

Speaker Biographies/Qualifications

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Katie Wolfe currently works as an Environmental Health Specialist 2 with the Ohio Department of Health. She completes surveys of local health departments, reviews products, and provides technical guidance to local health departments, homeowners, and contractors. Katie also attends contractor training events and aids in contractor registration. Prior to her time at ODH, Katie worked as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist at the Fairfield County Health Department. During her time at the local level, she worked to permit and inspect new systems as well as ensure existing systems met requirements of rule. She earned her environmental degree from the University of Cincinnati.

Claude Goguen is the director of technical education for NPCA. He has been at NPCA for 18 years. Claude has over 30 years of experience in the precast concrete and construction industry. He holds a degree in civil engineering and is a licensed P.E. Prior to his role with NPCA, Claude was an operations manager at a precast plant. He also worked as a field superintendent, project manager and project engineer on numerous large residential and commercial projects. Claude currently serves on several ACI and ASTM committees. He also serves on NAWT and NOWRA committees as well as on the NOWRA board of directors.

Ashley Donnelly has a passion for building relationships within the onsite wastewater treatment industry through training and technical education. Ashley entered the industry over 20 years ago and works to preserve the environment through sound wastewater treatment solutions. In her position at Infiltrator Water Technologies (IWT), she manages the Inside Sales Team and is responsible for maintaining and building customer relationships. This involves assisting engineers, contractors and regulators with technical and design information, training, installation, and operation & maintenance. In 2020, she launched IWT's webinar program, which is currently accredited in over 14 states and has trained over 5,000 attendees on various contemporary industry topics. She serves on the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA) Board of Directors as well as committees within the industry (NOWRA Emerging Professionals (Social Outreach Chair) and NEWEA Small Communities Committee). Ashley holds a Bachelor of Arts in communications from Central College.

Nicholas Dykes grew up in the onsite wastewater industry, I have been working with my father since I was old enough to come to work. Some of my earliest memories are of using a grade stick and laying infiltrators. I am grateful to have watched Onsite Wastewater Treatment in the State of Missouri grow to what it is today. I am 3rd Generation in a Business who puts Workmanship and Best Practices First. I have been Blessed to learn this trade from many great men in the Kansas City area whom I consider the best in the business. I am a registered Advanced installer and Inspector with DHSS. Our company offers Pumping, System Service, along with Excavation and Site Development Services. I have Installed systems from 360 up to 3000 gpd, conventional,

LPP, Drips, Lagoons, Mounds, UV Discharge (DNR), and even the experimental ones we do not talk about. Commercial Large Onsite Treatment Systems and Challenging Sites are my specialties. I love what I do and this industry and I look forward to watching it grow and evolve in the future.

Amber Dorsey is the General Manager of Wastewater Solutions, bringing over 15 years of hands-on experience in the wastewater industry. Her career began in administration, where she gained foundational knowledge of system operations before advancing through roles in tank assembly, field installation, and system startup and calibration. Amber has held key positions in sales, operations, and production, ultimately leading her to oversee all facets of the company. She holds a B.S. in Geology from Kent State University, has completed specialized coursework in soil and spray irrigation through Ohio State University, and is certified in Basic Wastewater Treatment.

Dewey Conrad - 91 Sierra Environmental Health Specialist WV Army National Guard Sanitarian Preston County Health Department WV Class I Certified Septic System Installer WV Onsite Manager Ascho-A-Corporation Concrete Precaster WV Regional Sales Manager Tuf-Tite Inc. Eastern U.S. Regional Sales Manager Polylok Inc. AL, GA, NC and SC. Sales and Customer Support Ecological Tanks Inc. Eastern U.S

Daniel Westrich graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a B.S. in Forestry and a B.S. in Fisheries and wildlife. Daniel worked at the United States Geological Survey as Survey as a biologist. He worked on various projects involving many scientific disciplines such as ecology, restoration ecology, soil biology, aquatic toxicology, fish biology, and water quality. From there, Daniel continued his career at Bayer doing plant pathology and microbiology. He's a recent addition to the wastewater industry, he now handles regulatory affairs at BioMicrobics. Daniel brings many scientific disciplines with him that translate well to the wastewater industry.

Mike Catanzaro is the Sales Director for Hoot Systems, LLC. Responsible for sales and regulatory compliance in the southeast US. Mike holds a BS degree in Industrial Engineering with a specialization in Water Resource Engineering from LSU. Mike has been a national sales manager for over 30 years covering over 40 US states and international sales. Mr. Catanzaro has spent his career in the municipal, commercial and residential decentralized wastewater markets. Mike currently holds four wastewater patents and has been an active member of the Water Environment Federation and the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association, Inc.

Brett Wieber is the Vice President of Treatment System Sales at Norweco. He manages the Norweco sales team and works directly with some of our top distributors and dealers. Brett has been instrumental in obtaining several new technology approvals for Norweco and is an expert on the Norweco technologies including the Singulair, Singulair Green, Hydro-Kinetic and Hydro-Kinetic Green residential wastewater treatment systems. Brett earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Bowling Green State University in May of 1998, as well as a Juris Doctorate from the University of Akron School of Law in May of 2001.

