FACULTY PROFILE

Department

CSU College: Safety and Emergency Services
CSU Discipline: Occupational Safety and Health

Basic Info

Name: James H. Withers
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Personal Preferred Availability: Evenings

Education

PhD in Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering
Iowa State University

Master of Science in Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health
University of Iowa

Bachelor of Arts in Biology
Luther College

Biography

Background
Dr. Withers has been an Industrial Hygienist & Safety Professional for over 25 years. His educational background includes a B.A. in Biology from Luther College and a M.S. in Preventive Medicine & Environmental Health (emphasis in Industrial Hygiene) from the University of Iowa. Dr. Withers also holds a Ph.D. in Industrial Technology from Iowa State University where his doctoral research focused on learning and retention differences between students taking chemical safety training on a computer versus in the classroom.

Dr. Withers is both a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) and a Certified Safety Professional (CSP). His current professional passions are Industrial Hygiene, Maximizing Training Effectiveness, Human Behavior & Safety, Leadership in Safety and Organizational Safety Culture. Currently, he is the Corporate HSE Director for the American Packaging Corporation.

He and his wife, Jenifer, have 4 sons and live in Ames, Iowa.

CSU Story
I've been a part-time faculty for CSU since 2010 and really enjoy learning from my students' diverse experiences.

Hobbies/Interests
My main interests are centered around my family. My wife, Jenifer, and I have 4 sons who keep us very busy.

Additional Information

Teaching Philosophy
I like to enable my students to not just learn information for testing purpose but be able to apply to the situations they encounter every day.

Advice for Current Students
If you put in the time, you’ll do well at CSU.