



The following staff members have offered their assistance in their respective specializations. Search for us on the APHIS Address Book for contact information, or call our main line at (301) 734-5750.

Melanie Adams

Resource Management Specialist

- ❖ Expertise in APHIS budget planning and reconciling
- ❖ Proficient in APHIS personnel management
- ❖ Expertise in VS structure
- ❖ Coordinates and plans events
- ❖ Analyzes and evaluates creatively

Jason Baldwin

Veterinary Medical Officer

- ❖ Veterinary expertise in a training context
- ❖ Maintains strong relationships with veterinary schools
- ❖ Proficient in visual communications: Photography, Videography, and Image Manipulation
- ❖ Innovator in podcasting and audio editing
- ❖ Technology-savvy
- ❖ APHIS leadership development participant and advocate
- ❖ APHIS recruiter

Leslie Bolton

Program Specialist

- ❖ Specializes in marketing and communication
- ❖ Federal Women's Program manager
- ❖ VS Workforce and Succession Planning team member
- ❖ APHIS advancing leader participant and advocate
- ❖ Writes and edits within GPO and APHIS standards
- ❖ Strong organizational skills
- ❖ Aptitude in formulation of strategic planning
- ❖ GPOExpress (FedEx Kinko's) staff liaison



Liz Clark

Training Specialist

- ❖ Savvy in photography and videography
- ❖ Expertise in audio and visual technology (video conferencing techniques, etc)
- ❖ Strong verbal communication skills
- ❖ Aptitude in Microsoft PowerPoint
- ❖ Strong organizational skills

Paula Cowen

PDS Director

- ❖ Doctor of Veterinary Medicine using that background in overseeing the development of technical courses for continuing education for veterinarians and animal health technicians
- ❖ Facilitates training, meetings, organizational change and infrastructure building workshops
- ❖ Champions continual learning for career satisfaction and advancement
- ❖ Creates the learning opportunities that Veterinary Services needs to build the skills and abilities of the Agency and meet our mission and strategic goals.

Rob Dickens

Veterinary Medical Officer

- ❖ Specializes in course design, development, and facilitation
- ❖ Possesses a Master's Certificate in Emergency Management
- ❖ Expertise in epidemiology
- ❖ Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician
- ❖ Communicates in Portuguese and English
- ❖ APHIS International Training Graduate
- ❖ Knowledge of Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- ❖ Accredited High School Teacher



Kerri Goust

Training Technician

- ❖ Delivers exceptional customer service
- ❖ Coordinates and plans events
- ❖ Proficient in logistics and records management
- ❖ Former Federal Coordinator for Agriculture Emergency Response Training (AgERT) program
- ❖ Designs innovative course materials
- ❖ Strong negotiator
- ❖ Former benefits/new employee coordinator for APHIS
- ❖ Travel guru
- ❖ Technology savvy

Alan Huddleston

Veterinary Medical Officer

- ❖ VS AgLearn Administrator
- ❖ Specializes in course facilitation and development
- ❖ Proficient in public speaking
- ❖ Skilled in website development
- ❖ Writes and edits within GPO and APHIS standards

Alicia Love

Training Technician

- ❖ Strong event coordination, time management, and organizational skills
- ❖ Proficient in word processing software and database spreadsheets
- ❖ Detail-oriented
- ❖ Adept in proof-reading and editing
- ❖ Savvy in a wide variety of graphical design software
- ❖ Analyzes data to execute in-depth research
- ❖ Thinks with an open-mind and “outside-the-box”



Therese Mindemann

Program Analyst

- ❖ Proficient in APHIS budget planning, purchasing, and reconciling
- ❖ Coordinates and plans events
- ❖ Writes and edits within GPO and APHIS standards
- ❖ Detail-oriented
- ❖ Reviews administrative forms and travel documents for accuracy
- ❖ Completes and submits IAS requests
- ❖ Submits personnel actions

Samantha Morell

Training Technician

- ❖ Strong written and oral communication skills
- ❖ Proficient in event planning, coordination and facilitation
- ❖ Strong negotiation and problem solving skills
- ❖ Aptitude in data input and program development
- ❖ Very strong organizational skills
- ❖ Expert on the Live Bird Marketing System
- ❖ Analyzes data to execute in-depth research
- ❖ Proficient with budgetary tasks such as planning and IAS requests
- ❖ Member of the Federal Women's Program
- ❖ Mentor to VS staff
- ❖ Interest in seeing the advancement/partnership with other agencies
- ❖ Designs innovative course material

Carolyn Sinopoli

Training Technician

- ❖ Coordinates, plans and facilitates events and meetings
- ❖ Exceptional problem solver
- ❖ Strong oral communication skills
- ❖ Effectively plans within budget
- ❖ Analyzes data to execute in-depth research
- ❖ Profound love and care of animals
- ❖ Proficient in designing forms



Rich Waite

Education Technology Specialist

- ❖ Certified in project management (Project Manager Professional, PMP)
- ❖ Skilled in HTML and Flash CS3 development
- ❖ Proficient in professional photography and videography
- ❖ USDA Contracting Officer Representative (COR) certified
- ❖ Savvy in formation of training evaluations
- ❖ Knowledge of regulatory enforcement
- ❖ Aptitude in horse training and handling and cattle ranching
- ❖ Knowledge of OSH Regulations, as well as procedure and policy development

Leon White

Training Technician

- ❖ Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) Qualified Practitioner
- ❖ Strong written and oral communication skills
- ❖ Proficient in event planning, coordination, and facilitation
- ❖ Strong negotiation and problem solving skills
- ❖ Open to new ideas and “out-of-the-box,” motivating thinking
- ❖ Skilled in Coaching
- ❖ Proficient in managing conflict
- ❖ Savvy in graphic design and technology

Stacey Williams

Training Technician

- ❖ Strives to anticipate the needs of others, and seeks to challenge others
- ❖ Strong drive for achievement and end results
- ❖ Coordinates and plans events
- ❖ Designs newsletters and pamphlets
- ❖ Detail-oriented and vision-focused
- ❖ Proficient in creative writing
- ❖ Aptitude in data input and program development
- ❖ Strong organizational skills