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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Botany/Plant Physiology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, 1984 M.S., Biology/Biological Sciences, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, 1980 B.S., Zoology/Animal Biology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, 1977

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013-present	Director, Marine Science Institute, The University of Texas at Austin, Port
	Aransas, Texas.
2013-present	Chair and Professor, Department of Marine Science, The University of Texas at
	Austin, Port Aransas, Texas.
2007-2013	Director, FDA Gulf Coast Seafood Laboratory and Division of Seafood Science
	and Technology.
2009-2010	Deputy Senior Science Advisor (Acting), Office of the Center Director, FDA
	Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.
2000-2006	Supervisor, FDA Chemical Hazards Research Unit.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

## Organizing (Select)

2013	Executive organizing committee for the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill and Ecosystems
	Science Conference, New Orleans, LA

2013 International Scientific Committee for the Fifth Joint Symposium and AOAC Presidential Task Force on Marine and Freshwater Toxins Analysis, European Reference Laboratory, University of Vigo, Baiona-Vigo, Spain

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- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC/UNESCO) Task Force on Marine Biotoxins, Chemistry, Toxicology and Methods
- Organizing Committee, Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Principal Investigator Workshop, Ocean Science and Technology Interagency Policy Committee, St. Petersburg, FL
- 2010 Principal author of FDA response plan & protocol for seafood safety following the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill; corresponding author and spokesman for interagency, Gulf State and Congressional communications; FDA spokesman for seafood safety risk analysis and results; science advisor to FDA Commissioner and U.S. Surgeon General Office, 2010–2013
- Agency delegate to the Ocean Science and Technology Interagency Policy Committee (NSTC, National Ocean Council), 2007-13
- Development oversight of CFSAN Research Strategic and Operational Plan; corresponding author to the General Accounting Office on 2007 National Academy of Sciences/Institute of Medicine Report of the Subcommittee on Science and Technology "FDA Science Mission at Risk", 2009-2010
- Special projects lead for the FDA response to national concerns for the safety of seafood in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; coordinated state and federal partners to assess seafood safety in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, 2005-06
- FDA delegate to the expert panel for the Joint FAO/IOC/WHO Expert Consultation on Biotoxins in Molluscan Bivalves. The National Veterinary Institute, Oslo, Norway, 2004
- FDA delegate to the expert panel and co-author for the National Plan for Algal Toxins and Harmful Algal Blooms, Charleston, SC, 2004.

## Speaking and Panels (Select)

- 2013 Speaker/Panelist, Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill and Ecosystem Science Conference, New Orleans, LA
- Speaker/Panelist, Deepwater Horizon Second Year Report Card Symposium, Nicholls State University, Thibodeaux, LA
- Speaker, Dispersant Workshop for VA/MD Eastern Shore, Marine Science Consortium, Wallops Island, MD/VA
- 2011 Speaker/Panelist, Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Principal Investigator One Year Update Workshop, sponsored by the NSTC Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology, St. Petersburg, FL
- 2011 Speaker, Society for Risk Analysis, Charleston, SC
- Speaker, Society on Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Pensacola, FL;
- 2011 Keynote Speaker, Sixth Symposium on Harmful Algal in the U.S., The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
- 2011 Panelist/Author, Workshop on the future of dispersant use in spill response, NOAA Coastal Response Research Center, Mobile, AL
- Speaker, Saskatoon International Workshop on Validation and Regulatory Analysis, Calgary, Canada
- 2008 Speaker/Panelist, International Conference on Ciguatera and Related Biotoxins, Noumea, New Caledonia

Speaker, Panelist, NOAA & Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Conference on *Karenia brevis* Red Tides, Future Research Directions, Sarasota, FL

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- Dickey, R.W. 2008. Ciguatera Toxins: Chemistry, Toxicology and Detection. In: Seafood and Freshwater Toxins: Pharmacology, Physiology, and Detection, Luis M. Botana, Ed. CRC Press Taylor and Francis, Second Edition, pp. 479-500.
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