



After receiving a B.S. from Brigham Young University in Environmental Agronomy in 1994, I obtained a Ph.D in Environmental Soil Science in 1997 from the University of California Riverside. That was followed by post-doctoral work at the University of Tennessee Knoxville's Center for Environmental Biotechnology until 1999 when I joined Cornell as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Microbiology. In my spare time I enjoy cycling and running in the Finger Lakes area.

I am interested in serving on the University Faculty Committee because I believe in the importance of shared governance. Though I have only been serving in Cornell's University Faculty Senate for the last year, I have served as the College of Agriculture and Life Science's Senator to the SUNY Faculty Senate for the last 6 years and on the latter's Executive Committee for the last year. Those experiences have allowed me to see the impact that engaged and organized faculty have made on SUNY campuses across the State. Prior to that I served as a Faculty in Residence for six years on Cornell's North Campus and I am currently in my fifth year there as a Faculty Fellow. Taken together, these experiences have given me an appreciation for the importance of on-campus engagement and shared governance as well as a reminder that we have a responsibility to contribute to the processes that shape our institution. If elected, I will work with the University Faculty Committee and the Dean of the Faculty to strengthen the role of shared governance at Cornell.