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**Education**

**Doctor of Philosophy, Oncological Sciences**

Department of Oncological Sciences  
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah  
November 1998

**Experience**

**Associate Professor**

1999 – Present St. John's University

Queens, NY USA

- Research – Bioinformatics, Toxicology, Microbiology, Protein Biochemistry, & Proteomics
- Educator – Pharmacogenomics, Toxicology, Public Health, Human Anatomy & Physiology

**Reactome Editor/Curator**

2003 – present Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

Cold Spring Harbor, NY USA

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**Interim Director – Institute for Biotechnology**

2005 – 2006 St. John's University

Queens, NY USA

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**STATEMENT**

I want to thank the nominating committee for their hard work and investment in biocuration. My involvement in the Society began with my work on the organizing committee for the 3rd International Biocurator Conference, while my work as a biocurator began a decade earlier in graduate school before I even knew what biocuration was.

It turns out that I liked it.

My work on the organizing committee showcased the talents of a wide range of individuals currently engaged in the society, developing biocuration as a profession. I, like many biocurators, lead a professional life that crosses a number of disciplines, wet bench toxicology, college teaching, academic policy, and bioinformaticist. Like all of you, I understand the need for the proactive development of the biocuration profession. The society is a powerful tool for professional development, and as a biocurator I believe that individuals who work the biocuration job every day should drive the society. As a scientist with experience from academia and industry to public policy, I bring not only experience of reaching across numerous fields everyday to marshal disparate sources of information, but also the practice of managing and organizing professional groups with an eye towards both specific goals and future development.

I am most interested in bolstering the societies education efforts. Biocuration is a fantastic field and with the new focus on informatics fields it will continue to grow. As a teacher I am committed to bringing education to all people, especially those lacking economic, physical, or social advantages (which is why I teach where I do). Science is a fantastic field but I feel that it is our obligation to engage in education with the same zeal that we bring to discovery. I would like to see the development of biocuration material that can be integrated into many different educational settings, both as a teaching tool and as a bit of evangelization.

I look forward, if given the opportunity, to working towards the development of all of the societies goals.

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