

Statement of Candidacy
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I grew up on the west coast, and after completing my graduate and post-doctoral training in southern Ontario, I was happy to return home when I became a faculty member at UVic in 2010. I am currently a professor in the Department of Psychology. I study the social self, with a focus on understanding how people cope with threats to belonging like rejection and social stigma. I teach in our department's social psychology stream and I supervise a vibrant lab of graduate students.

I have represented the Faculty of Graduate Studies as a Senator since July of 2022. During my term I regularly attended and actively participated in both Senate and the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council. I have also served on the Senate Committee on Academic Standards (SCAS) since 2022, and I began Chairing SCAS in July of 2024. I also served on the Faculty of Health Advisory Committee in my home department last year, which liaised with the Senate Committee on Health Programming to achieve a difficult consensus among diverse groups concerning the role that our department would play in the new faculty.

There has been a steep learning curve for my participation in Senate thus far that I have found to be both personally and professional gratifying. Senate is involved in a wide range of university activities and decision-making is often complex and must balance the diverse perspectives and needs of our community members. I would like to serve another term as Senator representing the Faculty of Graduate Studies so that I can continue to contribute to this important work.