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EDUCATION:

Rutgers College, Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey
Bachelor of Arts Degree 1973
Major Area: Anthropology, with major emphasis in Bacteriology

The Johns Hopkins University
School of Hygiene and Public Health
Baltimore, Maryland
Masters Degree in Public Health 1975
Major Area: Environmental Health with major emphasis in Epidemiology

Columbia University
School of Public Health
New York, New York
Special Student- Fall 1976
Major Area: Agency Administration, Public Health Administration
(including Public Health Law at Columbia Law School)

Pacific Western University
Los Angeles, California
Doctor of Philosophy 1985

Dissertation: "Identification, Disinfection, and Quality Control Intervention of *Salmonella typhimurium* in the Shrimp Industry"
Major Area: Environmental Health

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PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION:

Registered Sanitarian
National Environmental Health Association
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Florida Environmental Health Association
Certificate for Seafood HACCP Course Presented
by Seafood HACCP Alliance & the Association
of Food and Drug Officials (satisfies mandatory
training requirement [FDA] 21CFR, part 123.10)

State of New Jersey Department of Health Certified Instructor:
Foodservice Management Certification Program

State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Certificate of Training
New Jersey Shellfish Harvester Training Course

State of New Jersey Department of Health Licenses:
Health Officer
Sanitary Inspector, First Grade (not renewed)
Public Health Laboratory Technician (not renewed)

State of New Jersey Department of Education Certificate (not renewed): Part-
time Teacher of Vocational and Technical Occupations

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Diplomate, American Academy of Sanitarians
American Public Health Association
National Environmental Health Association
Association of Food and Drug Officials
Maryland Board of Environmental Health Specialists
American Association of Analytical Chemists
American Society for Microbiology
Institute of Food Technologies (IFT)

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International Association for Food Protection
Florida Association of Food Protection
Society for Hospitality and Foodservice Management
United States Animal Health Association
Infectious Diseases Society of America

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES:

International Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Expert Forum,
USMEF and NCBA, 2004, 2005

Member, Committee for Curriculum Development,
State of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Office of
Environmental Programs), 1984-1986

Consultant, Maryland Bar Association- AIDS Issues

Member, The Joint Medicolegal Committee on AIDS (The Medical and Chirurgical
Faculty of the State of Maryland and the Maryland Bar Association)

Consultant to the Assistant Surgeon General, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta,
Georgia:

Vessel Sanitation Inspection Program- January 1989

Expert Consultant, North American Meat Institute, Foodborne Illness
Investigations/Epidemiology

Member of the Board of Directors Florida Environmental Health Association

REVIEWER:

Journal of Environmental Health, National Environmental Health
Association, 1993 – 1996

American Journal of Public Health, American Public Health Association,
1994- 1996

PUBLICATIONS:

Private Label: August/September 1980
"The Role of Sanitation in Quality Control as It Impacts the Private Label
Industry"

December/January 1981
"Private Label Buyers: A Guide to Plant Inspections"

Food Management: February 1981

College Service Administration: October 1981
"A Cockroach in Your Soup: How to Best Secure Competent Pest Control
Services at Colleges"

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Occupational Health Nursing: February 1982
"Occupational Health Nursing Impacting on Environmental Sanitation"

Proceedings of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute:
May 1986
"Successfully Importing Food into the United States"

Independent Restaurant: July 1986
"Check Sanitation Practices Against the Unchecked AIDS Crisis"

Journal of Off-Premise Catering: November/December 1984
"Eat Drink & Be Wary?"

American Review of Respiratory Diseases: October 1989 issue
"Allergic Bronchopulmonary Aspergillosis from a Contaminated Dump Site"
Co-authored with V. Kurup, Ph.D., and J. Fink, M.D.

Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology: September 1993 issue
Letter to the Editor:
"Nosocomial Aspergillosis in Lymphoma Patients"

Meat Science: 2005
Review:
"The Science of Recalls"
Co-authored with D. Coto and J.D. Weidner.

Refrigerated & Frozen Foods: January 2007 issue;
"Mitigate *Listeria* risks: Precautions at the processing level can go a long way when liability comes into question"
Co-authored with D. Coto and P. McNeela.

Trends: 2009-Vol. 11, Issue 2 (final)
"Excellence in Food Safety in a Sea of Pathogens: The Challenge for Health Care Food and Nutrition Departments"

Food Safety News: April 30, 2012

"Milk: Public Health Enemy or Nature's Gift?"

