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University Senate seat

I have worked in research at both private and public universities for nineteen years. I've spent 15 years at the University of Oregon, working in the Institute of Molecular Biology and the Department of Human Physiology. It brings me great pleasure to expand human knowledge and benefit human health through my research. In addition to being a dedicated scientist, I have a broad appreciation for history, literature, arts, and culture. I fear that the current trend to disproportionately emphasize science and technology in education is a threat to the humanities, which are equally important. I am a proud member of United Academics and think the University will function best with transparency and shared governance. Additionally, I am the parent of two Ducks (class of 2019 and class of 2026) which gives me multiple perspectives on UO issues. Community service has always been an integral part of my life. I am active with Food for Lane County and I have completed Applied Suicide Intervention Training in order to better support struggling members of our community. I would like to offer some of my service to the University by seeking a seat on the senate.