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## Top Skills

OTC  
Emotional Intelligence  
Regulatory Submissions

## Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)  
Japanese (Limited Working)

## Publications

National patterns and correlates of mentholated cigarette use in the United States

Smoking cessation interventions in U.S. racial/ethnic minority populations: an assessment of the literature

Variations of toxic and carcinogenic constituents in nasvai: call for systematic research and regulation

Cigarette smoking patterns among young adults aged 18-24 years in the United States

Sensory properties of menthol and smoking topography

# Deirdre Lawrence Kittner

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Washington DC-Baltimore Area

## Summary

Senior scientist with over 20 years of experience in commercial tobacco control and public health. Specialty areas include commercial tobacco prevention and control, tobacco surveillance, tobacco-related health disparities, global tobacco control, regulatory science, and prescription to over the counter (Rx-to-OTC) switch process.

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## Experience

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Director, Office on Smoking and Health  
January 2021 - Present (2 years 8 months)

Lead OSH senior staff leadership team in developing strategic goals and objectives for tobacco prevention and control that integrate chronic disease prevention, health promotion, and scientific and programmatic activities.

Coordinate the development of CDC and HHS policy positions related to tobacco use and health and serve as OSH'S key spokesperson.

Provide strategic leadership for developing, executing, and evaluating national media campaigns for preventing and controlling tobacco use.

Provide strategic leadership to staff operating the National Tobacco Control Program, which provides funding and technical support to health departments in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, territories, and tribes.

Provide staff support for Office of the Surgeon General and a congressionally mandated federal advisory committee on smoking and health.

## FDA

4 years 1 month

Deputy Director for Regulatory Science, Office of Science  
October 2018 - January 2021 (2 years 4 months)

Beltsville, Maryland

Supervise division directors and branch chiefs within the Office of Science.

Provide executive leadership and managerial direction to professional, technical, and support staff engaged in a variety of substantive activities related to tobacco regulatory science programs.

Provide recommendations to Office Director on public health policies based on scientific merit, soundness of reasoning, relative priorities, availability of resources, and anticipated results.

Deputy Director, Division of Population Health Science  
January 2017 - March 2019 (2 years 3 months)

Silver Spring, Maryland

Provided authoritative and professional expertise in health sciences, including epidemiology, and population health issues related to the regulation of tobacco products.

Served as expert adviser and technical authority on complex and precedent-setting policy and program issues and developed policies, strategies, and plans to address cross-cutting population health issues.

Supervised staff of branch chiefs who serve as experts in evaluation, epidemiology, statistics, and the behavioral and social sciences.

## Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids

Director, International Research

June 2015 - January 2017 (1 year 8 months)

Led international research team which provides evidence-based responses to requests for tobacco policy and regulatory information from international NGOs, the media, policy-makers, the public, and tobacco control allies.

Provided scientific leadership and expertise in the development and execution of strategies for policy change in targeted countries, ensuring scientific soundness and technical feasibility.

#### PinneyAssociates, Inc.

##### Senior Scientist

April 2010 - May 2015 (5 years 2 months)

Bethesda, MD

Led projects that assessed and influenced the scientific and policy environment for pharmaceuticals and consumer healthcare products, both pre- and post-FDA approval.

Assisted clients with the Rx-to-OTC switch process by identifying and evaluating scientific issues that could impact regulatory approval, and developing compelling data-driven responses for those issues.

Engaged key opinion leaders for expert analysis on topics, such as prescription to OTC switches, consumer healthcare, nicotine replacement therapy, and abuse liability of prescription medications.

Developed white papers, public health assessments, comprehensive literature reviews, and other internal client scientific reports to help clients prepare for regulatory submissions, regulatory meetings, and FDA Advisory Committee meetings.

#### National Cancer Institute (NCI)

12 years 8 months

##### Epidemiologist

October 2000 - April 2010 (9 years 7 months)

Rockville, MD

Served as Division's International Liaison to coordinate international research efforts, provided leadership to facilitate collaborative efforts (with US government entities and other countries) to develop global tobacco control programs, and managed a portfolio of international tobacco control grants and contracts.

Led scientific projects to address tobacco related health disparities, and developed a research program (e.g., grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements) involving tobacco surveillance and methodologic studies to enhance tobacco control measures.

Reviewed and contributed to scientific publications, technical reports and conference planning activities to improve tobacco surveillance and reduce cancer-related health disparities.

#### Cancer Prevention Fellow

September 1997 - October 2000 (3 years 2 months)

Rockville, MD

Gained a strong foundation and experience in cancer prevention and control through the MPH training at Harvard University, completion of the NCI Summer Curriculum in Cancer Prevention, and mentored research at NCI using epidemiological survey and evaluation research techniques to assess correlates of alcohol and tobacco use with an emphasis on health disparities.

#### FDA

Lead Scientist (on detail)

December 2009 - March 2010 (4 months)

Rockville, MD

Led a team to provide scientific support for the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee (TPSAC) on topics regarding menthol cigarettes, cigarette labeling/packaging, and tobacco industry documents.

#### The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation

Mansfield Fellow

July 2005 - August 2007 (2 years 2 months)

Washington, DC; Toyko, Japan

Developed verbal and written proficiency in the Japanese language as the first NIH representative in the Mansfield Fellowship.

Provided scientific consultation to support public health policy planning and decision-making in several Government of Japan (GOJ) offices.

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## Education

#### MIT

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Toxicology · (1989 - 1997)

#### Harvard University

Master of Public Health (MPH), Quantitative Methods · (1997 - 1998)

Spelman College

Bachelor of Science (BS), Biology, General · (1985 - 1989)