Meet CSHEMA Volunteer
Anthony Appleton, PhD

Title: Research Safety Culture Program Coordinator
Institution: Colorado State University
Current leadership role in CSHEMA: Safety Culture CoP Co-Lead

How long have you worked in EHS? 10+ years in various roles.

How long have you worked at your current institution? 3 years

Hobbies? Fantasy Football, Family Outdoor Activities, & Advancing/Promoting/Learning about the Intersection of Research and JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion)

Best career advice? Network within your own institution. Talk to people without expectations, learn what they do, and find synergy when possible.

What is the biggest problem you face at your institution? Identifying hazards at the individual, department/unit, college, and university-level to build a strategic research safety plan. However we are running a survey to remedy this issue among others www.research.colostate.edu/research-safety-culture/survey

Proudest professional accomplishment so far? Helping our researchers to become well-rounded scientists by implementing the Research Safety Orange Folder https://www.research.colostate.edu/research-safety-culture/orange-folder/

Where do you see yourself in five years? I have been working on a supervisor certificate for CE at CSU that I hope to use to grow the Research Safety Culture Program and utilize our research safety culture survey over time to continuously improve our research environment.

What do you think the future of the EHS profession will look like? Movement from focusing on "process safety" to "personal safety." Having a good SOP and feeling safe are equally important in research environments.

How has being a member of CSHEMA benefited you/your institution? In so many ways: networking, problem-solving, idea generation, and recognition. CSHEMA has raised the awareness of Safety Culture in ways that have benefited our Program within CSU.

Areas of expertise? Academic Research Safety Culture