I am currently an Assistant Professor at the CON. My work and academic background allow me to bring a distinctive perspective to the students, and others, whom I have the privilege to teach and work with. I graduated from the University of Utah in 1993 with a dual major in Nursing as well as Behavioral Science and Health and subsequently earned a Master of Public Health in 1995. I obtained a Ph.D. from Western Michigan University in Interdisciplinary Health Science in 2012. I was the first Health Informatics Fellow with the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and a former Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention where I conducted outbreak investigations in California, Alaska, Kansas, and the Republic of Georgia. Prior to working at the CON, I was a partner in a public health software and consulting company where I provided public health

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