2019 ASIP Election

POSITION: Chair of the Committee for Career Development & Diversity

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Candidate’s Statement:

I have been an active member of ASIP for the past 10 years and have served in several areas mostly involving the Career Development and Diversity committee and the Education committee. Specifically over the last few years, I have chosen and organized abstracts submitted by graduate students and postdoctoral fellows for the Highlights in Graduate Student Research sessions held at the annual Experimental Biology conference.

If elected Chair, my goals would be to continue administering and growing the great programs already in place that assist graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty with career development; and to increase the number of minorities and women that join ASIP and retain them as sustaining members.

At the Medical University of South Carolina, I am heavily involved in the education of students, having mentored and trained in my laboratory 15 students (7 women, 8 men), ranging from undergraduates to postgraduates and medical students. In addition, I direct and organize the Ernest Everett (EE) Just program. EE Just was an African American scientist from Charleston, SC who made it to the top of his profession; we invoke his name in recruiting minority students to graduate medical education programs.

I also believe that the ASIP national meetings, such as the annual meeting at Experimental Biology and PISA, should provide a platform for strong discussion on science, the importance of science education, and the opportunities that ASIP can provide. I am also a supporter of basic science and the clinical applications of such science and currently have three research collaborations with clinical departments.

Lastly, if I were elected Chair, I would strongly advocate for the expansion of ASIP through partnerships with other societies and greater networking with institutions including MUSC. I appreciate the opportunity to work in this organization and am committed to the success of our society.