

Candidate for President

Aaron John Quigley
CSIRO's Data6, Sydney, Australia

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., University of Newcastle, 2002, Computer Science.

Professional Experience:

Science Director and Deputy Director, CSIRO's Data61 (National Science Agency), Sydney, Australia, 2023 – Present;

Head of School and Professor, School of Computer Science and Engineering, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, 2020 – 2023;

Professor (Deputy head of school, Director of impact), School of Computer Science, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, UK, 2010 – 2020.

Professional Interest:

Novel sensing and Interaction Techniques, Information Visualization, Global Human Computer Interaction, Ubiquitous Computing, Discreet Computing.

ACM Activities:

General Chair: CHI, MobileHCI, ITS and UIST, SIGCHI, 2013 – 2021;

CHI Steering Committee Member/Chair-Elect, SIGCHI, 2020 – Present;

Vice President of Conferences, SIGCHI, 2016 – 2020;

Adjunct Chair for Specialized Conferences , SIGCHI, 2015 – 2016.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Honorary General Chair, ISMAR 2023, IEEE, 2023 – 2023;

National Committee for Information and Communication Science, Australian Academy of Science, 2023 – Present;

Advisory Board member, Yirigaa (an Indigenous technology company), 2020 – Present.

Awards Received:

Excellence in Engineering Education Award, NIE, 2001;

Guinness World Record with SunSwift team UNSW, 2022;

9 Best papers/Honourable Mentions in MobileHCI, AVI, TVX, 2019.

STATEMENT

I am honored to run for SIGCHI President with Margaret Burnett.

I will contribute my organizational experience as SIGCHI Vice President for Conferences, CHI Steering Committee chair-elect and from chairing CHI/UIST/MobileHCI and IUI.

I've been a volunteer for over 25 years, and I have demonstrated my ability to bring together hundreds of volunteers to achieve successful outcomes by supporting and empowering others. Building on this I will:

1. Seek to make SIGCHI's DNA more open, transparent, and inclusive for our global community.
2. As a member of the LGBTIQ+ community, I want us to respect and embrace diversity by ensuring a greater involvement of our diverse membership in decision making.
3. Improve the accessibility of SIGCHI for all members from publications to conferences.
4. Develop new infrastructures to support SIGCHI volunteerism.
5. Enhance volunteer pathways for early career members by enabling new ideas from the next generation.
6. Develop pathways for collaboration through our family of conferences by cross-pollinating ideas and building bridges beyond SIGCHI.
7. Ensure transparent accounting, reporting, and developing new sustainable conference models.

I will grow our community and I welcome this opportunity to give back to SIGCHI.

Candidate for Executive Vice-President

Margaret Burnett
Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., University of Kansas, 1991, Computer Science.

Professional Experience:

University Distinguished Professor (prev: Professor, Assoc. Professor, Asst. Professor), Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, USA, 1992 – Present;

Visiting Researcher (sabbatical position), Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA, USA, 2009;

Visiting Researcher (sabbatical position), IBM Research, Hawthorne, NY, USA, 2008.

Professional Interest:

Inclusive design, HCI of software development (especially end-user development), HCI of AI (especially inclusive AI and explainable AI), information foraging, inclusivity, debugging.

ACM Activities:

Papers Co-Chair, SoftVis'06, CHI'08, IUI'18, 2006 – 2018;

Keynotes Co-Chair, CHI'21, CHI'24, 2021 – 2024;

Doctoral Consortium Co-Chair, CHI'23, 2023;

SIGCHI Achievement (later renamed Research & Practice) Awards Co, SIGCHI, 2017 – 2019.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Steering Committee Member, Academic Alliance for AI Policy (AAAIP), 2023 – Present;

Awards Committee: Undergrad Research Faculty Award, Computing Research

Association (CRA), 2020 – 2021;

Academic Alliance Emeritus Chairs Council, National Assoc. of Women in IT (NCWIT), 2014 – Present.

Awards Received:

Grace Hopper ABIE Technical Leadership Award (from AnitaB.org), 2023;

16 paper awards/Hon. Mentions 2008-2022 (CHI, IUI, FSE, VL/HCC), 2022;

ACM Fellow, 2017;

ACM CHI Academy, 2016.

