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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

January 2007-Present

**Watkins Consulting**, Arlington, VA

*Proprietor*

- Designed and conducted critical reviews of the scientific literature utilizing evidence-based methodology.
- Critically reviewed and evaluated the scientific literature related to exposure methodologies in occupational and environmental epidemiology.
- Researched and prepared manuscript on The Air Force Health Study.
- Evaluated methods proposed for assessing herbicide exposure of Allied troops during defoliation missions during the Vietnam War.
- Researched and prepared white paper on available federal databases for analysis of nutritional intake and obesity.
- Researched and reviewed archival materials from the Vietnam War era.

October 2006-January 2007

**The Sapphire Group**, Bethesda, MD

*Program Manager, Epidemiologist*

- Researched and prepared reports and critical reviews of the epidemiologic literature.

April 2004-October 2006

**Exponent**, Washington, DC

*Managing Scientist/Epidemiologist, Health Sciences Practice*

- Researched and critically evaluated the occupational and environmental epidemiology literature.
- Researched and prepared reports and white papers related to disease causation.
- Researched and prepared reports and critical reviews of the epidemiologic literature related to cancer, heart disease and diabetes.
- Evaluated the scientific literature and prepared reports on exposure assessment methodologies in occupational and environmental epidemiology.
- Evaluated historical data for use in exposure reconstruction for epidemiological studies.
- Developed, organized and participated in continuing legal education seminar on "Understanding Statistical Issues in Health and Environmental Litigation".
- Reviewed clinical and public health databases.

June 2003-April 2004

**BBL, Inc.**, Reston, VA

*Senior Scientist II*

- Responsible for the critical review and preparation of reports related to disease causation.

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- Researched and prepared reports and critical reviews of the epidemiologic literature related to cancer and non-cancer endpoints.
- Researched and prepared seminar presentations related to various epidemiologic issues for clients.

November 2002 – June 2003

**U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration**, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Office of Chemical Hazards-Metals, Washington, DC

*Health Scientist*

- Responsible for the review and analysis of the epidemiologic literature for the development of draft and final OSHA regulations and guidance.
- Reviewed and analyzed the cancer epidemiology literature on hexavalent chromium and wrote the cancer epidemiology section of the chromium regulations (promulgated 2006).

October 1983 – November 2002

**Georgetown University Medical Center**, Department of Family Medicine, Division of Occupational Health Studies:

*Research Assistant Professor* (1996-2002)

*Research Instructor* (1993-1996)

*Research Associate* (1984-1993)

*Deputy Director, Division of Occupational Health Studies* (1994-2002)

*Deputy Director, Division of Biostatistics and Epidemiology* (1990-1994)

**Research:**

- Designed and conducted health studies of worker populations in the man-made vitreous fiber, asphalt roofing manufacturing, asphalt production and chemical industries.
- Developed and implemented a methodology for reconstruction of historic exposures for workers in manufacturing environments.
- Senior author of the first study of women and minorities in the fiberglass textile manufacturing industry.
- Co-directed two nation-wide surveillance programs to monitor potential health effects in the working environment.
- Designed, implemented and supervised a nation-wide interview survey of approximately 7,000 retirees to obtain data on demographics, work-history, residence history, smoking and alcohol consumption.
- Designed and conducted feasibility studies in the asphalt roofing manufacturing industry and in the fiberglass end-users industries.
- Evaluated the epidemiologic literature and prepared critical reviews.
- Prepared grant/contract proposals, progress reports, summaries and final reports.
- Ensured compliance with University Institutional Review Board regulations for the protection of human subjects.
- Alternate, Georgetown University Institutional Review Board.

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**Teaching:**

- Medical Center:
  - Reviewer, Small Group Leader (Substitute), Evidence Based Medicine I (2006 - ).
  - Reviewer, Small Group Leader (Substitute), Evidence Based Medicine II (2006- ).
  - Lecturer, Biostatistics and Epidemiology (2003-2005).
- Graduate Program in Biostatistics and Epidemiology
  - Co-director, Course: Epidemiologic Research: Applications in Policy, Regulation and Law (1992-1994).
  - Lecturer, Course: Current Issues and Methods in Biostatistics and Epidemiology (1990-1993).
  - Preceptor, Problems in Health Research (1991-1993).
  - Admissions Committee (1991-1994).

February 1982 - May 1983

**Pennsylvania Environmental Council** and the **Pennsylvania Environmental Research Foundation**, Philadelphia, PA.

Director, Legislative Affairs and Director, Hazardous Waste Management Project.

April 1979 - August 1981

**Society for Occupational and Environmental Health**, Washington, DC.

Executive Director

June 1972- April 1979

**American Public Health Association**, Washington, DC.

Production Editor

**EDUCATION:**

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

M.S. (Biostatistics & Epidemiology)

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

B.A. (Journalism)

**FACULTY APPOINTMENT:**

Georgetown University

*Adjunct Assistant Professor* (2002- )

**PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:**

Society for Epidemiologic Research

Society of Professional Journalists

**RECOGNITION/AWARDS:**

Deborah K. Watkins  
Who's Who in America, 2010 edition  
Who's Who of American Women, 2010-2011 edition  
The World Who's Who of Women, 13th edition.

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**PUBLICATIONS:**

Buffler, PA, Ginevan ME, Mandel JS and Watkins DK. 2011. The Air Force Health Study: An Epidemiologic Retrospective. *Annals of Epidemiology*, (In Press).

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Chiazzo L, Watkins D, Fryar C, et al: Mortality from Non-Malignant Respiratory Disease in the Fiberglass Manufacturing Industry. *Occup Environ Med* 59:369-372, 2002.

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Chiazzo L Jr. and Watkins DK: Epidemiology Studies of Synthetic Vitreous Fibers: Methods Used and Current Studies. *Reg Tox & Pharm* 20:S58-S67, 1994.

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Malignant Respiratory Disease Among Employees of a Fiberglass Manufacturing Facility. II Exposure Assessment. *Br J Ind Med* 1993; 50:717-725.

Chiazze L Jr., Watkins D, and Fryar C: A Case-Control Study of Malignant and Non Malignant Respiratory Disease among Employees of a Fiberglass Manufacturing Facility. *Br J Ind Med*, 49:326-331, 1992.

Chiazze L Jr., Watkins DK and Amsel J: Asphalt and Risk of Cancer in Man. *Br J Ind Med*, 48:538-542, 1991.

Chiazze L Jr, Lundin F and Watkins D (Eds). 1983. *Methods and Issues in Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology*. Ann Arbor Science Press, Ann Arbor, MI.