



Dr. Sanja Ilic is a Professor in Human Nutrition, Department of Human Sciences, and a Food Safety State Specialist. The focus of her research is on investigating and promoting food safety, reducing and preventing food safety risks among food handlers and consumers. Of special interest is microbial safety of fresh fruits and vegetables, including contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Salmonella* spp., STEC, etc. Dr. Ilic investigates transmission and dissemination routes, and interventions to prevent and reduce the risk of contamination of fresh produce and other foods within the food systems approach to hydroponic fresh fruit and vegetable production. Dr. Ilic investigates food safety behaviours to identify barriers to food safety interventions. Her research provides novel food safety interventions to control and eliminate foodborne pathogens and innovative approaches of knowledge transfer targeting specific populations with an overall goal of improving health and wellness. Dr. Ilic studies food safety behaviours. She has multiple externally funded hydroponic food safety projects. The findings of her study are directly applicable to hydroponic production, and she has developed a Good Agricultural Guide for Hydroponic Producers that translates her study's findings, together with other research evidence, into best practices for growing safe crops. Dr. Ilic had delivered multiple food safety courses and lectures to the hydroponic community.