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### **Education**

BS University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
MD Howard University Medical School, Washington, DC  
MPH Columbia University School of Public Health, New York, NY

### **Professional and Academic Career**

1999- Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, University of Texas School of Public Health, Dallas Regional Campus at Southwestern Medical Center.  
1999- Adjunct Professor of Internal Medicine (Epidemiology), University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX  
1998-2000 Adjunct Research Professor, Environmental Studies Program, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY  
1998-1999 Adjunct Professor, Occupational Medicine Division, Department of Community and Family Medicine, Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, NC  
1998-2003 Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology, University of North Carolina School of Public Health, Chapel Hill, NC  
1997-1998 Special Expert, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Research Triangle Park, NC  
1979-1998 Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine, Clinical Campus at Binghamton, SUNY Health Science Center/Syracuse, College of Medicine, Binghamton, NY Clinical Campus  
1979-1981 Commissioner of Health, Broome County Health Department; Medical Director, Broome County Home Health Nursing Service; Acting Director of Broome County Nursing Homes, Binghamton, NY  
1976-1979 Associate Director, Office of Primary Health Care Education, Office of the Dean, College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, NJ  
1975-1979 Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health, College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, NJ

- 1972-1975 Assistant Professor, Division of Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Department of Psychiatry; Director of Clinical Research in Drug Abuse; Coordinator, Career Teacher Training Center in Drug and Alcohol Dependence, Downstate Medical Center, State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn, New York, NY
- 1971-1972 Medical Director, Louisville Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program, Louisville, Kentucky
- 1970-1971 Director, Floyd County Health Care System (OEO funded), Floyd County, Kentucky
- 1969-1970 Private Practice of Medicine, West Point, Kentucky
- 1967-1969 Captain, then Major, US Army Medical Corps
- 1966 Resident, Surgery Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, MA
- 1964-1965 Instructor, Dept of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
- 1962-1964 Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept of Anatomy, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

### **Other Professional Training**

- 1991 Mini-Residency in Occupational Medicine, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Cincinnati, OH
- 1986 Environmental Epidemiology Course, University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health
- 1982 Occupational Medicine Course, University of Illinois Medical School, Chicago, IL,
- 1982 Occupational Medicine Course, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY
- 1979 Occupational Medicine Course, University of Illinois Medical Center, Chicago, IL,
- 1979 Environmental Medicine and Environmental Health Course, New York University Medical Center, New York, NY
- 1978 Occupational Medicine Course, Asbestos, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY

### **Fellow**

American College of Preventive Medicine  
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### **Reviewer:**

*American Journal of Industrial Medicine*  
*American Journal of Public Health*  
*Archives of Environmental Health*  
*Archives of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology*  
*Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine*  
*Chemosphere*  
*Environmental Health Monthly*  
*Environmental Health Perspectives*  
*Environment International*  
*Environmental Pollution*  
*Environmental Research*  
*Environmental Science and Technology*  
*Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*  
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*Journal of Chromatography B: Biomedical Sciences & Applications*  
*Journal of Exposure Analysis and Environmental Epidemiology*  
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- Schecter, A., Quynh, H.T., Pöpke, O. "Agent Orange in Vietnam: Summary of US Vietnam collaboration 1970-2006" (Invited Presentation)
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National and International Scientific Panels or Awards

Program Planning Committee, American Public Health Committee Annual Meeting, 1998 – 2006.

Scientific Advisory Panel Member, US Environmental Protection Agency Dioxin Reassessment, 1996 – 2000.

Councillor, Society of Toxicology: Occupational and Public health specialty section 2004 - 2006

Chair, Subcommittee on the culminating experience of the practice council, 2004 – 2005.

Member, Practice Council ( Representing Dallas Regional Campus), 2004-2006.

Member, Faculty Council (Representing Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Division), 2004-2005.

Member, MS-PhD/DrPh curriculum committee, Environmental Sciences Division, 2004-2005.

