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I started my career with the USDA, ARS, PWA in Albany, CA, on February 2, 2009, as the Executive Assistant to Dr. Robert Matteri, Associate Area Director of the Pacific West Area. My duties

encompass Performance Plan Management, Ethics, Employee Relations, and Foreign Nationals. Prior to joining the USDA, I worked for UBS Investment Bank as the Facilities/Office Services Manager for 11 years.

I attended Contra Costa Community College and received an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts in 2009. I have since transferred to the California State University Eastbay in Hayward and am currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies with a Minor in Geology.

I grew up in Switzerland and immigrated to the United States in 1992. I am a single mom and have two sons, Nicholas 14 and Lucas 16 years old. I love animals and have a big dog, Maggie, who I like to take on long walks. I enjoy nature, music, and soccer (my son plays on a competitive team).