STATEMENT

I've volunteered for ACM and SIGCHI many times: Papers Co-Chair for 3 SIGCHI conferences, plus Keynotes Co-Chair, Workshops Co-Chair, Doctoral Consortium I've served as co-chair and more, but I've never served on the SIGCHI Executive Committee. If elected, I hope to bring fresh perspectives to the group. Through my past leadership experiences, I've learned ways to encourage fresh perspectives and outside-the-box thinking on the difficult, complex problems that SIGCHI sometimes must address.

I'm especially interested in thinking outside the box in terms of inclusivity. SIGCHI already emphasizes inclusivity of its events, but I want to take it further--fully integrating inclusivity practices into SIGCHI's decision-making processes and into the workflows SIGCHI designs for our members. In short, I want to see HCI-style inclusive design imbued into SIGCHI's DNA.

I'm best known for my Inclusive Design research, but I've also received awards for inclusive mentoring and for leadership of inclusivity efforts and am actively working on improving inclusivity and equity in human-AI experiences. If elected, I'll strive for SIGCHI's processes and resulting workflows to become such models of inclusivity that other ACM SIGs want to emulate us.

Candidate for President

Neha Kumar
Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 2013, Information Management Systems.

Professional Experience:

Associate Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, 2021 – Present;
Assistant Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, 2015 – 2021;
Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 2014 – 2015.

Professional Interest:

HCI and Global Development, Health Informatics, Sustainable HCI.

ACM Activities:

President, SIGCHI, 2021 – Present;
Vice-Chair of Operations, SIG Governing Board, 2023 – Present;
Vice-President at Large, SIGCHI, 2019 – 2021;
Chair, Future of Computing Academy, 2019 – 2021.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Member, Steering Committee, ICTs and Development Conference, 2022 – Present;
Co-Founder, HCI Across Borders, 2015 – Present.

Awards Received:

Best Paper Honorable Mention, CSCW, 2023;
GVU Impact Award, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2022;
Best Paper Honorable Mention, CHI, 2022;
Best Paper, CHI, 2021.

STATEMENT

It has been an honor to serve as SIGCHI President, working with a fantastic and diverse team to engage a thriving SIGCHI community, nurture our local and global presence, support 26 conferences, and increase transparency around process and decision-making. Our SIG has almost doubled in size, to approximately 5,300 members, spanning 90 countries.

Building on this rich foundation, I will work with Luigi De Russis and the Executive Committee to focus on honoring the contributions of all members, communities, and conferences towards advancing HCI research and practice. Together, we will:

1. Take a systemic view to ensure the well-being of our conferences and support them in nurturing the growth they desire, navigating ACM OPEN-related challenges, overcoming financial barriers, and addressing information needs in a timely manner.
2. Strengthen mentorship and leadership pipelines that collectively advance us, and develop robust, inclusive, and sustainable volunteering infrastructures.
3. Ensure transparency and efficacy of our communications so that members feel informed, engaged, and invited to contribute.

Having worked to systematize inclusive and equitable processes, we will continue to foster a culture of embracing diversity of people and perspectives, mutual learning, and care, setting an example for other SIGs to follow.

Candidate for Executive Vice-President

Luigi De Russis
Politecnico di Torino, Italy

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., Politecnico di Torino, 2014, Computer Engineering.

Professional Experience:

Vice-Head of Department, Politecnico di Torino, Torino, Italy, 2023 – Present;

Associate Professor, Politecnico di Torino, Torino, Italy, 2022 – Present;

Assistant Professor, Politecnico di Torino, Torino, Italy, 2018 – 2022.

Professional Interest:

Digital Wellbeing, End-User Personalization and Development, Internet of Things and Smart Homes, Human-AI Interaction, Mobile Interaction.

ACM Activities:

Executive-Vice President, SIGCHI, 2023 – Present;

Vice-President for Finance, SIGCHI, 2022 – 2023;

Vice-Chair, Future of Computing Academy, 2019 – 2021;

Member, Conferences Working Group, SIGCHI, 2018 – 2020.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

General Chair, ECSCW 2024, 2023 – Present;

IEEE Young Professional Representative, IEEE Italy Section, 2017 – 2019;

Chair, Student Research Symposium, IEEE COMPSAC 2017, 2016 – 2017.

STATEMENT

I am honored to run as SIGCHI Executive Vice-President, in a team with Neha Kumar as President. We aim to nurture a truly international SIGCHI centered on the values of transparency, inclusivity, sustainability, and scientific impact.