Member, Committee to study doctoral programs at Regional Campuses-has not met to date, 2004-2005.

Member, Division of Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences Strategic Planning Committee for Research in the El Paso, Texas Area, 2006-

Member, Admissions reviewer, Dallas Regional Campus, 2000-2006.

Dioxin Rewriting Team Member, US EPA Dioxin Reassessment Documents, 1996 - 2000

Member, Scientific Review Panel, Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR), Centers for Disease Control, US Public Health Service, Toxicological Profile for Polychlorinated Biphenyls, 2000.

Peer Reviewer, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control, US Public Health Service, Toxicological Profile for Polychlorinated Biphenyls, 1995-1996.

Peer Reviewer, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR): Final report on exposure to organics in Louisiana 2005.

Invited Consultant, Science Panel Meeting on Dioxins, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, of the Centers for Disease Control Atlanta, GA, August 1994.

Invited member of the "U.S. Baikal (Russia) Research Association," 1991-1994.

National External Science Advisory Panel of the Michigan Agent Orange Commission, 1989-1993.

Peer Reviewer, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control, US Public Health Service, Toxicological Profile for Chlorinated Dibenzo-p-dioxins, 1991-92.

Technical Review Panel member of the Great Lakes Protection Fund, 1992.

Advisor to the National Veterans Legal Services Project, 1989-91.

Testified before U.S. Congress House Sub-Committee Government Operations concerning Agent Orange, Dioxins and Health, June 26, 1990.

World Health Organization of the United Nations advisor/consultant on Chlorinated Dioxins and Related Chemicals in Human Breast Milk. Meetings at: Oslo, Norway, October 1986; Copenhagen, Denmark, November 1986 and February 1988; Toronto, Canada, September 1989; Helsinki, Finland, June 1990; Bayreuth, Germany, September 1990.

Advisor/contributor to the "Bioavailability of Dioxins," *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1984 Workshop Proceedings*, Government Printing Office, 1985.

Advisor to the Environmental Defense Fund, 1984-89.

Planning Committee, International Symposium on Dioxins and Related Chemicals, 1984, 1985.

"Pacesetter Award" from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for dioxin research, 1987

Peer Review Committee (Expert Panel), US EPA *Biological Health Assessment Document, Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans*, draft document, 1986.

Chair, Vietnam Caucus, American Public Health Association, 1994-2007

Member, Annual Program Planning Committee American Public Health Association, 1994-2007

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Listed in *Who's Who in Science and Engineering*, 1996 – present.

Listed in *Who's Who in the East*, 1979 – 1999.

Listed in *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*, 2000 – present.

### Selected Recent Press Communications

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2. Dr. Arnold Schecter, University of Texas School of Public Health discusses dioxin poisoning, National Public Radio (NPR): Weekend All Things Considered, December 11, 2004
3. Agent Orange; Bridging the chemical divide; Vietnam and the U.S. remain at odds over lingering effects of harmful spraying during the war years, *Newsday* (New York), August 1, 2005 Monday, Pg. A18, By Andrew Metz.
4. Toxic Breast Milk?, *The Sunday New York Times*, January 9, 2005; Magazine; *The Way We Live Now*; Pg. 21, By Florence Williams.

5. Q&A: A look at dioxin poisoning and its aftereffects, USA TODAY, December 23, 2004, Thursday; Pg. 6A, By Kathleen Fackelmann
6. A Dinner in Ukraine Made for Agatha Christie, The New York Times, December 20, 2004 Monday, Late Edition - Final, Section A; Column 1; Pg. 1, By C.J. Chivers,
7. Yushchenko Was Poisoned, Doctors Say; Ukrainian's Illness Caused by Dioxin, The Washington Post, December 12, 2004 Sunday, A01, By Peter Finn, Washington Post
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11. Flame retardant found in many foods, USA TODAY, September 2, 2004, Thursday,, FINAL EDITION, LIFE;, Pg. 8D, Elizabeth Weise
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