

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 an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology. I study the social self, with a focus on understanding how people navigate social scripts, including script violations, and 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 and undergraduate students.

I have served on our department's Undergraduate Executive Committee for nearly a decade, which I chaired for one year, and I have been a member of the Graduate Executive Committee the past two years. These experiences sparked an unexpected passion for curriculum development, which led me to oversee the extensive undergraduate curriculum restructure that our department initiated in 2015. I also helped to develop our graduate program in Social Psychology. I recently Chaired two successful faculty search committees and was elected to our department's Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure committee the last two years. I have a deep and abiding commitment to social justice, and I use that energy to support equity and diversity initiatives in our department. I also adopt a social justice lens in my teaching and research, and I engage in community-based advocacy aimed at eliminating weight stigma in healthcare settings.

I would like to serve on the senate because I am keen to participate more fully in University governance, particularly as it pertains to graduate programming and student funding as well as issues of equity and diversity. I would also like the opportunity to use my administrative and lived experiences to support UVic's goals of creating a scholarly community that reflects our shared values of excellence, integrity, and inclusivity.