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Prior to her position in the Office of Translational Research, she was a member of the Repair and Plasticity cluster in the NINDS Division of Extramural Research. Before coming to NINDS, Ms. Fertig worked as a researcher in the Center for Bio/Molecular Science and Engineering at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) in Washington D.C. for Nova Research, Inc. Ms. Fertig has a B.S. degree in Chemistry with a major in Physics from the University of Virginia and an M.B.A. from the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business.