

# 2025 Food Safety Conference

Presented by the University of Arizona Food Safety Consortium

Wednesday, October 29th – VIRTUAL

## **1:00 pm Welcome, Introductions, and Conference Dedication**

Sadhana Ravishankar - Food Safety Consortium Chair and Professor  
The University of Arizona

## **1:20 pm Keynote – Avian Influenza Response in Arizona**

Dwayne Uhlig, MSEM, NEMAA, ICT3, OSC3, LOFR  
Emergency Management – Arizona Department of Agriculture

## **2:00 pm Research on Cyclospora and Other Foodborne Parasites**

Alessandra Barlaam, DVM, PhD - Researcher  
Department of Agriculture, Food, Natural Resources and Engineering (DAFNE)  
University of Foggia, Italy

## **2:30 pm Regulatory careers in food safety**

Autumn Schuck – Assistant Program Director  
Association of Food and Drug Officials

3:00 pm Break

## **3:15 pm Sanitation validation, resource challenges and personnel challenges faced by small scale producers**

Lynette Johnston, PhD - Assistant Professor and Food Safety Extension Specialist  
Department of Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences  
North Carolina State University

## **3:45 pm Cottage Foods Program in Arizona**

Rebekah Braden, RS – Public Health Sanitarian  
Arizona Department of Health Services

## **4:15 pm Extension activities in Santa Cruz County**

Rodolfo Martinez Morales, PhD – Director, Santa Cruz County Cooperative Extension  
The University of Arizona

## **4:45 pm Conference Wrap-Up**

**5:00 pm Adjourn**