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SAFE FOOD

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PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction

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Distinguished Speaker

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ABSTRACT
The country has been experiencing a surge in consumer activity and interest in household food production, whether it be growing it or supporting local farmers, preparing it, preserving it or otherwise processing it. Entrepreneurs are also seeking ways to increase income through small home-based food businesses. At the same there is proliferation of advice and personal experience shared by many through various channels including social media. This advice does always incorporate or align with sound scientific knowledge about food safety. Scientific research has long guided government advice and procedures for processing food at home although funding has not been able to keep up with consumer demand. Cooperative Extension programs nationwide have historically been a source for these recommendations but have also been facing cutbacks just as demand is increasing. This presentation will focus on recent research and outreach activity in home food processing that emphasizes food safety and improving related scientific understanding of basic principles.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY
Elizabeth L. Andress, Ph.D., is a Professor and food safety specialist at the University of Georgia. Her Extension programs in food safety and quality include home food preservation and processing and foodservice sanitation as well as consumer foods and food safety education. Dr. Andress is the Director of a USDA-supported National Center for Home Food Processing and Preservation, a multi-state project that has provided national outreach and education, original applied research for preservation recommendations, and undergraduate education. She is a co-author of the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, an editor of Georgia’s So Easy to Preserve, a book now used nationwide in Extension programs, and co-producer of an educational video series on home food preservation. Her National Center website receives over 1.5 million visits per year. Dr. Andress teaches a senior level class on food sanitation and safety in the Foods and Nutrition department and occasionally offers special topics undergraduate classes on home food preservation and processing. For 18 months, she also served as Interim Director for FACS Extension at the University of Georgia. She has previously held positions as National Program Leader for Food Science with the Extension Service-USDA, food safety specialist with the Florida Extension Service, Extension Research Assistant in Food Science at Penn State University and County Extension Home Economist, in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. Awards of distinction include: 2012 National Excellence in Extension Award from USDA and APLU, the Outstanding Engagement Award from the Board on Human Sciences (APLU), the Outreach Faculty Award, College of Family and Consumer Sciences (UGA), the Walter B. Hill Distinguished Public Service Fellow from UGA, the Hill Award for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service and Outreach and the D.W. Brooks Award for Faculty Excellence in Extension.
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