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**Kenneth Henry** graduated from University of California Santa Barbara with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and from Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) with a Ph.D. in Genetics. Following graduation, Dr. Henry was fortunate enough to do a post-Doctoral Fellowship at the National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health and was employed by Department of Medicine Division of Infectious Disease at CWRU in conjunction with Diagnostics Hybrids (Athens, Ohio) as a Senior Research Associate and a JSR Micro Inc. Life Sciences Division as Senior Research Scientist. In 2016, Dr. Henry began working as an adjunct Biology/Chemistry Instructor and received his current appointment to his first Tenured-track position at West Hills College Coalinga in 2020.
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