As Executive Vice-President, together with the President, I will build an Executive Committee (EC) ready to listen, engage, and strengthen ties across diverse local and global HCI communities, such as conferences and chapters. I will be drawing on six years of experience volunteering for SIGCHI in various capacities, including as Adjunct Chair for Community Support and Vice-President for Finance.

Specifically, I will work to: 1. Enable stronger mentorship and volunteering infrastructures where individuals are recognized for their contributions to service. 2. Strengthen next-generation leadership pipelines within the SIG, across conferences and chapters. 3. Create and curate channels for communication and engagement among the EC, conference leaders, and chapters, centering listening, open dialogue, and transparent decision-making. 4. Ensure that our efforts enable steady and sustained advancement of HCI research and practice.

Neha and I will continue to share SIGCHI's successes and best practices across ACM, while keeping SIGCHI inclusive of and accountable to all our members, communities, and conferences.

Candidate for VP at Large

Susan M. Dray
Dray & Associates, Minneapolis. MN, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., UCLA, 1980, Psychology.

Professional Experience:

President, Dray & Associates, Minneapolis. MN, USA, 1993 – Present;
Fulbright Scholar and Visiting Professor, Tecnológica de Panamá (UTP), Panamá City, Panamá, 2013 – 2014;
Director, Human Factors, American Express Financial Advisors (formerly IDS), Minneapolis, MN US, 1988 – 1993.

Professional Interest:

Human-Centered Design Across Borders (HCDxB), Cross-organization Partnerships, UN Sustainability Goals (SDGs) and HCI, Increasing Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) and Mentoring, Helping grow HCI in previously unrepresented areas (e.g. Africa).

ACM Activities:

Adjunct Chair, Partnerships, SIGCHI, 2021 – Present;
VP at Large, SIGCHI, 2015 – 2020;
Editor, Business Column, Interactions, SIGCHI, 2004 – 2011;
Member, Distinguished Member Committee, ACM, 2015 – 2018.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Director, Publications, User Experience Professionals Association (UXPA), 2007 – 2013;
Co-chair, Industry Programme, INTERACT (IFIP conference), 2011 – 2013;
Chair, Computer Systems Technical Group, Human Factors & Ergonomics Society, 1983 – 1986.

Awards Received:

ACM Fellow, 2017;
Lifetime Achievement Award, UXPA, 2016;
Lifetime Achievement in Practice, SIGCHI (ACM), 2015;
Fulbright Scholar Award, 2013.

STATEMENT

I'm honored to be nominated for VP at Large. As part of SIGCHI's evolution since its birth, I know how we have met past challenges, and I'm excited about the future. As a current EC member, I'm proud of our values-based progress in diversity, equity, transparency, and engagement.

Welcoming all: As a longstanding advocate of inclusivity, I'm delighted that our leadership includes more women, people of color, and nationalities than ever before. It's a priority of mine to continue this progress, especially building our support for growing communities in Africa and Latin America.

Improving academic/practitioner relationship: SIGCHI should be a catalyst for cross fertilization between academics and practitioners, but maintaining our relevance to both is a perennial challenge. We're exploring ways to build relationships with practitioner organizations, and, having been in UXPA leadership in the past, look forward to helping support these and other connections.

Education: Academia and practice communities share an interest in the professional status of UX in industry. I want to help identify ways SIGCHI can support the teaching of critical skills for practice at a professional level and promote the value of well-trained students to industry.

Candidate for VP at Large

Pejman Mirza-Babaei
Ontario Tech University, Oshawa, Canada

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., University of Sussex, 2014, Informatics, HCI.

Professional Experience:

Associate Dean - School of Graduate & Post-Doctoral Studies, Ontario Tech University, Oshawa, Canada, 2024 – Present;

Associate Prof of UXR, Ontario Tech University, Oshawa, Canada, 2018 – Present;

UX Research Director, Execution Labs, Montreal, Canada, 2015 – 2017.

Professional Interest:

HCI, Games UX Research, Interaction Design, Digital Game Design, Academic Leadership.

ACM Activities:

Vice President - Publications, SIGCHI - Executive Committee , 2021 – Present;

Editorial Board member, ACM - PACM HCI Journal, 2021 – Present;

General Chair, ACM - CHI PLAY 2020 Conference, 2019 – 2022;

Vice President (interim) - Membership, SIGCHI - Executive Committee, 2018 – 2019.

