

Meet CSHEMA Volunteer Tristan White

**Title:**

Safety and Health Specialist

Institution:

Duke University

Current leadership role in CSHEMA:

Laboratory Safety Practices CoP Leader

How long have you worked in EHS?

About eight years

How did you get into EHS?

I was always interested in working in science, but working at the bench wasn't for me. I loved that EHS allowed me to be involved but also allowed me to solve different challenges every day.

How long have you worked at your current institution?

A little over two years

Best career advice?

Avoid saying no. If it will be a challenge to implement an idea, lay out all the issues and how to address them and let them make their decision about whether it's worth it.

What is the biggest problem you face at your institution?

I see our biggest problem is data management. We have lots of good data but no easy way to use it to our advantage.

Proudest professional accomplishment so far?

Getting my CIH.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Continuing to learn as much as I can from as many people as I can.

What do you think the future of the EHS profession will look like?

Building relationships with our customers. EHS can't succeed without those connections and buy in from the people you work with.

How has being a member of CSHEMA benefited you/your institution?

I have learned so much about so many different things that I have been able to bring back to my institution. The personal connections are also an enormous benefit.

Hobbies?

Photography and cooking.

Areas of expertise?

Risk assessment, chemical safety, and inspections.

