

As one of the Scientific Core Facility Research Managers in Vanderbilt Technologies for Advanced Genomics (VANTAGE) core, I oversee the Biobanking and genotyping services. Our goals are to provide high quality data, maintain sample and data integrity for the hundreds of samples we isolate and bank weekly and maintain our high throughput. In my role I have the opportunity to expand and improve our services and bring my 15 years of research experience and management to integrate new instrumentation, improve and optimize protocols and work with our staff to build on their individual strength for the benefit of all. My previous work experience include research in microbiology labs in the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, University of Michigan and the University of Chicago. At the J Craig Venter institute, I worked as a staff scientist and later as a Sequencing Core Manager. Beyond the lab techniques I learned, and research experience gained, I learned to value the importance of the human element in all that we do, if we provide people with the right environment, they can strive and reach their individual and collective goals.