

Candidate for Vice Chair

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BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., New Mexico State University, 1997.

Professional Experience:

Professor of Computer Science , New Mexico State University, Dept. of Computer Science, Las Cruces, NM, 1997 – Present;

Lecturer, University of Texas at El Paso, Dept. of Computer Science, El Paso, TX, 1996 – 1996;

Consultant, EniData, Bologna, Italy, 1990 – 1991.

Professional Interest:

Accessibility (Web and Mathematics); Semantic Web; Knowledge representation and reasoning; Declarative Programming; Bioinformatics.

ACM Activities:

General Chair, ASSETS, SIGACCESS, 2007;

Program Chair, ASSETS, SIGACCESS, 2005;

Doctoral Consortium Chair, ASSETS, SIGACCESS, 2004;

SIGACCESS Impact Award Committee Chair, SIGACCESS, 2008.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

PC Member and Co-Chair of Young Investigators Program, ICCHP Conference, 2008;

PC member, ICCHP, 2006;

PC Member, W4A Conference, 2005 – 2008.

Awards Received:

ACM: Recognition of Service Award (PC Chair, ASSETS 2005), 2005; Recognition of Service Award (General Chair, ASSETS 2007), 2007; Best Paper Award (CUU 2003) 2003, OTHER: First Prize, Non-det. Track, International Planning Competition, 2008; Distinguished Career Award, NMSU, 2007.

STATEMENT

I have been an active researcher in the field of computers and accessibility since 1998. I have actively supported SIGACCESS, serving as committee member, program chair (2005), and general chair (2007) of ASSETS and nomination chair (2006). As a vice-chair, I pledge to dedicate effort towards expanding the visibility of SIGACCESS, facilitating

interaction and collaborations with other relevant organizations and conferences (e.g., I have served in various roles in the ICCHP conference series). I propose to explore new activities, that will expand participation to SIGACCESS, especially targeting undergraduate and graduate students. I strongly believe in the need of nurturing the next generations of researchers and practitioners to ensure a healthy growth of the SIG. I would also like to see SIGACCESS becoming a reference point for other SIGs and other researchers, practitioners, and policy making organizations seeking expertise and knowledge about computers and accessibility. This will ensure that SIGACCESS activities and participant will receive recognition and visibility within ACM and in the more general realm of accessibility and assistive technologies.