Jennifer Laine, a SWCOEH Industrial Hygiene (IH) trainee, received a Best of Session award for her poster at the 2014 American Industrial Hygiene Association Conference & Exposition (AIHce). The AIHce, considered the most important event of the year among Occupational Health and Safety professionals, was held in San Antonio, Texas, May 31-June 5, 2014.

The topic of Ms. Laine’s poster was ‘Ergonomic Evaluation of the New Chemical Protective Suit for Military Emergency Responders’ and her research showed that a new, lighter weight textile and suit design did not restrict military emergency responder range of motion or speed during routine movements and response tasks more than the current chemical protective suit.

Jennifer joined the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Program as a DrPH student in January 2012 and she is currently developing her proposal for her doctoral dissertation. Jennifer also works full time as a Safety Manager in the Office of Safety, Health, Environment, and Risk Management (SHERM) at UTHealth.