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Mr. Treser was born near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1945. He received his bachelor of arts degree in history from Thiel College in 1967, and served three years in the United States Army as an artillery survey specialist, an education specialist and a personnel specialist. In 1971 he began his career in environmental health as an environmental health inspector with the Allegheny County Health Department in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Steady promotions followed over the next four years until 1975, when as an environmental health supervisor, he went on leave to obtain a Master of Public Health degree at the University of Michigan. In 1976 he returned to the Allegheny County Health Department and was promoted to environmental health administrator. There he developed a comprehensive training program for new environmental health employees. In 1980, he accepted a position as Lecturer in Environmental Health with the University of Washington's Department of Environmental Health to manage a continuing competency education system for environmental health personnel.

Chuck is currently a Senior Lecturer and Undergraduate Program Associate Director in the Department of Environmental Health, teaching in both the undergraduate and graduate programs, as well as the School-wide extended MPH degree program. He is an active participant in the University of Washington's Northwest Center for Public Health Practice – the organizational nexus within the School of Public Health & Community Medicine for connecting the academic pursuits of the school with the needs of the Public Health practice community. Chuck remains professionally active in environmental and public health professional organizations; including the American Public Health Association (Section Council 1987-1990, Chair 1991-92, Governing Council 1993-1994, 1996-1998, 2001-2002), the National Environmental Health Association (Chair of the Management Section, 1989-1994), the National Conference of Local Environmental Health Administrators (Editor, 1984-1994, Treasurer, 1995-present), the Washington State Environmental Health Association (Secretary, 1984-1987) and the Washington State Public Health Association (President, 1987-88). He has done consulting work for several local health departments and private engineering and consulting firms. His awards include the Washington State Public Health Association's Tom Drummey Award (1995) and the American Public Health Association Environment Section's Distinguished Service Award (1995). He was elected President of the Association of Environmental Health Academic Programs in June, 2000. He is the program chair for the 2002 biennial meeting of the International Environmental Health Faculty Forum.