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CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Member, Board of Trustees, Rutgers Community Health (Federally Qualified H.M.O.) 1977-1978

Member, Advisory Committee on Physician's Assistants, College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey 1977-1978

Sponsor Parent, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland 1987-2007

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

03/80 to Present

EHA Consulting Group, Inc.
(formerly ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATES, LTD.)
d/b/a EpiHealth Associates Baltimore, Maryland

Position: Founder and CEO (formerly: President)

Duties: Provide consultation, inspectional, epidemiological investigations/consultation and training for Presidents and Vice Presidents of Corporations and for Operating Officers of Universities, Health Care Facilities (nosocomial infections), Cruise Ship Lines, Museums, Zoos and Domestic and International Government Agencies. Provide expert testimony and investigation in legal matters and proceedings to companies, attorneys, and trade associations, as well as the Office of the Public Defender, State of Maryland. Provide epidemiological investigation for environmentally associated, and/ or infectious diseases. Provide regulatory guidance on matters enforced by local and state departments of health/agriculture as well as the USDA, CDC, FDA, CPSC including recalls, decision making and management.

09/79 to 1985

ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Baltimore County Maryland

Position: Adjunct Professor

Duties: Coordinate and teach Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Approved Certified Course in Foodservice Sanitation Management. Additionally, participate as lecturer in the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Sanitarian Training Course, Principles of Environmental Health.

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11/78 to 03/80

CITY OF BALTIMORE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

111 North Calvert Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Position: Director, Environmental Health - Bureau of Food Control

Duties: Administer, plan, and direct the Bureau's activities which include responsibility for inspection of all retail, wholesale, food processors, and warehouses in the City of Baltimore, as well as the investigation of outbreaks of food, water, and milk borne diseases.

03/76 to 11/78

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

430 Park Avenue

Scotch Plains, New Jersey

Position: Health Officer and Director of the Department of Health

Duties: Administrative and field responsibilities for a population of 23,000. Responsibilities include supervision of departmental employees, program development in personal, environmental, and health education activities, and supervision of contracts for nursing services and animal control.

09/73 to 03/76

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Consumer Health Services

1911 Princeton Avenue

Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Position: Sanitarian

Duties: Sanitary inspections of retail and wholesale food establishments, health care facilities, colleges and universities, correctional facilities, camps/ day care centers, including individual water and sewage systems. Investigation of outbreaks of food, water and milk borne disease outbreaks.

**ACADEMIC
LECTURES:**

Cook College, Rutgers University

New Brunswick, New Jersey

Environmental Health and Law

Essex Community College

Baltimore, Maryland

Environmental Epidemiology -

Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Training

Course for County Health Officials.

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HACCP Training for County Health Officials - Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Course.

East Carolina State University
Greenville, North Carolina
Environmental Health: Food borne disease Epidemiology.
1983

University of Maryland
BSN Program - School of Nursing
Baltimore, Maryland
Epidemiology of AIDS and Hepatitis B
1987 and 1988

University of Maryland
School of Social Work
Baltimore, Maryland
Epidemiology of AIDS and Hepatitis B
1989

University of Maryland
BSN Program - School of Nursing
Baltimore, Maryland
Epidemiology
of AIDS
Fall of 1990

The State of Israel
Ministry of Health
The Chaim Sheba Medical Center
(affiliated to The Tel Aviv University)
Sackler School of Medicine

Department of Clinical Epidemiology
Tel-Hashomer, Israel
The Epidemiology of AIDS in the United States and Its Impact on the
Blood Supply
Spring of 1992

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Towson State University
Mental Health and Stress Management Course
Baltimore, Maryland
Peer Pressure, Sensitivity and Relations
Fall, 1996; Spring, 1997

University of Maryland at Baltimore
School of Law
Baltimore, Maryland
Guest Lecturer
Food and Drug Law Seminar
1997-2000

American Meat Institute (AMI)
AMI Will Hold Epidemiology Meeting to Help Companies Prepare
For Investigations
Member of Teaching Team
November, 2001

University of Maryland School of Public Health
College Park, Maryland Dean's Symposium
May, 2010

Inter-American Review Law Symposium University of Miami
School of Law
Miami, Florida
Food Safety Modernization Act: The Future of Food Litigation
February, 2015

AHF NY
New York, New York
Keeping Pathogens off the Menu
February, 2016

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INVITED ADDRESSES:

2000 – Present

Third International Conference on Molluscan Shellfish Safety
Long Island University-Southampton College, New York,
NY, USA "*Vibrio vulnificus*: Public problem or individual
Responsibility?" Keynote Lecture
June 20, 2000

American Meat Institute Washington, DC "Basic Epidemiology"
August 16, 2001

American Meat Institute - Atlanta, GA "The Anatomy of an
Investigation"
January 14, 2002

FSIS, USDA Public Meeting- Decatur, GA
"Applied Epidemiology and Other Vital Public Health Tools to
Inform Food Safety Actions" Outbreak Panelist
January 29, 2002

