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In 2005 I joined the Cornell faculty and am a Professor of Nutritional Sciences in the College of Human Ecology. For 10 years prior to coming to Cornell I was a faculty member at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in the Department of International Health. My professional training included fellowships with the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Laboratory of Theoretical and Physical Biology/Section for Metabolic Analysis and Mass Spectrometry and the Children's Nutrition Research Center, Department of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine. The primary research interests of my laboratory are in human nutrient metabolism with an emphasis on mineral and vitamin partitioning between the pregnant women and her developing fetus. At Cornell I have served the university as a member of the University Committee on Academic Freedom and Professional Status of the Faculty, Appeals Committee, Ad-hoc tenure committee member, Advisory Board for the Center of Teaching Excellence and have been an active faculty member in programs run by the Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives.

I am interested in serving on the UFC to help represent the views and diversity of the faculty at Cornell University. It is a time of change at the national and university level and faculty increasingly must respond to new collaborative and innovative opportunities while dealing with issues of state support, campus climate and the rising cost of higher education. I believe active faculty participation on the UFC will provide opportunities to strengthen communication, find common ground and advance mutual goals.