



**CDC Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute  
Graduation Ceremony  
Class of 2008–2009**

**Roybal Campus, Tom Harkin Global Communications Center  
Auditorium B3**

**February 24, 2009  
8:45 am–3:55 pm**



**Agenda at a Glance**

8:45 am–9:20 am	Welcome <i>Dr. Sharunda Buchanan, Director, NCEH Division of Emergency and Environmental Health Services, and CAPT John Sarisky, EPHLI Program Manager</i>
	Keynote Address <i>Dr. Lisa Conti, Director, Division of Environmental Health, Florida Department of Health, and Graduate, EPHLI Class of 2005–2006</i>
9:20 am–10:20 am	Graduate Oral Presentations, Session 1 (listed on page 2)
10:20 am–10:35 am	Break/Graduate Poster Presentations (listed on page 2)
10:35 am–11:30 am	Graduate Poster Presentations Continue
11:30 am–1:20 pm	Working Lunch (Graduate Poster Presentations Continue)
1:20 pm–2:15 pm	Graduate Oral Presentations, Session 2 (listed on page 2)
2:15 pm–2:30 pm	Graduation Ceremony: Welcome Remarks <i>Kate Wright and Cynthia Lamberth, EPHLI Co-Directors</i>
2:30 pm–3:40 pm	Certificate and Pin Ceremony for Graduates
3:40 pm–3:55 pm	Closing Remarks

## Graduate Oral Presentations, Class of 2008–2009

### Morning (Session 1)

**Rabies Investigations: Are We Chasing Our Tail?**—Robyn Atkinson, PhD

**Integrating Environmental Health Indicators into the Austin Climate Protection Program**—Adele Houghton, AIA, LEED AP

**Evaluating Quality: Demonstrating the Need for a Formal Quality Assurance Program in Environmental Health**—Christopher Smith, MPA, RS

### Afternoon (Session 2)

**A Systematic Approach to Tackling Blight in Small-town America**—Mary Helen Smith, MPH, CPH, RS, REHS

**Evolving the Mindset: Public Health Data Management at the Local Level**—Lisa Swanson, BA

**The Last Illegal Supper: Reducing the Number of Illegal Mobile Food Vendors?**—Diana Wilson, REHS

### Poster Presentations, Class of 2008–2009

**Implementing the Use of Recent Digital Pen & Paper Technology at the New Mexico Department of Health – Scientific Laboratory Division**—Phillip Adams, PhD

**Improving Performance Evaluation Process by Establishing Environmental Health Workforce Standards**—Melody Bowyer, MBA, REHS

**Training for Local Public Health Agency Environmental Staff in Missouri**—Kristi Campbell, BS

**Why Are We Not Building Upon the City’s Mold Regulation to Further Protect the Citizens in Philadelphia, Especially Those in Rental Properties?**—Raymond Delaney, MBA

**Improving Mosquito Control Through Partnership Agreements That Create a More Effective Integrated Pest Management System**—Edward Galligan, MS, MA, RS

**Improving Land Use and Planning Decisions in Nassau County, Florida**—Michael Godwin, BS

**Assessing and Promoting Environmental Health Emergency Preparedness in Minnesota**—Brian Golob, MS, CHMM, REHS

**Improving Diagnosis of Respiratory Ailments in Patients Due to Air Quality Issues**—Russell Hadan, MA

**Professional vs. Technician: Credentialing Requirements for Environmental Public Health Staff in Alabama**—Timothy Hatch, MPA, REHS

**Protecting the Food Supply at High Profile Events**—Peggy Keller, MPH

**Our Facility: Solving Enforcement Problems for Small Wastewater Systems**—Bill Kropf, RPES

**Increasing Citizen Emergency Preparedness: A Multi-Disciplinary, Multi-Jurisdictional Approach**—Ami McLandsborough, BS, CSP and John Dunham, MS, RS

**Developing and Implementing a Chemical Management (CMS) in Cuyahoga County Schools**—John McLeod, MPH, RS

## **Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute Graduation Agenda, *continued***

**Development of a Systematic Operations and Maintenance Program for On-Site Septic Systems in Rural County, Washington State**—Jeff Nelson, RS

**Strengthening the Capacity of Rural Alaska Native Communities to Manage Environmental Health Concerns**—Mary O’Connor, MS, REHS

**Achieving a Sustainable Food Program in South Suburban Cook County**—LaTrice Porter-Thomas, MPH, LEHP

**Developing and Implementing a Coordinated Environmental Health Services Delivery System in New Hampshire**—Richard Rumba, MPH

**Screening Recently Pregnant Women for Toxin Exposures**—Thomas Schlenker, MD, MPH

**Public Drinking Water: Building Consumer Confidence through Education**—Edwin Sims, PE

**New Approaches to Reducing *Vibrio Parahaemolyticus* Infections from Shellfish Consumption**—Keith Skiles, MPH

**Reassessing State of Montana Policy for Regulation of Food Establishments**—Janet Stetzer, RS

**A State Approach to Individual Well Water Supply: Why Are Individual Well Water Supplies in Georgia Not Safe**—Scott Ulich, MCP

**Enhancing Public Support of a Regional Source Water Monitoring Governance Structure in the Lake Huron to Lake Erie Corridor**—Gary White, MS, RS

**A Case Study: The Downgrading of the Environmental Health Workforce in El Paso, Texas**—William Wolff, MPH, MPA

**Septic Systems Failure: Definitions, Practices and Public Health Protection**—Max Zarate-Bermudez, MS, MPH, PhD

**Integration of a Pilot Program to Increase Environmental Sanitation Inspection Reliability And Efficacy**—Tyler Zerwekh, DrPH

### **More Information About EPHLI**

EPHLI is a 1-year program of seminars and workshops, special projects, and individual study. Each year, up to 30 practicing environmental public health professionals are admitted to the program.

Applications for new cohorts are accepted each fall. Watch for details at

<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/ephli>.

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