2019 ASIP Election

POSITION: Education Committee Chair-Elect

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Candidate’s statement:

My first real interaction with ASIP was in 2014 after being asked to give two talks at the 2015 EB meeting as part of the ASIP program. The first talk was about my research, but the second was an hour long ‘primer’ lecture as part of the basic science education program. This was a wonderful experience, and I got a huge amount of positive feedback from people about this lecture. Having these sorts of background information lectures are really valuable not only to students and trainees, but also to established investigators who are moving into a new field. I was glad to have the opportunity to take part in that educational mission for ASIP, and it really helped me to meet and get to know some of the members.

I had stopped going to the EB meetings after graduate school, mainly because I found these meetings to be a little overwhelming and hard to navigate. My experience in 2015 as part of the ASIP program at EB changed my mind about the meeting and now I go every year again. I found ASIP and its members to be extremely welcoming and I feel like I have found a home within ASIP. It is so great to be part of a group of investigators working on topics that are not only interesting to me but also very relevant to my own research.

I am currently a member of the Research and Science Policy Committee for ASIP, and I’m honored to be nominated as a candidate for Chair of the Education committee. I have a strong background in teaching and mentoring of graduate and medical students, post-doctoral fellows and also junior faculty, and I am committed to advancing the educational mission of ASIP at all levels. Having strong educational leadership and interactive mentors is key to the success of educational programs within societies like ASIP, and if elected I will help lead the committee to produce exciting, inclusive programs that cover expanding topics within our field. Educational programs and courses can truly inspire our members, bring added value to being an ASIP member, and can encourage members to get more involved with our society. All these things are important in maintain a vibrant, active and useful scientific society.