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Staff Spotlight: Meet David Schleter

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David served with the United States Navy. After completing two years of Naval Nuclear Power schooling, he served on board the USS Henry M. Jackson SSBN 730 Gold. David received several awards and citations while completing four years of service and 7 deterrent patrols. Some of them are: National Defense Service Medal, Submarine Warfare Insignia, Good Conduct Medal, and 2 Navy "E" ribbons. David was an Engineering Laboratory Technician and his duties included analytical water and radiochemistry, dose monitoring, and radiation and contamination surveys. David enrolled in Ohio University in the Fall of 1999 and graduated in 2003 with a degree in Microbiology. Prior to joining Risk Management and Safety, David served the Ohio University College of Medicine Department of Biomedical Sciences as the Anatomical Assistant and Chemical Hygiene Officer for two years. David has served Ohio University as the Biological Safety Officer and Laboratory Safety Coordinator since October 2010.

Q & A with David:

What is one thing that you think faculty and staff would not know about your job?

I help researchers, staff, and students complete research projects safely and compliantly. I help with chemical and biological research as well as work with equipment that poses different kinds of challenges including: increased temperature, increased pressure or high voltage.



What are your tips to ensure the quality of safety in the lab?

Engineering controls are by far the best way to deal with hazards in the research environment. If you can engineer the hazard out of the environment, it provides the best protection. Some examples of engineering controls are glove boxes, biosafety cabinets, fume hoods, and sharps boxes. If the hazard cannot be engineered out of the environment, then we have to communicate what the hazards are that people will be exposed to. Secondly, we need to communicate how important our behaviors and actions are in the research environment and these greatly affect how much risk we are exposed to. ■

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Meet Our New Laboratory Safety and Compliance Officer: Dr. Christopher Madden

Dr. Christopher Madden has been named the new Laboratory Safety and Compliance Officer for the Risk Management and Safety department here at Ohio University. He is set to begin his job on March 1st.

Chris grew up in Columbus, Ohio and received his Bachelor of Science from The Ohio State University in Biochemistry. After completing his degree he relocated to Arizona where he then obtained his PhD from Arizona State University in Biochemistry.

He worked for ASU as a Graduate Research Assistant where he performed research in the

area of alternative energy, supervised student researchers, maintained lab inventory, and authored research grant papers and reports.

In 2012 he moved to Cambridge, England where he worked for the University of Cambridge as a Post-Doctoral Research Associate for two years. Here, Chris performed research in the area of CO₂ reduction and electrochemistry, supervised student researchers, maintained lab equipment, and authored research grant papers and reports.

He is also a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Q & A with Chris:

Can you elaborate more on the Royal Society of Chemistry?

The Royal Society of Chemistry is a professional association of chemists based in Cambridge, UK with the goal of “advancing the chemical sciences.” They publish several journals and host conferences and seminars, mostly in the UK, so I took advantage of the opportunities I had as a member living in Cambridge. I was able to meet some of the leading scientists in their field and attend conferences just a few minutes walk from my house.

What interested you about this position that lead to you applying?

I applied for this position for several reasons, but mainly I wanted to get back to Ohio after being away for 7 years and learn some skills outside of a research lab, while still being close to science. This position was

exactly what I was looking for so I’m thrilled to be joining OHIO and coming to Athens.

What do you look forward to the most about coming to work of Ohio University?

I am most looking forward to exploring the beautiful campus, meeting some friendly people and learning more about the research going on at OHIO.

What are some other things that you think faculty and staff should know about you?

Other things that people might find interesting about me is that I grew up riding dirt bikes in Wayne National Forest and love the outdoors. In my free time I enjoy home brewing and cooking as well as running. I also love to travel and have been to about 20 countries around the world and many of the National Parks in the US. ■

