

Candidate for Chair

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BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., University of Oregon, 1988, Computer and Information Science.

Professional Experience:

Professor of Computer Science, The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX,
1999 – Present;

Director of Research, European Institute of Cognitive Sciences and Engineering, Toulouse,
France, 1996 – 1999;

Assistant & Associate Professor of Computer Science, Oregon Graduate Institute, Portland,
OR, 1989 – 1996.

Professional Interest:

Interactive systems; Development methods for interfaces and their documentation; Models
of conversation.

ACM Activities:

SIGDOC 2007 Conference Chair, SIGDOC, 2006 – 2007;

Executive Committee, SIGDOC, 2003 – Present;

SIGDOC 2003 Program Chair, SIGDOC, 2002 – 2003;

General Co-Chair, ACM Conference on Universal Usability, SIGCHI, 1999 – 2000.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Member, Usability Professionals' Association, 2007 – Present;

Chair, Outstanding Undergraduate Award Competition Committee, Computing Research
Association, 2003 – 2004;

Member, IT Deans Group, Computing Research Association, 2006 – Present.

STATEMENT

SIGDOC's current leadership has served well, continuing to move our organization toward
a broader mission that is better oriented to trends in technology and society. I would
augment this movement through these initiatives:

1. Work to make SIGDOC the place for exchange of ideas at the intersection of computing
and communications. We can create new venues for SIGDOC content, such as:

transforming the newsletter to a blog that looks at success and failures in design of communication; an online design forum where designers could get feedback on new ideas; and a series of workshops on, for example, radical design, where the participants would be encouraged to submit resulting papers to a track at the annual conference.

2. Use the new content to provide value to potential members, thus growing our membership. We can serve as a strong complement for members of organizations like AITP and UPA, which are essentially professional-development organizations rather than venues for exchange of leading-edge knowledge. We can also be more systematic in developing student membership.
3. Communicate among all of SIGDOC's stakeholders to forge a common vision for the organization's future, either on-line via the Web site or in workshops.