

CURRICULUM VITAE



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LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

- Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation VM 4955
- USDA Veterinary Accreditation March 17, 1989
- Board Certification: American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine July 11, 1994
- Certified Environmental Health Professional, DOH March 2004
- Certified Public Manager, Florida State University June 2005

EDUCATION

Jan '91-Dec '93 Master of Public Health University of South Florida
Health Care Administration

Aug '84-Jun '88 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine University of Florida

Externships:

Mar '88-Apr '88 Preceptorship, Miami Metrozoo. Dr. Scott Citino, Advisor.
Responsible for assistance with medical treatment of mammals, birds and reptiles.

Mar '87-May '87 Elective in Epidemiology, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, Tallahassee, cosponsored by CDC. Drs. Michael Wilder and William Bigler, Advisors. Prepared final report including descriptive epidemiology and recommendations for psittacosis control in Florida.

Aug '81-Jun '84 Bachelor of Science University of Miami, Florida
Major study: Chemistry Minor studies: Biology and Math
Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi

EMPLOYMENT

Mar '03- Nov '11 Director, Division of Environmental Health
Department of Health, Tallahassee, Florida

Provide leadership and liaison with professional, official and voluntary health and environmental organizations involved in the protection of public health from diseases mediated through environmental processes. Work with such groups to

develop services through the office of the Division Director of Environmental Health. Direct the overall statewide activities and programs of Division to ensure quality services to decrease or eliminate the occurrence of preventable diseases; to maintain surveillance, investigation and education of diseases of environmental origin. Provide professional supervision, consultation and/or technical assistance to Department of Health county health departments, interdepartmental units, public and private voluntary agencies, as well as national and state agencies to ensure the integration of environmental health program goals. Supervise, coordinate and evaluate activities of the office of the Division Director of Environmental Health to encourage peak performance and maximum utilization of resources of 217 positions and \$28 million budget. Provide statewide programs in order to detect and/or prevent disease or injury. Represent the State Surgeon General at local, state, regional and national meetings as directed to ensure Florida's responsiveness to environmental health protections. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts. Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.

Apr '03 – Present Associate Professor, Pathobiology

College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida

Prepare and provide lectures on public health, One Health, and Leadership to veterinary and DVM/MPH students.

Jan '98 – Feb '03 State Public Health Veterinarian

Department of Health, Tallahassee, Florida

Planned, initiated, and conducted epidemiologic research to assess the prevalence and distribution of zoonotic and other infectious diseases in Florida. Provided technical veterinary epidemiologic and veterinary public health expertise for the State Health Office; provided consultation to the county health department staff (including epidemiology and environmental health staff) on management of individual cases involving animals and persons infected with or exposed to zoonotic diseases; developed departmental policy for the prevention of human cases of zoonotic disease and human injury from animals; participated in the legislation, rules, and interagency agreements to support prevention of vector-borne disease problems, and with the state and national veterinary and veterinary public health societies.

**Nov '89-- Jan '98 HIV/AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM
ADMINISTRATOR/ACTING STATE PUBLIC HEALTH
VETERINARIAN**

Department of Health, Tallahassee, Florida

Promoted three times during this time span to ultimately manage statewide HIV/AIDS surveillance and registry, provide direction, monitoring and evaluation of, and was responsible for, active surveillance activities, including the development of federal grant proposals, reporting directly to the Chief of the Bureau of HIV/AIDS. Worked directly with district and county health department

personnel to implement and assist in activities related to program goals and objectives, including initiation of statewide HIV reporting. Supervised 11 headquarters staff and 37 field staff. Provided epidemiologic analysis of AIDS and TB data from surveillance activities and special epidemiology studies, and presented the results in written and oral formats. Directed ten federally funded initiatives: National Death Index Project (NDI), Supplement to HIV and AIDS Surveillance (SHAS), Modes of Transmission Validation (MTV), Maternal Risk Validation (MRV), Evaluation of AIDS cases with TB, Evaluation of TB cases with AIDS, Completeness of Adequate TB Therapy (CAT), *Mycobacterium avium* complex in Children (MAC), AIDS/Cancer Registry Match, and AIDS/TB Registry Match. Provided consultation for zoonotic disease questions and represented Florida as the State Public Health Veterinarian.

Aug '88 – Present RELIEF VETERINARIAN

Approximately 20 hours each month (Saturdays) are devoted to clinical medicine by substituting for veterinarians in Tallahassee.

Aug '88-Nov '89 VETERINARIAN EPIDEMIOLOGIST

Provided consultative and analytical services to Florida Health officers and the private medical community relative to communicable disease such as hepatitis A, rabies, psittacosis and Lyme disease. Investigated outbreaks of communicable diseases. Supervised veterinary activities within the communicable disease epidemiology program, and monitored such activities in the HRS county public health units.

