

## NEHA NEWS

**NEHA Staff Profiles**

As part of tradition, the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) features new staff members in the *Journal* around the time of their 1-year anniversary. These profiles give you an opportunity to get to know the NEHA staff better and to learn more about the great programs and activities going on in your association. This month we are pleased to introduce you to two NEHA staff members. Contact information for all NEHA staff can be found on pages 38 and 39.

**Steven Dourdis**

Hello to all NEHA members and thank you so much for all that you do for the environmental health profession. I started at NEHA in January 2021 as the human resources business partner. I have found that the best job motivation is commitment to an organization's mission, goals, and impact. When I saw the opportunity to work at NEHA, I knew it was a place

that I wanted to learn and contribute whatever I could to advance the cause of environmental health and the vision of NEHA. I would like to build a human resources department that can not only provide comprehensive and seamless support to our staff, board, and members but also strengthen the core of the organization so we can deliver for and optimally serve the environmental health community.

I attended Temple University where I received my bachelor of arts in psychology and did my master's training in industrial and organizational psychology at Montclair State University, specializing in leadership development. I recently relocated from the New York area where I started my career as a family liaison with AmeriCorps supporting low-income families in finding work and having access to healthy foods, as well as promoting educational equity and awareness in the surrounding community. I then took a position as a human resource specialist at a quasigovernment organization called the Metropolitan Transportation Authority for nearly four years where I was responsible for talent acquisition and organizational development.

I am huge sports fan and love to support my favorite teams: Liverpool FC, Florida Gators, Penn State University, and every Philadelphia franchise. My life's passion is without question soccer. My first memory—or what I believe is my first memory—is me playing on the soccer field with my dad. I am one of the hooligans who wake up at 5:30 a.m. every Saturday morning to watch the English Premier League, donning my Liverpool apparel and trying my best

to avoid waking the neighbors. My family is the most important thing to me and we have always espoused the Liverpool motto, "You'll Never Walk Alone." I say this motto to myself during especially trying times as a reminder to keep pushing and never give up. One of my goals, therefore, is to incorporate this sentiment into my role at NEHA as I feel it strongly aligns with our One NEHA focus, strategy, and approach.

I look forward to supporting NEHA in a myriad of ways to advance its mission and progress. I cannot emphasize enough the privilege it is to work alongside incredibly talented colleagues whose passion and expertise drive an organization that makes such a tremendously positive impact on both the environmental health community and the general population.

**Anna Floyd**

I joined NEHA as an instructional designer within the NEHA Entrepreneurial Zone (EZ) in January 2021. I've always been passionate about working on projects that support personal and public health, and I'm delighted to have found myself with NEHA. I work primarily on food safety projects, collaborating with subject matter experts and the creative

EZ team to put together online, asynchronous courses. I love the creative synergy of the department and enjoy collaborating to build food safety content into creative, innovative courses. I love working with people who are enthusiastic about their work, bringing humor to the table and taking pride in developing something exceptional. I have been delighted to find such a community at NEHA!

I got my bachelor of art degree in psychology in 2003 from the University of Maryland and my doctoral degree in health psychology from Stony Brook University in New York in 2009. After that, I moved to Colorado for a postdoc at a health communication firm and have been doing health-related work ever since.

Before working at NEHA, I developed online courses for Engineers Without Borders USA and Regis University. I've covered topics including water quality, cultural awareness, psychology, risk perceptions, and many others. I've also spent some time working as a university professor, did a short stint as a nondenominational hospital chaplain, and used to have a small business doing program evaluation for health and public health nonprofits.

When I'm not working, I love trail running, playing music (I've dabbled with the piano, cello, and viola) with a group of friends, and snuggling with our family dog. 🐾

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