

Candidate for Member at Large

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BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

D. Phil., Oxford, 1984, Computation.

Professional Experience:

Professor, Portland State University, Portland, OR, 2004 – 2009;

Professor and Department Head, Oregon Graduate Institute (later OHSU), Beaverton, OR, 1994 – 2004;

Member of Technical Staff and Manager of Distributed Systems AD, Digital Equipment Corporation, Cambridge, MA, 1987 – 2004.

Professional Interest:

Programming environment design; Programming language design; Agile software engineering; Programming distributed and concurrent systems; Types for Object-based languages.

ACM Activities:

Essays Chair, OOPSLA, SIGPLAN, 2007 – 2008;

Program Committee Member for HOPL-III, SIGPLAN, 2005 – 2007;

General Chair, SOSP, SIGOPS, 1991 – 1993.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Program Chair, ECOOP, AITO, 2004 – 2005;

Member of the Board, AITO, 2005 – 2009;

Member of the Board, Squeak Foundation, 2007 – 2008.

STATEMENT

I've been a member of ACM for more than 30 years. During that time I've worked in systems, in software engineering and in programming languages, and have felt the deep influence of ACM, and particularly of its publications and of the SIGs. My first conference as a new assistant professor was POPL, and it was a real honor (I cancelled my vacation!) to serve on the committee for the Third History of Programming Languages Conference. My career has truly been intertwined with the life of SIGPLAN.

I'm running for the board because it's time to give something back. I don't have an agenda to pursue, and I don't think that there is anything fundamentally broken with SIGPLAN, although there is always room for minor improvements. However, we are living through a time of unprecedented change, to which the board will have to respond. I'm ready to bring my scientific and managerial experience to the task.