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Ian has been an Assistant Professor in the Department of Microbiology since January 2009. He also serves as the Assistant Director for Research at the Shoals Marine Laboratory, and as Director for Undergraduate Studies and Undergraduate Program Coordinator of Marine Biology. Prior to coming to Cornell, he was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Ocean Sciences at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He completed his PhD in Marine Environmental Biology at the University of Southern California in 2005, and obtained his B.Sc (Hons) in Marine Botany from the University of Queensland (Brisbane, Australia) in 2000. His research interests are in biological oceanography, marine biology, and ecosystem science.

Statement:

Diversity is very important to all facets of Cornell. Since arriving in early 2009, I have actively promoted academic diversity by spearheading new initiatives in undergraduate marine biology and biological oceanography, which provide outlets for undergraduate interests in marine life. I have also brought virology into the Microbiology graduate program, and worked hard to bring microorganisms into the field of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. As part of the Faculty Senate-at-Large, I would represent the interests of academic diversity, including new programs not currently well represented on campus. At the same time, I would represent faculty diversity, notably on issues pertaining to junior and LGBTQ faculty members. These perspectives may be relevant to recruitment and retention of new faculty in these areas.