My passion is education, with a focus specifically on undergraduate education. I have been a UCAR Member’s Representative for twelve years, first as an Academic Affiliate and more recently as a full member. I have attended all twelve Annual Members’ Meetings during that interval and have come to deeply appreciate the fundamental value of UCAR to its member universities through its various offices and programs. This includes the unique forum for communication provided by our Annual Members Meeting.

UCAR has many missions. Supporting and sustaining the present and future health of research in our field is paramount, particularly through judicious management of NCAR and promoting collaborative research at all levels. The sustenance of our research is built on the solid foundation of our university educational system; this educational system is strongly supported by the irreplaceable resources provided by UCAR's Community Programs. The Board’s role is to oversee the management of UCAR (and thereby NCAR) to ensure that UCAR’s various missions are fulfilled.

The UCAR Board of Trustees is best served with the broadest range of perspectives possible. If elected, I will actively support UCAR's broad mission to build and maintain the research enterprise in the atmospheric and related sciences while representing the goals and interests especially relevant to those in our community at undergraduate-focused and undergraduate-serving institutions.