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Dr. James D. Shelton received his M.P.H. with a major in Population Dynamics from Johns Hopkins University in 1972 and an M.D. in 1973 also from Johns Hopkins. In 1974, he joined the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) where he gained additional training in family planning and reproductive epidemiology. He also completed a residency in Preventive Medicine at CDC and is Board Certified in Preventive Medicine.

He came to the Office of Population at USAID in 1977, served as Chief of its Research Division, intermittently as Acting Deputy Director of the Office and from 1994-2007 as Senior Medical Scientist in the Office addressing a variety of technical, programmatic and management issues. Since Mid-2007 he serves as Science Advisor for the Bureau for Global Health addressing the entire health portfolio. His main passion is promoting technical excellence and learning – especially “Program Science.” He has engaged in a variety of initiatives to promote technical learning and best practices including: the Maximizing Access and Quality (MAQ) initiative, the Implementing Best Practices (IBP) Initiative, Contraceptive “Pearls,” Essentials of Contraceptive Technology and its successor Family Planning: A Global Handbook for Providers, the Global Health Mini-University, and Global Health eLearning. In mid-2007 he shifted roles to become the part-time Science Advisor for the Bureau for Global Health.