STATEMENT

As a nominee for the VP at-Large role, I am dedicated to fostering a robust mentoring agenda within SIGCHI. Recognising the invaluable impact of mentorship, my primary objective is to collaborate with the SIGCHI community and EC members to implement a sustainable mentoring program.

Effective mentorship is built on shared expectations, career support, and empathetic consideration of mentors' and mentees' needs. However, the challenge lies in establishing mentorship channels and managing time demands. My vision is to create a structured mentoring program that acknowledges the efforts invested by both mentors and mentees for a mutually enriching experience.

Over this 3-year term, I will work towards curating mentorship capacities for early-career professionals, organising mentorship-focused events, engaging with regional HCI communities, and facilitating knowledge-sharing for SIGCHI volunteers.

Recognising the diversity in mentoring needs, my goal is to tailor our approach to honour community strengths and values, address structural inequities, and incentivise mentorship through awards and other visible recognition, along with better resources to ease volunteer burden.

We need to strengthen SIGCHI's commitment to mentorship, fostering a supportive and inclusive community.

Candidate for VP at Large

Ignacio Avellino
CNRS, Paris, France

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., Université Paris-Saclay, 2017, Informatics

Professional Experience:

Tenured Researcher, CNRS, Paris, France, 2021 – Present;

Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, MD, USA, 2020 – 2021;

Postdoctoral Researcher, Sorbonne Université, Paris, France, 2018 – 2020.

Professional Interest:

Human-Computer Interaction, Computer-Supported Cooperative Work & Social Computing, HCI for Health, Surgical Work, Learning Sciences.

ACM Activities:

Steering Committee Member, SIGCHI, 2023 – Present;

Data co-chair, ACM CHI, 2020 – 2021;

Assistant to the Technical Program Chairs, ACM CHI, 2018 – 2020;

Web co-chair, ACM CHI, 2017 – 2018.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

General Chair, IHM, 2023 – 2024;

Steering Committee Member, IHM, 2023 – Present;

Proceedings Chair, ECSCW, 2020 – 202.

Awards Received:

Innovation in Pedagogy award, French Academy of Surgery, 2023;

Best Paper Honorable Mention, ACM CHI, 2023;

People's Choice Award Student Innovation Contest, ACM UIST, 2013.

STATEMENT

I am thrilled to be running as VP at Large for SIGCHI. As an active member of the HCI community since my Masters and having served in multiple positions at SIGCHI conferences for the past 5 years, I have been constantly exposed to invaluable mentorship, particularly as I now transition into leadership roles within the French-speaking HCI community.

Mentorship has enabled me to understand the field, navigate high-impact decisions, and remain motivated; from knowing how to review papers, to understanding the importance of service work. I believe in equitable access to mentorship among all community members, and thus would like to work with the EC to strengthen actions towards early-career researchers, responding to a growing need for support when navigating the complex world of academia. This can involve creating infrastructure for those keen on investing time in mentoring, to increasing awareness on mentoring opportunities for those in demand. If elected, I hope to create more, and more relevant, mentorship within HCI, while upholding SIGCHI values for openness, inclusivity, and fairness.

I am looking forward to embracing this new opportunity as VP at Large and contributing to keeping SIGCHI a global community!

Candidate for VP at Large

Dilrukshi Gamage
University of Colombo School of Computing, Sri Lanka

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, 2021, Computer Science.

Professional Experience:

Senior Lecturer, University of Colombo School of Computing, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 2023 – Present;

Affiliate, Berkman Klein Center Internet Society, Harvard University, MA, USA, 2022 – Present;

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan, 2021 – 2023.

Professional Interest:

Human Computer Interactions for Global South, Computational Social Science, Social Computing, Computer Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW), AI /ML Societal Impact.

ACM Activities:

Social Media chairs, CSCW Conference, 2022 – 2022;

Program Committee AC, CHI, CSCW, IDC, 2017 – Present;

Social Media and Networking chairs, CI 2023, 2023 – 2023;

Main organizer, Winter School HCI4SouthAsia, Colombo SIGCHI Chapter, 2023 – Present.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Liaison to SIGCHI Global Committee, Asia SIGCHI Committee, 2023 – Present;

Member, SIGCHI Global Committee, 2023 – Present;

Founding Chair, ACM SIGCHI Colombo Chapter, 2021 – 2022.

Awards Received:

Young Researcher at the Heidelberg Laureate Forum, 2023;

Best Paper Award at the Asian CHI Symposium at CHI 2022;

Young Researcher at the Heidelberg Laureate Forum, 2017;

ACM-W Above and Beyond Scholarship Recognition, 2014.

