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A. Professional Preparation

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA	B.S.	1975	Microbiology
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B. Appointments

2001-Present	Professor	University of Oklahoma, Norman
1994-2001	Associate Professor	University of Oklahoma, Norman
1989-1994	Assistant Professor	University of Oklahoma, Norman
1986-1989	Visiting Assistant Professor	University of Oklahoma, Norman
1983-1986	Senior Research Microbiologist	Rohm & Haas Company, Inc.
1982-1983	Research Microbiologist	Celanese Chemical Co., Inc.

Professional Affiliations:

American Society for Microbiology	American Chemical Society
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C. Publications (relevant/recent)

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- Wiegel, J., R. Tanner and F.A. Rainey. 2006. An introduction to the family *Clostridiaceae*, p. 650-673. In M. Dworkin, S. Falkow, E. Rosenberg, K.-H. Schleifer and E. Stackebrandt (ed.), The Prokaryotes, vol. 4. Springer, New York.
- Liou, J. S., D. L. Balkwill, G. R. Drake and R. S. Tanner. 2005. *Clostridium carboxidivorans* sp. nov., a solvent-producing clostridium isolated from an agricultural settling lagoon, and reclassification of *Clostridium scatologenes* strain SL1 as *Clostridium drakei* sp. nov. Int. J. Syst. Evol. Microbiol. 55:2085-2091.

E. Collaborators and Other Affiliations

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