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Claudia Thompson, PhD - Branch Chief; Population Health Branch, NIEHS

Dr. Thompson is the branch chief for the Susceptibility and Population Health Branch (SPHB). She joined the Division of Extramural Research and Training in 1994 as a program administrator for the Superfund Research Program (SRP) and was also responsible for building the grant portfolio in the scientific areas of biomarker (exposure, effect, and susceptibility) development, metabolic toxicology, chemical mixtures research and molecular mechanisms of metal toxicity and carcinogenicity.



Kristi Pettibone, PhD - Health Scientist Administrator, NIEHS

Dr. Pettibone has almost 20 years' experience managing, directing, and guiding public health policy research and evaluation projects. She holds a PhD in Policy Sciences (health policy concentration) from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Prior to joining NIEHS, she served as director of the MayaTech Corporation's Center for Community Prevention and Treatment Research.



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James Williams - Lead Grants Management Officer, NIEHS

James joined NIEHS in the Division of Extramural Research and Training (DERT) as a grants management officer in September 2008. He manages a portfolio that encompasses most of the funding mechanisms for the institute. Prior to working at NIEHS, he spent 10 years with the Department of Justice/Office of Justice Programs where he was a grants manager within the Office of Science and Technology. James holds a MSW from East Carolina University and a BS from Mount Olive College. In addition to working at NIEHS, James is currently a Major with the United States Army Reserve.



Clark Phillips - Grants Management Officer, NIEHS

Clark joined NIEHS, Division of Extramural Research and Training, as a grants management specialist in November 2019. Prior to joining NIEHS he spent 5 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) where he was a Grants Specialist with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC-BC) Business Center.

Clark graduated from Miami University, with a B.A. in Psychology and received his M.B.A. from Webster University. Clark is a retired Marine Corps Logistics Officer who served for over 20 years.



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Cornelis "Kees" Elferink, PhD - Co-Director, GC-CPEH

Dr. Elferink is the Co-Director of the GC-CPEH at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB at Galveston) where he is a Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. Dr. Elferink's research program has been continuously funded since 1996 and centers on the role of the aryl hydrocarbon receptor in gene x environment interactions. He was also the PI and Director on a NIEHS U19 consortium study examining the human health impact of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. He has trained PhD and MD-PhD students and mentored post-doctoral fellows and early-career faculty and has served on several NIH study sections.



Leroy Worth Jr, PhD - Scientific Review Officer, NIEHS

Dr. Worth has worked at the NIH/NIEHS since 1994, starting out as a Staff Scientist. He currently holds the position of Scientific Review Officer where he does the initial scientific and technical merit review of grant applications and contract proposals submitted to the NIH. Dr. Worth holds a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Maryland College Park. He completed his Postdoctoral Studies in Biochemistry at Duke University School of Medicine.



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Liam O'Fallon - Health Specialist, NIEHS

Since joining the Division of Extramural Research and Training in 1999, Liam has been actively involved in research programs at NIEHS that involve community participation. He coordinates the Community Engagement Program comprised of over 20 Community Engagement Cores across the country. He also is a member of the HHS Environmental Justice working group. He received his master's degree in Latin American studies, specializing in medical anthropology and international health, from Tulane University in 1997.