STATEMENT

I am honored to have been nominated to run for the position of VP at Large of SIGCHI. Since joining SIGCHI in 2016, I have proactively taken on a variety of roles, including academic services such as reviewing, serving on program committees, and organizing committees for SIGCHI conferences. I have also volunteered to review for many HCI conferences, as I believe there is a critical need for reviewers who understand contextual representation.

In addition to my academic contributions, I have been instrumental in promoting diversity and inclusion within SIGCHI, especially in underrepresented geographic regions such as South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. During my term on the SIGCHI Inclusion team, I worked to develop and implement initiatives to increase the participation of these regions in SIGCHI conferences and activities. I have played a pivotal role in promoting SIGCHI in South Asia, especially founding the Colombo SIGCHI chapter in Sri Lanka. I believe that my experience and dedication to SIGCHI make me the ideal candidate for this position. If elected, I will work tirelessly to expand the research and practice of human-computer interaction and to ensure that SIGCHI is a welcoming and inclusive organization for all.

Candidate for VP of Accessibility

Dragan Ahmetovic
Università degli studi di Milano, Italy

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., Università degli studi di Milano, 2015, Computer Science.

Professional Experience:

Assistant Professor, Università degli studi di Milano, Italy, 2019 – 2024;
Postdoctoral Fellow, Università degli studi di Torino, Italy, 2018 – 2019;
Postdoctoral Fellow / Project Scientist, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA, 2015 – 2018.

Professional Interest:

Human-Computer Interaction, Accessibility and Assistive Technologies, Mobile and Pervasive Computing, Computer Vision, Data Management

ACM Activities:

Associate Chair, CHI 2017, 2020 2021, 2022, 2024;
Student Research Competition Chair and SRC Grand Finals Judge, ASSETS 2022, 2021 – 2022;
Special issue Editor, TACCESS, 2021 – 2022;
"Hacking Blind Navigation" Workshop Organizer, CHI 2019, 2018 – 2019.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

General Chair, W4A 2022, 2021 – 2022;
Poster Chair, MUM 2022, 2021 – 2022;
"Mobile and Pervasive Assistive Technologies" Workshop Organizer, PERCOM 2021, 2020 – 2021.

Awards Received:

Best Paper Award - W4A 2019;
Web Accessibility Challenge, Delegates Award - W4A 2019;
Best Paper Award - W4A 2017;
Best Paper Finalist - ASSETS 2016.

STATEMENT

I am honored to run for the position of the SIGCHI Vice-President of Accessibility.

As an active researcher in the accessibility field, I frequently take part in the organization of conferences that involve researchers and practitioners with disabilities as organizing committee members, authors, reviewers, and participants. On these occasions and during my appointment as General Chair of the 19th International Web for All Conference (W4A'22), I have acquired substantial experience in addressing accessibility challenges that pose barriers to conference participation for people with disabilities. I also conduct research on document accessibility, focusing on providing accurate accessible representations of scientific content.

If elected, it would be my pleasure to contribute my experience to make SIGCHI and its conferences more accessible and inclusive. Specifically, I would like to work towards:

- Providing support for accessible conferencing and paper accessibility remediation to all SIGCHI conferences, through incentives for expert volunteers to make the process scalable.
- Improving the accessibility of the paper authoring and reviewing processes through the definition and dissemination of guidelines, best practices and supporting instruments.
- Increasing accessibility awareness and the involvement of the SIGCHI community members from different parts of the world and cultural backgrounds.

Candidate for VP of Accessibility

Fernando Loizides
Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., City University of London, 2012, Human Computer Interaction.

Professional Experience:

Reader (associate professor), Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK, 2017 – Present;
Senior Lecturer, Wolverhampton University, Wolverhampton, UK, 2015 – 2017;
Visiting Lecturer, Cyprus University of Technology, Limassol, Cyprus, 2012 – 2015.

Professional Interest:

Digital Accessibility, Emerging Technologies, Information Seeking, Decision Making, Artificial Intelligence.

ACM Activities:

Treasurer, SIGCHI Cyprus, 2012 – 2013;
Vice Chair, SIGCHI Cyprus, 2013 – 2015;
Chair, SIGCHI Cyprus, 2014 – 2015.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Expert Member, IFIP, 2013 – Present;
Fellow, Higher Education Academy, 2016 – Present.

