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Dr. Linda Harris is a Specialist in Cooperative Extension, Chair of the Department of Food Science and Technology at the University of California Davis, and a collaborator in the Western Center for Food Safety. She oversees a research program on microbial food safety of fruits and vegetables as well as and the ecology of Salmonella and other foodborne pathogens in tree nuts, particularly almonds, walnuts, and pistachios, and their production and processing environments. She provides expertise on food safety microbiology throughout the food chain. Dr. Harris has been recognized for her research and education accomplishments through receipt of the 2004 Elmer Marth Educator Award, the Frozen Food Foundation Research Award (2010) and as Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists (2018), Fellow of IAFP (2019) and was a recipient of the UC Davis James H. Meyer Distinguished Achievement Award (2020). Dr. Harris has been a member of IAFP since 1988 and has served as a leader for a number of PDGs, as Chair of the Dairy, Food and Environmental Sanitation Management Committee, as a member of the Program Committee, and through organizing and participating in local, national, and international meetings. In 2013 she was elected to the IAFP Executive Board as Secretary and was President of the association in 2016-2017.



Joshua Gurtler

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Joshua Gurtler is a Research Scientist at the USDA/ARS in Wyndmoor, PA, where he has worked for 14 years. Dr. Gurtler's current work involves interventions for the inactivation of foodborne pathogens in fresh produce, soil, water, compost, and dried foods. Joshua has published numerous peer-reviewed scientific manuscripts, 9 book chapters, is an editor of three books and author of one patent and one patent that is pending. He has served as a member or chair on several IAFP committees. Dr. Gurtler is a co-scientific editor for the Journal of Food Protection. He has delivered numerous scientific research presentations, including invited presentations, in the U.S., Canada, China and Korea. He resides with his wife and three children in Phoenixville, PA.



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