

## Food Ingredient and Health Research Institute (FIHRI) Board of Directors

Steven G. Gilbert, President



Steven G. Gilbert, PhD, DABT is Director and Founder of the Institute of Neurotoxicology and Neurological Disorders (INND), Seattle, Washington. INND is a non-profit (501 (c) 3) institute dedicated to research and education in the field of toxicology. Dr. Gilbert consults and lectures on issues related to toxicology, drug development and bioethics. He is particularly interested in making toxicology and biomedical research accessible to the public and policy makers.

Renee J. Dufault, Founding Director

Dr. Renee J. Dufault is the founding director of FIHRI. After investigating the levels of mercury in high fructose corn syrup at the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), she spearheaded the publication of findings through collaboration with other researchers after her early retirement from the FDA at the end of 2007. In 2010, she founded FIHRI with collaborators while working as a special education teacher in Hawai'i. She is now known worldwide as a leader in the field of nutritional epigenetics, which is the study of how dietary factors impact gene behavior across generations. She is interested in preventing and mitigating symptoms of autism and ADHD via dietary changes.



Amanda Hitt, JD, Treasurer



Ms. Hitt graduated cum laude from the University of Baltimore School of Law with a concentration in Government and Public Service. After law school, Ms. Hitt received her MPH from the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Health. For many years, she worked at the Government Accountability Project (GAP) in Washington, D.C. representing whistleblowers and spearheading the Food Integrity Campaign. She is currently working at Harvard University on a book about whistleblowers.

Leah Woodke, Secretary

A North Dakota native, Leah Woodke has been in the field of education for over 20 years. While teaching at the United Tribes Technical College (UTTC), she earned her PhD in Education with a focus on Instructional Design for Online Learning. During that same time, she led the self-study process required for the college to offer degree programs online. As a result, UTTC became the first tribal college to have accreditation approval to offer degree programs online. Dr. Woodke now serves as the Director of Institutional Research at UTTC in Bismark, ND.



Raquel Crider, Statistician



Raquel Crider has a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology with an emphasis on epidemiology and mathematical models. Dr. Crider worked as a mathematician during the space program at the University of Arizona Optics Department. Following a decline in the space program funding, she became an epidemiologist at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other federal agencies. Just prior to her retirement from the United States Public Health Service, she became a Scientific Review Administrator organizing the review of government research grants. She serves as FIHRI's statistician for all studies involving data collection and evaluation.

## Zara Berg

Dr. Zara Berg first learned of FIHRI's mission and work while teaching science at Fort Peck Community College in Montana in 2011. At that time, Dr. Dufault asked her to collaborate on the proposed research project that involved the development and evaluation of the online healthy diet nutrition intervention course. Dr. Berg was instrumental in ensuring the IRB protocol was followed at the community level as participants in the clinical trial enrolled in the online nutrition course. She comes to FIHRI with terrific expertise in community based clinical research. With a master's degree in interdisciplinary toxicology from Texas A&M University and a Doctorate degree in Clinical Research, she is professionally qualified to help with FIHRI's projects.



## Skip Kingston



H.M. (Skip) Kingston, PhD, is a professor of Analytical Chemistry and dually appointed in the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department and Environmental Research and Education Center at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA. Dr. Kingston received his B.S. degree in chemistry education and M.S. degree in analytical chemistry from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry and Environmental management from the American University. Dr. Kingston has been instrumental in developing analytical methods for determining concentrations of various mercury species in assorted media, including blood.

Roseanne Schnoll

Roseanne Schnoll, Ph.D., is a registered dietician and certified dietician nutritionist. She is currently director of the graduate dietetic internship program at Brooklyn College in New York City. Her areas of expertise include integrative and functional nutrition and the role of self-regulation on dietary behavior. She is the director of the Brooklyn College Nutrition Clinic, where she and her team are identifying risk factors for chronic diseases and behaviors in this population. Dr. Schnoll began collaborating with Dr. Dufault in 2006.



Jacalyn Macy



Jacalyn Macy is the President of BCI, which developed the world's most innovative & global certification system for all aspects of the BPO, KPO, and ITP industries. Ms. Macy is an expert in both international commerce and outsourcing. She has over 25 years' experience in Innovation and Global Competitiveness in business and education. She has advised major corporations such as American Stock Exchange, Mt. Sinai Hospital and CTS. Her team's revolutionary work on merchant account processes broke new ground for Merchants' access to credit-card service offerors like Bankcard Services International, Inc., Trans Union, and Master Card's

debit card network. Ms. Macy serves as FIHRI's media contact representative.

Ted Levine

Frank Theodore Levine is an accomplished actor both in film and television. His most famous role was “Buffalo Bill” in the *Silence of the Lambs* (1991). For many years, he played the role of Captain Leland Stottlemeyer, head of the SFPD Homicide Division in the Emmy award winning television series, “*Monk*” which ran for eight seasons. Ted Levine and his partner, Susanne, are both avid supporters of the Food Ingredient and Health Research Institute.



Matt Pamuku

Mr. Pamuku is a veteran entrepreneur having spent time on both sides of the R&D bench. After running bioanalytical core facilities at Mass General Hospital and Harvard University, Matt joined the industry and held various technical, project management and business positions in large and small high-tech companies. Currently a co-founder and CEO of Applied Isotope Technologies (AIT), he is focused on the development of advanced metrology tools for chemical and bioanalytical measurements. Founded in 2003, AIT is developing measurement methods, standards, and services to meet the needs for accurately determining chemical and biological markers that will result in tools for early diagnosis of human disease.