Don Carabin is a National Sales Representative at Norweco. In this role he is responsible for covering several states, including the entire state of Ohio. Don serves as a manufacturers' representative on the Ohio Technical Advisory Committee, as well as on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Onsite Wastewater Association. Don provides local and state health departments with

training regarding Norweco technology, including the Singulair and Singulair Green residential wastewater treatment systems, and has given several presentations regarding Norweco's Ohio NPDES Singulair system. Don earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Toledo.

Maria Rospert is a Product Specialist in the Chemical Division at Norweco. She has been with Norweco for 7 years during which she has gained expert knowledge of disinfection products and applications. Her sales territory includes several states and provinces where she has developed strong ties with customers, regulators and engineers. Maria is actively involved in staying up to date with state and local regulations for product approvals and advancements within her territory. Maria participates in providing training on Norweco chemical products through presentations and videos.

Dr. Dan Wickham, Founder and Chairman of SludgeHammer Group, Ltd., is a marine ecologist and innovator in wastewater treatment. A Navy veteran, he earned his Ph.D. in Marine Ecology from UC Berkeley and directed aquaculture research at UC Bodega Marine Lab. His career spans ecological research, aquaculture, & winemaking, culminating in the invention of a bacterial treatment system for wastewater. His work revolutionized septic treatment using a proprietary blend of facultative bacteria, leading to the founding of SludgeHammer Group. William M. Stoddard, President of SludgeHammer Group, brings over 20 years of experience in business development & environmental engineering. With a background in business from North Central Michigan College and Western Michigan University, he has led strategic growth in sustainable water management. A former top consultant in distribution, William now focuses on wastewater reuse and resource recovery, advancing eco-conscious technologies that protect water resources & support global environmental goals.

Ryan Wallace is the manager of ASI Environmental ODH Water contractor EPA Wastewater Operator 811 Member Sewage installer. As Manager of residential and excavation operations at ASI, I oversee 3600+ contract customers within our O&M program being serviced bi-annually. Service work repairs, parts department, excavation crews doing installs and drainage daily, Line jetting / camera scope crews and a growing 14+ vehicle fleet in addition to heavy equipment maintenance.

Bruce J. Lesikar, P.E., Ph.D., Bruce holds graduate degrees in Agricultural Engineering from Texas A&M University and University of Illinois. Bruce served in multiple roles during his professional career including: professor, researcher, director of engineering for a water treatment system manufacturer, and technical sales for rental of mobile water treatment systems. He is currently serving as a contract engineer to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Bruce provides support to design reviews, educational material development, and conducts training events. Bruce enjoys developing and delivering educational materials for communicating effective use of our water resources. Wastewater is a resource to meet our water needs and we must effectively utilize the resource. Public health, public safety, environmental health and environmental safety are critical aspects of beneficial use programs. He is an active speaker at educational events such as short courses and conference presentations.

Kevin Sherman received a B.S. in ecology & evolution from Stony Brook University, a B.S. in civil engineering from the FAMU/FSU College of Engineering. Kevin has a M.S. in Biology from the University of South Carolina, and a M.P.H. in Public health management from the

University of South Florida. He also has a Ph.D. in Biological Oceanography from Florida State University. Kevin worked for the Florida Department of Health for fourteen years. For six years, Dr. Sherman served as the Executive Vice President of the Florida Onsite Wastewater Association. Currently, he is Director of Engineering and Regulatory Affairs for SeptiTech, Inc. He is a past president of the Florida Environmental Health Association and this organization. He is a Professional Engineer and a Registered Sanitarian in Florida. He recently was awarded NOWRA's Richard J. Otis Award for industry achievement.

Dustin Kent is a Technical Sales Manager and a Business Developer for Anua, Geoflow and SimTech. As a Registered Environmental Health Specialist in the State of Ohio, he has extensive knowledge of septic treatment technology and designing treatment systems with over 20 years of experience in the wastewater field. His experience ranges from designing wastewater systems to classroom and field training. In Ohio Dustin has worked in Seneca County General Health District, Crawford County public Health District and Delaware Public Health District. Dustin has held multiple positions with Ohio Environmental Health Association. Dustin specializes in biological wastewater treatment and final soil distribution. His area of focus includes working with property owners, soil scientists, designers, installers and local regulators to propose the best wastewater treatment system based on biological load, hydraulic load and site conditions.

Josh Billman is an Account Manager for Orenco Systems. Serving as a Tech Sales Rep for his first 7 years at Orenco, he assisted in the maintenance and troubleshooting of Orenco systems on a daily basis. He holds a Bachelors in Visual Communications from AIU, and served as an Electronics Technician/Military Instructor in the United States Navy. He currently resides in East Texas, where he oversees the sales in 18 states in the SE US.

Lucas Caldwell holds an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Water Quality Science from Minnesota North College. Lucas is a Certified Class C Water and Wastewater Operator and a Licensed Service Provider & Installer in Minnesota. Currently, as an Operations and Maintenance Manager at Septic Check, Lucas oversees a team responsible for more than 300 onsite advanced wastewater systems. These systems incorporate various treatment technologies and meet diverse effluent limitations. Lucas have extensive experience in system design, maintenance, and troubleshooting, ensuring optimal performance and compliance across a wide range of residential and commercial applications.