

Meet CSHEMA Volunteer Heather Coats

**Name:**

Heather Coats

Title:

Section Manager - Training & Outreach

Institution:

Texas Tech University

Current leadership role in CSHEMA:

COP Co-leader

How did you get into EHS?

Hired as a Lab Safety Officer

How long have you worked in EHS?

Four years in Nov. 2021

How long have you worked at your current institution?

In some capacity, since January 2014. I attended graduate school at Tech and held a job in the TTU College of Education prior to moving to TTU EHS.

What is the biggest problem you face at your institution?

Lack of centralized information dissemination

Best career advice?

Do something you care about.

Proudest professional accomplishment so far?

Earning a promotion to serve as the manager of the newly formed Training & Outreach section inside TTU EHS

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Managing an effective training section that has grown to meet the training needs of my institution

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

More consultation and cooperation-based rather than compliance based

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

Access to the information and expertise of other EHS professionals who face similar issues have been invaluable.

Hobbies?

Plants, yoga, reading, crafting, going for walks, meditation

Areas of expertise?

Adult education, training, communications, marketing

