

## Angela Clendenin

Angela Clendenin is an Instructional Assistant Professor with the Texas A&M School of Public Health where she has taught both undergraduate and graduate courses since 2015.

Within the SPH's undergraduate program, Angela is responsible for teaching public health emergency preparedness. In the graduate program, she teaches Disaster Epidemiology and is a member of the Integrated Core Instructional Team. Her academic pursuits and research interests include risk communication, decision analysis, emergency management/emergency communication. Her background in emergency communications and media relations has included multiple invited presentations and articles for general readership.

Angela received her bachelor's degree in Journalism from Texas A&M University in 1991, followed by a master's degree from Seton Hall University in Strategic Communication and Leadership in 2005, and her PhD in Agriculture Leadership, Education, and Communication. As a public information officer, Angela has worked as part of the deployable VET in response to the Bastrop Wildfires in 2011, the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas in 2013, the Blanco River Floods in May 2015, the Brazos River Floods in 2016, and Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Angela provided surge support to the local Brazos County Health District in conducting case investigations and contact tracing. As Texas A&M University began to plan for the fall semester's return of students, Angela served on the Contingency Council which planned the guidance and operations for the academic year. In addition, she is currently serving as the Director of the Texas A&M Covid Operations Center where case investigation and contact tracing for Texas A&M University and the TAMU System are conducted under an agreement with the Brazos County Health District and system member institutions.