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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Animal & Food Sciences. University of Delaware, Newark, DE. 2018
Master of Science, Food Science. University of Delaware, Newark, DE. 1996
Bachelor of Science, Food Science. Chemistry minor. University of Delaware, Newark, DE. 1989

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Food Science. University of Delaware, Animal and Food Sciences, Newark, DE. 2022 to present

Scientist. University of Delaware, Animal and Food Sciences, Newark, DE. 1998 to 2022

Associate Scientist. National Food Processors Association, Washington, DC. 1996-1998

Quality Assurance Microbiology Laboratory Manager. Townsends, Inc., Millsboro, DE. 1991-1993

Quality Assurance Manager. Townsends, Inc., Hummels Wharf, PA. 1989-1991

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters:

Shearer, A.E.H., Kniel, K.E., Chen, H., and D.G. Hoover. 2016. High pressure effects on viruses, pp. 295-316, *In High Pressure Processing of Food – Principles, Technology and Applications*. V.M. Balasubramaniam, G.V. Barbosa-Cánovas, and H.L.M. Lelieveld (eds). Springer. New York, NY. DOI:10.1007/978-1-4939-3234-4_15

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Refereed Journals:

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<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jfp.2022.100024>

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Shearer, A.E.H. and K.E. Kniel. 2021. Foodborne illness outbreak investigation for One Health postsecondary education. *J. Microbiol. Biol. Edu.* 22(2): 1-12. DOI:10.1128/jmbe.00129-21

Anderson-Coughlin, B.L., **Shearer, A.E.H.**, Omar, A.N., Wommack, K.E., and K.E. Kniel. 2021. Recovery of SARS-CoV-2 from wastewater using centrifugal ultrafiltration. *Methods Protoc.* 4(32): 1-9. DOI:10.3390/mps4020032

Shearer, A.E.H. and K.E. Kniel. 2020. Effect of plant-derived proteases on infectivity of Tulane virus murine norovirus, and hepatitis A virus. *J. Food Prot.* 84(3): 418-423. DOI:10.4315/JFP-20-296

Shearer, A.E.H. and K.E. Kniel. 2020. Effect of bacteria and bacterial constituents on recovery and resistance of Tulane virus. *J. Food Prot.* 83(4): 661-667. DOI:10.4315/0362-028X.JFP-19-300

- Shearer, A.E.H.** and K.E. Kniel. 2018. Enhanced removal of norovirus surrogates, murine norovirus and Tulane virus, from aqueous systems by zero-valent iron. *J. Food Prot.* 81(9): 1432-1438. DOI:10.4315/0362-028X.JFP-18-054.
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- Shearer, A.E.H.** and K. E. Kniel. 2009. High hydrostatic pressure for development of vaccines. *J. Food Prot.* 72(7): 1500-1508. DOI:10.4315/0362-028X-72.7.1500
- Kural, A.G., **Shearer, A.E.H.**, Kingsley, D.H. and H. Chen. 2008. Pressure inactivation of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* in oysters – the influence of pressure level and treatment temperature. *Int. J. Food Microbiol.* 127: 1-5. DOI:10.1016/j.ijfoodmicro.2008.05.003
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- Kniel, K.E., **Shearer, A.E.H.**, Cascarino, J.L., Wilkins, G.C. and M.C. Jenkins. 2007. High hydrostatic pressure and UV light treatment of produce contaminated with *Eimeria acervulina* as a *Cyclospora cayetanensis* surrogate. *J. Food Prot.* 70(12): 2837-2842. DOI:10.4315/0362-028X-70.12.2837
- Shearer, A.E.H.**, Wilkins, G.C., Jenkins, M.C. and K. E. Kniel. 2007. Effects of high hydrostatic pressure on *Eimeria acervulina* pathogenicity, immunogenicity and structural integrity. *Innov. Food Sci. and Emerg. Technol.* 8: 259-268. DOI:10.1016/j.ifset.2007.01.004
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Shearer, A.E.H., Paik, J.S., Hoover, D.G., Haynie, S.L. and M.J. Kelley. 2000. Potential of an antibacterial ultraviolet-irradiated nylon film. *Biotech. Bioeng.* 67(2): 141-146. DOI:10.1002/(SICI)1097-0290(2000120)67:23.3.CO;2-R

Synergist Activities:

CONSERVE Educational Resources (K-16). <https://www.udel.edu/academics/colleges/canr/departments/animal-and-food-sciences/affiliated-centers/conserven/>. With K.E. Kniel and Conserve Collaborators. 2021.

Potluck Panic! Web-based Game. <https://potluckpanic.anr.udel.edu/>. With K.E. Kniel, D.G. Hoover, S. Snider and NMSU Collaborators. 2017.

Foodborne Illness Outbreak Investigation. <http://ag.udel.edu/foodinvestigation/>. Video, case studies, presentation and other materials for secondary science education. With K.E. Kniel and S. Snider. 2010.

Pre-K to Grade 12 Food Safety Education Resources. <http://canr.udel.edu/foodsafetyedresourcesk12/>. With K.E. Kniel and S. Snider. 2017.

White Paper: Shearer, A.E.H. 1997. Biofilms in Food Processing, NFPA Publication.

FUNDED RESEARCH GRANTS

Stevenson, C. (NCSU, Lead), White, J. (NCSU), Arnold, N. (OSU), Kowalczyk, B (GWU), Vaughan, B. (Tuskegee University); **Shearer, A.E.H. (UD)**, Wojtala, G. (IFPTI), Kaml, C. (IFPTI). USDA-NIFA-Higher Education Challenge Grants Program (HEC) (\$740,000 total; \$72,869 UD portion) 09/01/2023-08/31/2026. Development of a diverse and competent food safety compliance workforce to enhance trust in a secure food system.

Shearer, A.E.H., Kniel, K.E. USDA-HATCH UD CANR Seed Grant Program (\$25,025) 10/01/2019-09/30/2021. Interactions of bacteria and human norovirus and its surrogate, Tulane virus.

Kniel, K.E., **Shearer, A.E.H.**, Snider, S., Hoover, D.G., USDA-NIFA-HEC (\$265,485) 12/01/2012-11/30/2015, Development and assessment of an educational module for college students for conceptual and attitudinal changes towards food safety systems. In partnership with Chamberlin, B. and Gleason, J. (NMSU) and Cotton, C. and Hashem, F. (UMES)

Kniel, K.E., **Shearer, A.E.H.**, Snider, S., USDA-CREES-Secondary Education, Two-year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program (SPECA) (\$35,000) 07/01/09-06/30/11, Integrating food safety investigations into science curricula for secondary education.

PROFESSIONAL HONORS and AFFILIATIONS

University of Delaware, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR), Excellence in Service Award, 2022

University of Delaware, CANR, William F. Benton Graduate Student Award, 2017

Merit Awards: University of Delaware, 2002; National Food Processors Association, 1996, 1997

Institute of Food Technologists, 1986 to present

International Association for Food Protection, 2005 to present

American Society for Microbiology, 2014 to present

North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture, 2015 to 2016

American Association of Cereal Chemists, 2000 to 2001