NFPA Special Situations Committee- Washington, DC
"How the Government Reaches Epidemiological Conclusions"
March 12, 2002

National Turkey Federation- Washington, DC "The
Epidemiology of *Listeria monocytogenes*"
December 11, 2002

Food Safety Summit 2003- Washington, DC, USA "Crisis
Management Boot Camp"
March 18, 2003

Community Associations Institute, Chesapeake Region Chapter-
Baltimore, MD
"Mold ... The Newest Community Hazard?" June 11, 2003

National Turkey Federation- Savannah, GA "Recall
Management Workshop"
February 9, 2004

People's Republic of China - Beijing, China
"BSE and CJD: The U.S. Public Health Surveillance and
Approach to Human Disease Prevention" January, 2005

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Republic of Korea - Seoul, South Korea
"BSE and CJD: The U.S. Public Health Surveillance and
Approach to Human Disease Prevention"
January, 2005

Japan- Tokyo, Japan
"BSE and CJD: The U.S. Public Health Surveillance and
Approach to Human Disease Prevention"
April, 2005

Republic of China - Taipei, Taiwan
"BSE and CJD: The U.S. Public Health Surveillance and
Approach to Human Disease Prevention"
June, 2005

National Turkey Federation- Washington, DC "Prevalence and
Surveillance of *Salmonella* in Poultry"
July 11, 2005

National Meat Association - Victoria, BC, Canada
Annual Summer Conference
"An Overview of BSE Screening and Confirmatory Tests"
August 18, 2005

U.S. Animal Health Association Committee on Salmonella-
Hershey, PA "Salmonella Performance Standards for Poultry:
An Epidemiological Perspective"
November 8, 2005

International Livestock Congress-Houston, TX
"One World, No Barriers, Infinite Possibilities for Global Health"
March 1, 2006-Keynote Address

Illinois Environmental Health Association (IEHA) Annual
Education Conference-Peoria, IL
"Public Health's Role in an Outbreak Investigation"
October 25, 2007-Keynote Address

Food Safety Summit 2008 - Washington, DC, USA
"Cold Chain Management and Food Safety HACCP Principle# 4:
Monitor and Record each CCP"
March 18, 2008

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Food Safety Summit 2008- Washington, DC, USA
"Your Food Safety Program: Integrating HACCP Principle #6 for Cold Chain Management"
March 19, 2008

Annual Conference - Columbus, OH International Association for Food Protection
"Recommendations and Questions of Clean Up and Liability of Norovirus a.k.a. Yack and Puke: On the Sea, in Casino Hotels, Health Care Facilities and in the Community"
August 4, 2008

Florida Association of Food Protection
Annual Education Conference
Miami Beach, Florida
"Food Safety - Everyone's Business Who's Responsibility?"
May 5, 2010

American Conference Institute's (ACI)
Food-Borne Illness Litigation Conference
Advanced Strategies for Tackling the Underlying Science and Defending Against Complex Food Contamination Claims
"Detecting the Source of Food Contamination to Build Your Case"
October 27, 2010

Annual Conference - Milwaukee, WI International Association for Food Protection "Parasites and Foodborne Illness"
August 2, 2011

Florida Environmental Health Association Annual Educational Conference;
Lecture "Food Safety and Infectious Diseases" Cape Canaveral, Florida, July 24, 2018

Florida Environmental Health Association Gold Coast District Meeting,
Guest Speaker "Case Review of Unusual Pathogens", West Palm Beach, Florida; December 14, 2018

NATIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL MEDIA APPEARANCES:

ABC Morning News
HIV 1 & 2 Testing As Well As P24 Antigen Testing For The Nation's Blood Supply, November, 1991

Global Vision, Toronto, Canada
Health Effects of Composting As It Relates To Allergic and Immuno Compromised Populations, October, 1992

NPR Interview, BSE
Issues March, 2006
Fox National News,
Food Safety in Light
of Japanese Reactor
Failures

March, 2011
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Fox News Radio, Food Safety from the Microbiological Perspective
June, 2013

CCTV, Global Food Regulation, July, 2013

YouTube, EHA Allergens Staff Training Webinar, May, 2014

INVITED TESTIMONY: New York City Council
Health effects of composting as it relates to allergic and immuno-
compromised populations.
June, 1992

U.S. House of Representatives
Health effects of composting as it relates to allergic and immuno-
compromised populations.
October, 1992

INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS:

Bermuda
China (People's Republic)-Beijing and Hong Kong
France
Germany
Israel Italy
Japan
South Korea (Republic of Korea)
Spain
Taiwan (Republic of China)
Thailand
United Kingdom (England and Scotland)
Vietnam

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