



JUNIOR OFFICER ADVISORY GROUP
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I am a new voting member of JOAG serving as the chair for the JOAG Welcoming Committee and as the JOAG Scientist PAC liaison. Previously, I served as a co-lead for the Publications Subcommittee of the JOAG Recruitment and Retention Committee for about 1.5 years. During that time our subcommittee was responsible for publishing several JOAG Journal articles and for establishing a permanent segment within the JOAG journal. I have been in the USPHS for about 2.5 years.

I obtained my baccalaureate degree in biochemistry from the Pennsylvania State University. I obtained my Ph.D. in biochemistry from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where I studied DNA recombination in a variety of microorganisms. Upon graduation, I received a research associateship from the National Research Council to conduct studies on Ebola proteins at the United States Army Research Institute of Infectious Disease (USAMRIID) located at Fort Detrick.

After completing my post-doctoral research, I worked for three different biotech companies, focusing on a variety of projects pertaining to vaccine development and cancer immunotherapy. Eventually, I became a senior scientist responsible for several research projects. In 2008, I joined the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Generic Drugs as a Microbiologist. Presently, I serve the USPHS as a Senior Regulatory Review Officer reviewing generic drug applications. I am thoroughly excited to start my JOAG position and eager to work with fellow officers on making the USPHS better for all Junior Officers!