

Candidate for Chair

Lisa Brown
University of Rochester, West Henrietta, NY, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ed.D., University of Rochester, 2016, Higher Education Leadership.

Professional Experience:

Assistant Director, Teaching and Learning Systems, University of Rochester, NY, 2008 – present;

Manager, Educational Technology Center, University of Rochester, NY, 1999 – 2008;

Sr. Analyst Programmer, University of Rochester, NY, 1996 – 1999.

Professional Interest:

Educational technology, online teaching and learning, faculty support and development, assessment and accreditation.

ACM Activities:

Treasurer, Marketing Chair, SIGUCCS, 2017 – present;

Communication Awards Chair, SIGUCCS, 2014 – 2017;

Conference Chair, SIGUCCS, 2013;

Conference Program Co-Chair, SIGUCCS, 2007.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Member, Finger Lakes Faculty Development Network, 2015 – Present;

Chair, ACM SIGUCCS NYCHES Chapter, 2012 – 2013;

Committee Chair, BSA Troop 7, 2014 – present.

STATEMENT

It would be my honor to serve as Chair of the SIGUCCS Executive Committee. SIGUCCS has played a very important role in my IT career and has provided me with aspirations for my future, role models, and friends that I consider family. Ever since my very first SIGUCCS conference, I have been excited to participate in so many ways; as a presenter, session chair, reader, track chair, and webmaster; as well as on the core committee as program co-chair in 2007 and conference chair in 2013.

Over time, I've realized that SIGUCCS is more than just an annual conference. Over the past 6 years I have been participating on the board in order to give back to the organization. As Marketing Chair for the past three years, I have been looking for ways to

keep our community engaged, as well as for ways to reach out to professionals who are not already aware of SIGUCCS. My goal has always been to help others in higher education IT to have a similar experience and I hope to continue to serve the organization for the next three years by serving as Chair.

Candidate for Chair

Patti A. Mitch
UW-Platteville Baraboo Sauk County, WI, USA.

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Bachelor's Degree, UW-Platteville, 1986, Criminal Justice/Psychology.

Professional Experience:

IT Support Specialist, UW-Platteville Baraboo Sauk County, WI, 2019 – Present;
Help Desk Manager/Asst Manager, UW-Platteville, WI, 2000 – 2019;
Adjunct Instructor, UW-Platteville, WI, 2015 – 2017.

Professional Interest:

Customer Support, Desktop Support, Training, Distance Learning.

ACM Activities:

Presenter, SIGUCCS, 2006;
Presenter, SIGUCCS, 2019;
Track Chair, SIGUCCS, 2013;
Information Director, SIGUCCS, 2008 – 2011;
Membership & Marketing Chair, SIGUCCS, 2007 – 2008.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Co-Chair Help Desk Manager Group, Information Technology Management Consortium,
2018 – 2020.

Awards Received:

Distinguished Alumni, UW-Platteville Criminal Justice Association, 2014;
SIGUCCS Hall of Fame Inductee, 2013;
Dennis Pratt Alumni Spirit Award, UW-Platteville, 2007.

STATEMENT

I attended my first SIGUCCS conference in 2005, and it has been a continuous source of growth, energy, motivation, and leadership for me. I have had the privilege of attending many conferences through the years and always leave with fresh ideas and resources. Being on the ballot for Chair of SIGUCCS is an honor for me. Over the years, I have been a presenter, volunteer, Session Chair, Conference Committee member, New Attendee Mentor, Volunteer Coordinator, Photographer, Newsletter Editor, Gala Event Coordinator, Track Chair, Mentee, and Mentor.

In 2013 I was inducted into the SIGUCCS Hall of Fame. SIGUCCS has been a huge source of confidence for me and I would love to give back as much as I can. I feel this would be an excellent opportunity to do so. If elected to this position, I would like to work on growing our membership and conference attendance. Technology is an ever growing and changing field and we, as an organization need to be one step ahead of it. If we are going to grow, it is important to merge the best of the past and present along with the ideas and leaders of tomorrow.

Candidate for Executive Committee

Melissa Bauer
Baldwin Wallace University, Berea, OH, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

B.A., Baldwin Wallace College, 1986, Business Management.

Professional Experience:

Director of Administrative Computer & IT Engagement, Baldwin Wallace University, Berea, OH, 2018 – Present;

Director of IT Engagement, Baldwin Wallace University, Berea, OH, 2015 – 2018;

Manager of User Services, Baldwin Wallace University, Berea, OH, 2003 – 2015.

Professional Interest:

Leadership Development, Classroom Design, Project Management, Content Management for the organization, Modernizing our ERP.

ACM Activities

Conference Treasurer, SIGUCCS, 2018 – 2019;

Executive Committee, SIGUCCS, 2014 – 2017;

Executive Committee, SIGUCCS, 2011 – 2014;

Conference Chair, SIGUCCS, 2010.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Educause, 1999 – Present.

