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Bio

Robert Phalen has over 25 years of experience in industry and academia. His career began as an environmental and industrial hygiene equipment supplier, in technical sales and equipment rentals. He then moved into consulting and worked as an industrial hygienist and manager of loss prevention and control, where he provided industrial hygiene and safety services to a wide variety of industries in California, Arizona and Houston, Texas. Later in his career, he received his doctoral degree in Environmental Health Sciences from University of California, Los Angeles, with specialization in Industrial Hygiene. He is currently the Program Chair and a Professor of Occupational Safety and Health at University of Houston Clear Lake.

Dr. Phalen is a Certified Industrial Hygienist and a Fellow of the American Industrial Hygiene Association. He now dedicates much of his time towards teaching, research, and service to AIHA at the national and local level. Heat stress is one of his areas of expertise and in April 2020 he published an article on the topic in *The Synergist*. He also directed a Susan Harwood training grant on Heat Illness Prevention that reached over 650 participants in the Gulf Coast region.