Awards Received:

Excellence in Research - Google, 2022;
Service Award - International Federation Information Processing, 2021;
Most Innovative Member of Staff (Cardiff University), 2020;
Best Social Impact Innovation E-Novation Cyprus Government, 2014.

STATEMENT

I am honoured to be nominated for Vice President of Accessibility. With a commitment spanning over 15 years, I have steadfastly advocated accessibility in academic research, industry, and education. Co-founding the ACM SIGCHI group, Cyprus, I served as treasurer, vice-chair, and chair. I have been a dedicated member of IFIP TC-13 since 2011. My research contributions and teaching focus on HCI and Accessibility.

Having chaired numerous ACM and international conferences and serving on committees shaping global research directions, playing a pivotal role in influencing adoption of accessible content within these and industry institutions. The current landscape presents a unique opportunity to influence global accessibility through the ACM's pivotal role in events and material, encompassing accessibility from their inception rather than subsequently. Discussions with the outgoing VP highlight a shared vision for standardizing processes and championing inclusivity. Established guidelines and regulations will promote inclusion and awareness of accessibility across the ACM and beyond.

If elected, I am committed to collaborating with ACM SIGs to:

- Document and comprehend practical accessible needs and requirements of the community
- Map existing resources and develop new ones
- Promote awareness through spearheading the establishment of ACM best practices and standards

Candidate for VP for Communications

Naveena Karusala
Harvard University, Allston, MA, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., University of Washington, 2022, Computer Science and Engineering

Professional Experience:

Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University, Allston, MA, USA, 2022 – Present.

Professional Interest:

Human-centered AI, Future of Work, Health Informatics.

ACM Activities:

Adjunct Chair for Community Support, SIGCHI Executive Committee, 2023 – Present;
Associate Chair, CHI, 2022 – Present .

Awards Received:

CHI Best Paper, 2021;
CSCW Diversity and Inclusion Recognition, 2018.

STATEMENT

I am honored to run for Vice President for Communications, a role that must deeply understand and engage a diverse and growing membership. I will draw on four years of experience volunteering for SIGCHI, including as Adjunct Chair for Community Support on the Executive Committee. In this role, I chair the SIGCHI Development Fund, Gary Marsden Travel Awards, and Futuring SIGCHI subcommittees. In each case, I have worked towards increased awareness and transparency, resulting in greater community engagement with these programs. Leveraging this experience as Vice President for Communications, I will work with the Executive Committee towards:

1. Improving targeting of communications to different audiences, including conference organizers, committee volunteers, and new members.
2. Timeliness and accessibility of information so that it is easily available, at the time that it can be most impactful, in inclusive places and formats.
3. Developing hybrid models for communications, where approachable in-person and online touch points support inclusive collaboration on areas that members care about (e.g., mentorship, sustainability, volunteer development).

Ultimately, I aim for members to feel connected to one another and empowered with information and resources to contribute to a thriving and continuously self-reflective professional community.

Candidate for VP for Communications

Guo Freeman
Clemson University, SC, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., Indiana University – Bloomington, 2015, Information Science.

Professional Experience:

Associate Professor of Human-Centered Computing, Clemson University, SC, USA, 2023 – Present;

Assistant Professor of Human-Centered Computing, Clemson University, SC, USA, 2018 – 2023;

Assistant Professor of Information Technology, University of Cincinnati, OH, USA, 2015 – 2018.

Professional Interest:

Social Computing, Games and Play, Social Virtual Reality, Digital Creativity, Human-Centered AI.

ACM Activities:

General Chair, ACM GROUP 2025, 2023 – Present;

General Chair, ACM CHI PLAY 2024, 2023 – Present;

Papers Chair, ACM CHI PLAY 2023, 2022 – 2023;

Papers Chair, ACM CHI PLAY 2022, 2021 – 2022.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Member of the Steering Committee, ACM CHI PLAY, 2023 – Present.

Awards Received:

ACM CSCW Best Paper Honorable Mention Award, 2023;

ACM CHI Best Paper Honorable Mention Award, 2023;

ACM CHI PLAY Best Paper Honorable Mention Award, 2022;

ACM Service Recognition as ACM IMX 2021 Papers Chair, 2021.

