

currently working on posting information about NEHA award winners in the near future.

- **Notable Figures in Environmental Health:** Still under construction, this part of the webpage will highlight stories of trailblazing individuals who have shaped the environmental health profession.
- **Additional NEHA History Project Resources:** This webpage will enable you to explore more of the resources created and discovered by the task force.

Please visit the NEHA History Project webpage at www.neha.org/neha-history-project to learn more about the task force and to start exploring the rich history of our organization and profession.

NEHA Staff Profiles

As part of tradition, NEHA features new staff members in the *Journal* around the time of their 1-year anniversary. These profiles give you an opportunity to get to know the NEHA staff better and to learn more about the great programs and activities going on in your association. This month we are pleased to introduce you to two NEHA staff members. Contact information for all NEHA staff can be found on page 50.



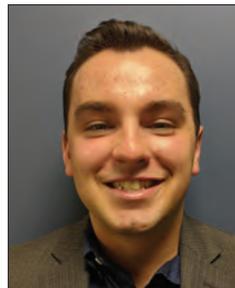
Terryyn Laird

In my role as public health communications specialist at NEHA, I serve primarily as a communications leader in the Retail Food Safety Regulatory Association Collaborative (www.retailfoodsafetycollaborative.org). I maintain the Collaborative's various communication channels and website, provide writing and design support for other

NEHA food safety initiatives both internally and externally, and participate on the Awareness & Communications Workgroup of the Environmental Health & Equity Collaborative.

Before coming to NEHA I worked in retail food at Starbucks and in a nursing home. I also worked as a writing tutor in the Writing Center at Metropolitan State University of Denver. I hold a bachelor of science in human nutrition and a bachelor of art in English from Metropolitan State University of Denver. This varied education provides me with the tools to act as an effective science communicator as well as a storyteller.

I was born and raised in Boulder County, Colorado, and have a deep love for the state and all of the natural beauty here, which fuels my passion for environmental health, conservation, and working to mitigate the effects of climate change. Outside of work I am a collector of hobbies and passions that include (but are not limited to): hiking, camping, backpacking, cooking and baking (currently I am into sourdough and traditional pastry), writing, Dungeons and Dragons, and plants. I'm sure, however, that I will have picked up a few new ones by my next anniversary!



Tyler Linnebur

I joined NEHA in August 2020 as a staff accountant in the Finance Department. My goal is help automate processes and put more data online so that we can work more efficiently and flexibly at home or in the office. I am passionate about the environment and want to contribute to NEHA's mission of advancing environmental health through improv-

ing our finance and accounting functions.

I attended the University of Denver where I obtained my bachelor's degree in finance in 2018 and my master's degree in accounting in 2019. While completing my graduate degree I started working as a staff auditor at a public accounting firm. There I gained experience auditing the financial statements of private corporate, not-for-profit, and governmental clients. I was laid off in May 2020 due to economic challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic but was fortunate to join NEHA as a contractor in May 2020 and later as a staff accountant in August 2020.

While at NEHA I passed the last of my Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exams and became licensed in December 2020. My goal over the next several years is to pursue the other valuable credentials such as the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA).

As a staff accountant at NEHA, I record accounting transactions weekly, prepare journal entries and monthly reconciliations of our accounting records, assist in preparing the annual budget and Form 990 tax form, deposit checks, process accounts payable, and perform any other tasks that make the jobs of the accounting manager and finance director easier. I also assist the Partnership and Program Development (PPD) Department at NEHA in preparing its budget and tracking payroll expenses with a sophisticated spreadsheet the PPD director and I have created.

When I am not at work you will find me hiking, camping, mountain biking, running, or doing anything outdoors in my home state of Colorado. I enjoy reading, especially about history and politics, and you can find me discussing either with a group of friends. I also enjoy walking my dog, Cruz, around our neighborhood. Additionally, I run a chapter of the American Conservation Coalition, a free-market environmental organization, and through it go on hikes, do trash cleanups, and hopefully in the near future meet with political leaders to discuss ways to help our environment.

I grew up as a Boy Scout and loved the adventures my troop would go on in the great outdoors. The memories I made sleeping under the stars in the fresh mountain air inspired me to conserve our nature's beauty for future generations to enjoy and make memories of their own. NEHA's work in environmental health is relatively new to me but it has taught me the breadth of environmental health work and how important it is for us all. 🐾