

## Candidate for Member at Large

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

#### Academic Background:

Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley, 1989, Computer Science.

#### Professional Experience:

Principal Researcher, Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA, 2006 – 2009;  
Senior Researcher, Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA, 1998 – 2006;  
Associate Professor, Computer Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO, 1996 – 1998.

#### Professional Interest:

Programming languages; Software performance; Software reliability; Software security; Memory management.

#### ACM Activities:

Executive Committee Member-at-large, SIGPLAN, 2007 – 2009;  
Associate Editor, Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems, SIGPLAN, 2000 – 2007;  
Program Chair, PLDI 1999, SIGPLAN, 1999;  
Executive Committee Member-at-large, SIGPLAN, 1997 – 1999.

#### Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Program co-Chair, PACT 2006, IEEE/ACM, 2006;  
Program co-Chair, IISWC'08, IEEE, 2008;  
Program Chair, MSP'05, ACM, 2005.

### **STATEMENT**

SIGPLAN continues to be a strong and effective SIG. The conference program is excellent and our member services have tracked technology changes and member needs. My contributions to SIGPLAN include serving on the Executive Committee twice, serving as PLDI program chair (1999), and serving as TOPLAS Associate Editor. I appreciate the thoughtful leadership that others have provided that make SIGPLAN what it is today. As Member-at-Large, I will continue to leverage my experience both as an academic and a corporate researcher to help SIGPLAN balance its offerings for academic and practitioner members. I believe that SIGPLAN has an obligation to provide the best information regarding programming language technology as effectively as possible to anyone who will

benefit from it. In the last two years, I have been involved in the Professional Activities Committee, providing support funds for travel and expanding our support both in total amount of money given and in the kinds of support provided. I have also chaired the new CACM Research Highlights Nominating Committee, nominating top papers from our conferences to be considered for inclusion in the CACM. To date, we have nominated 7 such papers for this honor.