STATEMENT

It is my honor to be nominated for the SIGCHI VP for Communications position. I have demonstrated a trajectory of taking numerous leading editorial and organizational roles in SIGCHI throughout my career, ranging from full papers chair for CHI PLAY and IMX and general chair for GROUP and CHI PLAY to CHI PLAY steering committee

membership. Through these roles and experiences, I realize that I am both good at communicating and eager to help people better listen to each other and work together. All these service opportunities have well positioned me to take on this important leadership position as SIGCHI VP for Communications.

I understand VP for Communications as an important Public Relations role who needs to facilitate effective, collaborative, and transparent internal (e.g., within SIGCHI) and external (e.g., between SIGCHI and the community at large) communications. I also believe that this role would require different strategies and visions to facilitate internal and external communications respectively. If elected, I will work as a glue to make sure that different individuals and communities can listen to each other and work together and to ensure public awareness of and trust in SIGCHI's values, activities, and decision-making.

Candidate for VP for Finance

Hao-Chuan Wang
University of California, Davis, CA, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., Cornell University, 2011, Information Science.

Professional Experience:

Associate Professor, University of California, Davis, California, USA, 2018 – Present;
Associate Professor, National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan, 2017 – 2018;
Assistant Professor, National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan, 2012 – 2017.

Professional Interest:

Collaborative knowledge work, Video-based and mediated interactions, Telehealth and wellbeing support, Human-AI interactions, Fairness and safety in mediated interactions.

ACM Activities:

Vice-President for Finance, SIGCHI, 2023 – Present;
Vice-President at Large, SIGCHI, 2023;
Paper Chair, CSCW, 2022 – 2023;
Subcommittee Chair, CHI Understanding People Subcommittee, 2017 – 2018.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

UC Visiting Professor, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan, 2019 – 2019;
Faculty, Taiwan International Graduate Program, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, 2015 – 2017;
Inaugural Member, SIGCHI Taipei Chapter, 2015.

Awards Received:

Excellent Teaching Award, College of EECS, Natl. Tsing Hua Univ., 2016;
Outstanding Young Leader in HCI, ICACHI, 2018;
Best Paper Honorable Mention, CHI, 2018;
Best Student Paper Award (as supervisor), Web Conference, 2022.

STATEMENT

I'm honored to be nominated for VP for Finance. Since my first service in SIGCHI as a student volunteer for CHI 2008 (Florence, Italy), I've had 15 years in SIGCHI. I'm currently a member of the SIGCHI EC, focusing on ensuring financial wellbeing, and investing in initiatives for bolstering the values and practices of our community.

If elected, I'll focus on:

1. Accountability and responsibility. I aim to make sure that financial planning and decision-making comply with the bylaws and policies of ACM and SIGCHI, and that appropriate data and metrics are used in responsible and accountable financial decision-making.
2. Sustainable and equitable growth. As our community continues to grow, we must address both sustainability and equity, from financial and environmental perspectives. I'll work with the EC, community leaders and other interested members to make sure our projects are both sustainably and equitably distributed and reflect our core values.
3. Future-oriented Initiatives. We must invest in the future of our community. I'll work with the EC and the wider community to make sure we are investing sufficiently in the future, especially in terms of increasing global participation, community communication, education, and best practice development.

Candidate for VP for Finance

Bastian Pfleging
TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany

BIOGRAPHY

No biographical information or statement submitted.

Candidate for VP for Membership

Adriana S. Vivacqua
Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, 2007, Computer Science (CSCW/HCI).

Professional Experience:

Associate Professor, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2009 – Present;

Assistant Professor, Fluminense Federal University, Rio das Ostras, Brazil, 2009;
Researcher, ADDLabs - Fluminense Federal University, Niterói, Brazil, 2007 – 2009.

Professional Interest:

Computer Supported Cooperative Work, Human Computer Interaction, Recommender Systems, Information Visualization, Data Science.

ACM Activities:

SIGCHI EC - VP at Large, SIGCHI, 2021 – Present;

SIGCHI EC - VP Equity, SIGCHI, 2020 – 2021;

ACM GROUP Steering Committee Member, SIGCHI, 2020 – Present;

ACM CSCW Steering Committee Member, SIGCHI, 2023 – Present.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Program Chair, Brazilian Symposium on Collaborative Systems, Brazilian Computer Society, 2023 – Present;

Exploratory Papers Chair, European Conference on CSCW, EUSSET, 2023 – Present;

Member, Special Committee on Collaborative Systems, Brazilian Computer Society, 2019 – Present.

