award for Racial Justice, 2012
- The Distinguished Service Award, UW Warren G Magnuson Health Sciences Center and UW Medical Ctr., 2007
- The American Friends Service Committee Leadership Award, 2006
- Environmental Education Association of Washington President's Award 2002-2003
- The Samuel B. McKinney Award for Peace and Racial Justice, 2002
- El Centro De La Raza Leadership Award, 2002
- The Washington Health Foundation Award for Community Health Leadership, 2002
- The Bon Marche's 1998 "Follow the Leader" Award
- Seattle Post-Intelligencer Letter to the Editor of the Month Award, November 1998
- Regents Minority Scholarship recipient, 1992