COLLEGE COURSES PRESENTED

Epidemiology Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida
Dr. Mary Sullivan (850) 488-0055

Provided planning, lectures, and evaluation of students for the Epidemiology course within the Masters Program for Health Educators. Jan '97-May '97

Human Anatomy and Physiology Tallahassee Community College, Tallahassee, Florida
Dr. Linda Smith (850) 922-8152

Provided Human Anatomy and Physiology instruction for a 5-credit class taught over several nights each week, mainly to pre-nursing and pre-medical students. Responsible for preparation and delivery of class syllabus, lectures, tests, and grading. Jan '95-Dec '95 and Aug '92-Aug '93

RECOGNITION

CFA Culling Memorial Award: 2011

Outstanding Woman of the Year in Public Health: 2010

American Veterinary Medical Association Public Service Award: 2010

American Veterinary Epidemiological Society: 2010

National Environmental Health Association Environmental Public Health

Emerging Leader: 2004

University of Florida Alumni Achievement Award: 2003

Florida Veterinary Medical Association, Gold Star Award: 1993

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND COUNCILS

Leadership Council, National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures: 2010

Florida One Health Newsletter Editorial Board: 2007-Present

State Environmental Health Directors/ASTHO – founding member, Chair 2006-2009

University of Florida, College of Public Health and Health Professions External Advisory Committee: 2006-Present

Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute (CDC) Fellow: 2006 and Mentor: 2007-2008

American Veterinary Medical Association, Council on Public Relations: 1997 - 2003

American Public Health Association, Environmental Public Health Coalition: 2009-Present

National Environmental Health Association: 2003-Present

Florida Environmental Health Association: 2003-Present

National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians Rabies Compendium Committee: 2003-Present

Florida Veterinary Medical Association – One Health Committee Chair: 1988-Present

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Take Stock in Children Mentor: 2004-2009

Literacy Volunteers of America trained

St. Frances Wildlife Association

Tallahassee Museum of Natural History and Science

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Address, National Society of Histotechnology CFA Culling Memorial Lecture: September 18, 2011

Keynote Address, One Border One Health Symposium: June 23, 2011

Keynote Address, American Association of Veterinary Laboratory

Diagnosticians/United States Animal Health Association: November 15, 2010

Qatar International Medical Exhibition and Congress “The Intersection Between Human and Animal Health: Zoonotic Diseases”: December 16, 2009

Keynote Address, CDC Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute Graduation Ceremony: February 24, 2009

Central Veterinary Symposium One Medicine One Health: August 25, 2008

Other presentations:

- Leadership
- One Health
- Health and the Built Environment
- The Future of Environmental Health
- Essentials of Radiation in Public Health

- Contaminated Sites and Health Assessments
- Environmental Health Response to Four Hurricanes
- Year Two of West Nile Virus in Florida
- Climate and Vector-borne Diseases
- Florida Tick-borne Diseases
- Arboviruses in Florida
- Bioterrorism Response: The Veterinarian's Role
- Zoonotic Helminths
- Surveillance for Epidemiologic Purposes
- HIV Infection Reporting in Florida
- Should Feral Cat Colonies be Managed?
- AIDS and TB in Florida
- AIDS 401
- Coyote Rabies in Florida
- Zoonotic Diseases, What that Immunocompromised Should Know
- Principles of Immunology
- AIDS in Rural Florida
- Substance Abuse Among Persons with AIDS in Florida
- Reasons for HIV Testing Among Persons with AIDS
- Epidemiologic Trends of Heterosexual Transmission of AIDS in Florida
- Risks and Benefits of Companion Animals for Persons with HIV Infection
- The Epidemiology of AIDS in Women, Florida
- Survival Trends Among Persons with AIDS in Florida
- Animal Control Certification, Rabies Course
- AIDS in the Workplace
- Epidemiology of Rabies in Florida
- An Outbreak of Hepatitis A in Okeechobee County, Florida
- Florida Lyme Disease
- Veterinary Public Health in Florida

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Rabinowitz. PM and Conti LA Eds: *Human-Animal Medicine: Clinical Approaches to Zoonoses, Toxicants and Other Shared Health Risks*. Elsevier Publisher, 2010.

Andersen, Elena and Erin DeFries Bouldin Eds. *Public Health Foundations: Concepts and Practices*. John Wiley & Sons, 2010. Environmental Health Chapter (Lisa Conti, et al)

ARTICLES

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Liberti T, Conti LA, Lieb S, et al. Assessment of the impact of a major confidentiality breach, Florida. *Int Conf AIDS* 1998; 12: 928 (abstract no. 43421).

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Greene VA, Chu SY, Diaz, T, Schable B and the SHAS Project Group. Oral health problems and use of dental services among HIV-infected adults. *J Am Dent Assoc* 1997 Oct; 128(10):1417-22.

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