Awards Received:

FAPERJ Junior State Researcher Award, 2015;

CNPq Productivity Award, 2015;

FAPERJ Junior State Researcher Award, 2012;

CNPq Productivity Award, 2012.

STATEMENT

I'm honored to run for VP for Membership for ACM SIGCHI. The past four years working with the SIGCHI EC (as VP at Large and previously AC Equity) have given me an

appreciation for how diverse our membership is. During this time, I've worked to develop global communities, supporting locally led initiatives worldwide. I helped create Regional Committees in Latin America, the Mediterranean, and Asia to strengthen communities in different regions, and worked to support our conferences towards becoming more hybrid and global. I also had the pleasure of meeting many of our members and listening to their concerns. With other EC members, I'm committed to continuing to expand our community.

As VP Membership, I will focus on:

- Gaining a better understanding of our membership to identify how we could better serve our current members while also becoming more attractive to other groups (e.g., practitioners);
- Maintaining current member benefits and working towards new ones to fit our diverse membership;
- Creating opportunities for engagement between members, facilitating introductions and networking, and encouraging collaboration, partnerships, and knowledge exchange.

By helping members connect to each other and providing resources for collaboration, I hope to help SIGCHI grow into a global community.

Candidate for VP for Membership

Sandy Gould
Cardiff University, Wales

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., University College London, 2014, Human-Computer Interaction.

Professional Experience:

Senior Lecturer, Cardiff University, Cardiff, Wales, 2021 – Present;
Lecturer, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, England, 2016 – 2021;
Post-doctoral researcher, University College London, London, England, 2014 – 2016.

Professional Interest:

Workplace technology, Interruptions and multitasking, Computer-Mediate Communication, Citizen Science.

STATEMENT

I have put myself forward for election as VP Membership for SIGCHI because despite membership of professional bodies like SIGCHI declining, we need them more than ever in a context where many prospective members face uncertainty in their home institutions. As membership officer, I will seek to preserve existing member benefits and seek to add new ones.

I have been participating in SICHCCHI conferences for more than a decade, and have previously taken on chairing roles for CHI, including Analytics Chair (four years) and Workshops Chair.

Although I have not served in SIGCHI roles before, my other experiences will serve me well in-role. I have held membership secretary roles in two trade union branches, in addition to other service on trade union branch executives. As part of these service roles, I have been involved in representing members in negotiations with university leaders. These negotiations have often parties with very different ideas of what progress looks like. I think my experiences of these contested spaces where difficult decisions are being made will serve me well on the SIGCHI Executive.

Candidate for VP for Membership

Hafeni Mthoko
Varsity College & Rhodes University, South Africa

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., Rhodes University, 2017, Information Systems.

Professional Experience:

Programme Manager: IT, Varsity College, South Africa, 2023 – Present;
Research Associate, Rhodes University, South Africa, 2023 – Present;
Co-Founder, NurtureID8, UK, 2023 – Present.

Professional Interest:

research mentorship, monitoring and evaluation of tech in development, health informatics.

ACM Activities:

Compass Academy Co-Chair, ACM COMPASS, 2023;
Associate Chair, CH 2019, 2021-2023, 2019 – 2023;
Shadow PC CO-Chair, ACM COMPASS, 2021.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Co-organiser, African Champions in People Centred ICTs, 2023;
Chair, University of Cape Town: Innovative Development for Africa Conf., 2019;
Doctoral Consortia Co-Chair, AfriCHI, 2018.

STATEMENT

I am honoured to be nominated as a candidate for VP for Membership. As an early-career researcher, I have experienced the value of being a SIGCHI member and the pleasure of engaging with and learning from a diverse group of individuals. I hope to extend that experience and value I gained especially to early career researchers and those in underrepresented regions. Having been part of diverse initiatives, such as the Compass Academy 2023, African Leadership Summit, and an ICTD student led conference in South Africa to create opportunities for engagement, I have come to appreciate the moments of welcoming new and serving seasoned members in our HCI community.

I endeavor to see the role of membership as one that stretches the opportunities and excitement to be part of a larger family that designs and builds useful and usable

technology. Opening the community to new spaces and regions where awareness, access and engagement are second nature. I also desire to see the growth in our membership benefits and explore new ideas with our community. As VP for Membership, I'm excited to work with the rest of the EC to continue strengthening our global presence, while adding recognizable value and service.