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From January 2002 – March 2008, he was a Visiting Professor and Senior Fellow with the Institute for Science and Public Policy at The University of Oklahoma, where he has recently completed a book on the topic: “**Agent Orange: A History of Its Use, Disposition, and Environmental Fate.**”

Dr. Young has traveled to 32 countries sponsoring conferences, providing lectures, and conducting workshops on issues ranging from Agent Orange and TCDD to Biotechnology. He has served as a Co-editor for 4 different journals and has more than 300 publications in the scientific literature. He is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal ***Environmental Science and Pollution Research.***