Awards Received:

SIGUCCS Hall of Fame, 2017.

STATEMENT

Since attending my first SIGUCCS conference in 2002, I have been captivated by the strength of this talented group of volunteers. SIGUCCS has guided many technology professionals in their career and provided our home institutions a wealth of information for problem solving and new ideas through the conferences, webinars, listservs, and, most importantly, networking opportunities. I am hoping to continue my involvement with SIGUCCS in the coming years by again serving on the SIGUCCS Board. I have participated at each conference in some way since my first, including the role of Conference Chair (2010), Treasurer (2007, 2008, 2018, 2019) and Registrar (2012, 2013).

SIGUCCS has changed in many ways throughout the years but the one thing that stays the same is the networking that happens through SIGUCCS and the relationships we build that have a great impact on not only our professional lives, but our personal ones as well. If elected, I hope to help the Executive Committee guide our future for the next three years. I am committed to this fine organization and excited to continue my contributions as we move forward in the ever-changing world of technology.

Candidate for Executive Committee

Miranda Carney-Morris
Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1992, English.

Professional Experience:

Director of Educational Technology, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon,
2014 – present;

Client Services Consultant, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon, 1999 – 2014;
Computer Store Consultant, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon, 1997 – 1999.

Professional Interest:

Educational Technology, Faculty Development, Mentoring and Professional Development,
Student Success, Strategic Planning.

ACM Activities:

Conference Registrar, SIGUCCS, 2018 – 2019;
2018 Annual Conference Chair, SIGUCCS, 2017 – 2018;
Conference Webmaster, SIGUCCS, 2016 – 2017;
Volunteer Coordinator, SIGUCCS, 2014 – 2015.

Awards Received:

SIGUCCS Hall of Fame, 2018.

STATEMENT

In 2001, I attended my first SIGUCCS conference as a presenter. Our topic was tech training and our title was “How to provide something for everyone without going insane.” I was terrified. No need. I found a community that welcomed what we had to say, understood the challenges we faced, was generous with their expertise, and included senior leaders open to engaging with newcomers. I quickly realized what a unique experience SIGUCCS offered for professional development. When volunteering to stay connected outside the annual conference, I discovered SIGUCCS’s magic comes from being an organization run by the community, for the community. Being part of a group of volunteers that supports one another as we tackle whatever wicked IT (or conference) problem comes our way with expertise, grace, empathy, and flair has been invaluable to me. I am honored to be asked to run for the Executive Committee. We face a challenging environment in higher education.

As a member of the Executive Committee, I will work to build on the strength of our unique community, continue to grow and engage our membership year-round, and keep SIGUCCS strong.

Candidate for Executive Committee

R. Kevin Chapman
Carleton College, Northfield, MN, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

B.Sc., Paisley University, 1994, Computing Science - Software Engineering.

Professional Experience:

Technology Support Specialist, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, 2011 – Present;
Student Computing Coordinator, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, 2005 – 2011;
Independent Programmer / Developer: Xerox PARC, financialprinter.com, CMS Inc.,
Globe Ground N.A., United States, 2000 – 2005.

Professional Interest:

Computing & Technology, Student Employee Training and Development, Mental Health in the Workplace, Professional Development; Workplace Diversity & Inclusivity.

ACM Activities:

Conference Committee, SIGUCCS, 2018 – Present.

STATEMENT

I'm honored and excited to be nominated for the SIGUCCS Executive Committee.

The development and support of its members is at the heart of SIGUCCS. The annual conference is rejuvenating, and often the professional launching point for the year that follows. As a community, SIGUCCS encourages us to explore new professional directions, helping grow the services we provide to our institutions. It also provides a safe environment in which to discuss personal matters that impact our professional lives.

I would like the opportunity to help maintain and grow an organization that has had such a positive influence on me; to help SIGUCCS thrive and continue to support the needs and interests of our members. I would also like to grow our membership so that others can benefit as we have, professionally and personally.

I think of myself as a facilitator: even if I am not in a position to contribute directly, positively, to the world around me, I can facilitate a supportive environment for the work of others who are and who can; an organization where they may flourish and grow. I would like the opportunity to do so for SIGUCCS members as a part of the Executive Committee.

Candidate for Executive Committee

Eric Handler
Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

B.A., Carleton College, 2010 Computer Science.

Professional Experience:

Academic Information Associate, Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN, 2014 – present;
Sr. Software Engineer, Raytheon Henggeler Consulting, Columbia, MD, 2012 – 2014;
Jr. Software Engineer, Sotera Defense Solutions, Columbia, MD, 2010 – 2012.

ACM Activities:

Conference Program Co-chair, SIGUCCS, 2019 – Present;
Conference Poster Session Coordinator, SIGUCCS, 2018 – 2019;
Conference Volunteer Coordinator, SIGUCCS, 2017 – 2018.

