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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Felix I. Zemel is a nationally-recognized leader in environmental health and building safety. Felix combines over a decade of experience in municipal and state government with academic training in interdisciplinary engineering, public health, and city planning. Given this background, Felix has served on the governing committees for groups like the MA Health Officers' Association. He currently serves on multiple national and international technical advisory committees in the fields of environmental health, building construction, and life safety professional associations. He is currently an Adjunct Instructor at Boston University, in their City Planning & Urban Affairs graduate programs; where he teaches a course entitled Public Health and the Built Environment. He has also guest lectured at the Harvard School of Public Health, and Tufts University School of Medicine

EXPERTISE

Building codes / construction; public & environmental health; built environment; affordable housing

NOTABLE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor in City Planning and Sustainable Development, Boston University (2016 – Present)
Chief of Inspections – Building and Technical Director, Massachusetts Department of Public Safety (2015 – 2017)
Principal, Pracademic Solutions (2014 – Present)
Building Commissioner, Town of Sherborn MA (2014 – 2015)
Health Agent / Health Administrator, Cohasset Board of Health (2012 – 2014)
Sanitarian II, Framingham Board of Health (2010 – 2012)
Housing Inspector, Boston Housing Authority (2007 – 2010)

EDUCATION

DrPH Candidate, Tufts University School of Medicine (December 2018 exp. Graduation)
Master of Public Health (concentration in Environmental Health), Boston University School of Public Health, (2012)
Master of City Planning, Boston University Metropolitan College (2010)
BS in Engineering Technology, Wentworth Institute of Technology (2008)

FELLOWSHIPS AND SELECTED AWARDS

Fellow, Local Public Health Institute of Massachusetts (2013)
Diplomate, American Academy of Sanitarians (2013)
President's Citation, National Environmental Health Association (2013)
President's Award, Massachusetts Environmental Health Association (2012)

CURRENT RELEVANT COMMITTEE WORK

Co-chair, Climate Change Advisory Committee, National Environmental Health Association (2017 – Present)
Member, Building Engineering Committee, American Council of Engineering Companies – MA (2017 – Present)
Principal member, Building Construction Committee, National Fire Protection Association (2017 – Present)
Principal member, Building Systems Committee, National Fire Protection Association (2017 – Present)
Principal member, Structures, Construction, and Materials Committee, National Fire Protection Association (2017 – Present)
Principal member, Fire Reporting Committee, National Fire Protection Association (2017 – Present)
Member, Emerging Leaders Membership Council, International Code Council (2016 – Present)
Primary member, Tall Wood Building Ad Hoc Committee, International Code Council (2016 – Present)
Academic Chair, American Academy of Sanitarians (2014 – Present)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Zemel, FI. "What is a Diplomate, and what does it do?" Journal of Environmental Health 78(1): July/August 2015. Pages 34-35.
Zemel, FI. "Chapter 1: General Environmental Health". in REHS/RS Study Guide. National Environmental Health Association: July 2014.
Zemel, FI. "Chapter 2: Statutes, Regulations and Administration". in REHS/RS Study Guide. National Environmental Health Association: July 2014.
Zemel, FI; Whitehead, SF. "Chapter 12: Housing Sanitation and Safety". in REHS/RS Study Guide. National Environmental Health Association: July 2014.
Zemel, FI. "Chapter 13: Institutions and Licensed Establishments". in REHS/RS Study Guide. National Environmental Health Association: July 2014.
Zemel, FI. "Medical marijuana: a crossroads between land use planning and environmental health". Journal of Environmental Health 75(9). National Environmental Health Association: May 2013. Pages 56-57.
Zemel, FI. "Making Homes Safe and Livable: A vision for new housing codes and regulation enforcement". Building Safety Journal. International Code Council. (October, 2009).