



# 2024 HEALTH OFFICER CONFERENCE

## Speaker Bios

### **Bailee Ahee**

Bailee Ahee is the Surveillance Epidemiology Program Manager at the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, where she manages infectious disease surveillance across categories including foodborne, waterborne, vectorborne, respiratory, and vaccine preventable diseases. With a Master of Science in Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology from Texas A&M University, Bailee specializes in zoonotic diseases, bringing a focused One Health perspective to her role in public health.

### **Lou Barinelli, Ph.D.**

Mr. Barinelli holds a BS degree in chemistry from Boston College and MS, Ph.D. degrees in chemistry from the University of Oklahoma. He has over 36 years of experience in environmental laboratory operations, 26 of which have been at the State of New Hampshire.

### **Melissa Barnett**

Ms. Barnett serves as the Radiochemistry Laboratory Supervisor at NH PHL. She holds her degree in Biological Sciences and has 25 years of laboratory experience, including 10 years in radiation science. Melissa is a trained radiation safety officer and oversees environmental surveillance, food testing and emergency response activities.

### **Chris Benton**

Chris Benton is currently the Virology Program Chief at NH PHL and has been working in the lab since 2015

### **Stephanie Clark**

Ms. Clark has been the supervisor of the Food Safety Microbiology/Rabies unit for four years and has twelve years of laboratory experience.

### **Ann Dunn**

Ms. Dunn has been a laboratory scientist in the Food Safety Microbiology/Rabies unit for over three years. She is currently earning her MPH from SNHU.

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## Dr. Fengxiang Gao

Dr. Gao is the director of the NH PHL and has worked at the PHL since 2006. Previously, Dr. Gao worked on viral hepatitis and influenza surveillance research at the CDC for eleven years.

## Dr. Madhumita Chatterjee

Dr. Madhumita Chatterjee has served at the NH PHL for the past 21+ years and has been the Chemistry Program Manager and the Principal investigator of the BiomonitoringNH Program for the last 2 and a half years. She has been involved in various environmental health projects at the NH PHL, generating public health biomonitoring data with the goal of better understanding and responding to human exposures to environmental chemicals. Madhu holds a PhD in Chemistry, with Post Doctoral research at Ohio State University.

## Melissa Josefiak

Melissa Josefiak has served at the NH PHL for the past 13 years and holds a Master of Public Health degree from the University of New Hampshire. For the last 8 years, she has been designing and implementing biomonitoring investigations to benefit New Hampshire residents with emphasis on uranium, arsenic, and PFAS exposure. Melissa was promoted to the administrator of the New Hampshire Biomonitoring Program in January of 2023.