STATEMENT

Since attending my first SIGUCCS Annual conference in 2015 I've wanted to contribute to the organization. The resources SIGUCCS provides through the conference, email list, and networking opportunities with an international network of colleagues were immensely valuable as I began my career in higher education IT. Having served in various conference volunteer positions over the past five years, culminating in my work as co-program chair for the 2020 committee, I'm excited to expand and redouble my commitment to SIGUCCS. Serving on the board is the next step in giving back to the SIGUCCS community. In serving with the conference committee over the past few years I've heard the community say that topics of mental health, diversity, equity, and inclusion are incredibly important. As a member of the board I'd prioritize these topics across SIGUCCS programs.

Candidate for Executive Committee

Parrish Nambi
UC San Diego, CA, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Certification, Coleman College, 1995, Computer Electronics Technology.

Professional Experience:

Asst. Director of Endpoint Management, UC San Diego - ITS, 2019 – Present;
Customer Engagement Manager, UC San Diego - ITS, 2016 – 2019;
Manager of Network and Business Systems Customer Support Services,
UC San Diego - ACT, 2007 – 2015.

Professional Interest:

Software Asset Management, Lean Six Sigma, ITIL, ITSM.

ACM Activities:

Local Arrangements Coordinator, SIGUCCS, 2019 – 2020;
Vice Chair - Executive Committee, SIGUCCS, 2011 – 2014.
Co-Program Chair, SIGUCCS, 2010 – 2011;
Co-Conference Chair, SIGUCCS, 2007 – 2008.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Chair, UC ServiceNow User Group, 2019 – Present;
DMCA Agent, UC San Diego, 2016 – 2018;
Campus Ambassador-UCCSC, UC San Diego, 2002 – 2013.

Awards Received:

SIGUCCS Hall of Fame, 2014.

STATEMENT

I am honored to be on the ballot for the 2020 SIGUCCS election. I attended my first conference in 2000 and attended most until 2016. From 2016 – 2018, I spent time focusing on an IT centralization on the administrative side at my university.

I have volunteered for various roles ranging from manning the email room, photographer/coordinator, registration, publications, Co-conference Chair, Co-program Chair, to serving as Vice Chair for the Executive Committee. I would like to reconnect with the organization that provided me with many opportunities to broaden my horizons and

share my knowledge. Technologies will come and go, but it's the people that make IT what it is today. SIGUCCS is a community of wonderful people that are dedicated to the daily operations and strategic leadership that keep our universities and colleges thriving in Information Technology (and the like).

My goal, if elected to the Executive Committee, is to improve upon what that last board provided and work with all of you to make sure that you and your successors have a community to come to for years to come.

Candidate for Executive Committee

Shawn Plummer
SUNY Geneseo, NY, USA.

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

B.S., State University of New York at Geneseo, 2001, Biology.

Professional Experience:

Technology Support Professional, SUNY Geneseo, NY, 1998 – 2001;

Systems Manager, SUNY Geneseo, NY, 2001 – 2004;

Systems Manager, SUNY Geneseo, NY, 2004 – 2020.

Professional Interest:

Devops, Server & Systems Management, Identity & Access Management, Security
Cloud Computing.

ACM Activities

Session Chair, Presenter, Reader, SIGUCCS, 2006 – 2018;

Executive Committee, Exhibitor Relations, SIGUCCS, 2017 – 2020.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Advisor, SUNY Geneseo Student Association, 2017 – 2020.

Awards Received:

COA Excellence in Computing Bronze Winner Award, 2008.

STATEMENT

I am excited to be nominated for a position on the SIGUCCS Executive Committee. I have had a passion for this organization since my first conference in 2006. I have held many volunteer positions including speaker, session chair, Conference Registration Chair, and Exhibitor Relations. I look forward to serving the SIGUCCS community in a new capacity.

SIGUCCS is a unique conference where deep meaningful relationships can be formed. I believe SIGUCCS can expand into more technical topics and other areas of IT from its traditional desktop support focus.

SIGUCCS is served well by increasing diversity of our attendees, job functions, and perspectives. This enables more professional development and growth for all our attendees. Some of the best things I have taken from SIGUCCS have come from

expanding my contacts and information outside of my current job focus. I want to help SIGUCCS continue its strong history of enabling these moments.

Candidate for Executive Committee

Carol Currie Sobczak
University of Maine System, Portland, ME, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

M.Ed., Utah State University, 1987, Instructional Technology.

Professional Experience:

IT Technical Training Coordinator, University of Maine System, Portland, ME,
2015 – present;

Assistant Director of IT, University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME, 1993 – 2015;
Media Specialist, Scarborough Public Schools, Scarborough, ME, 1988 – 1993.

Professional Interest:

Training.

STATEMENT

I have been an active member of SIGUCCS since 2001, when I attended my first SIGUCCS conference and presented there. I have made a point of volunteering at all conferences I have been fortunate enough to attend. My job role has been so enhanced by the lessons I have learned and the associations I have made. I am committed to the mission of SIGUCCS and want to work to bring more involvement across the world to university and college computing services.