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I am a professor of premodern Chinese literature in East Asian Languages and Literatures and Director of the Center for Asian Pacific Studies. I have been at the UO since 1994 when I came for my first TT appointment and have made my career here. I served as program director for Asian Studies and department head for EALL when I was an associate professor and got stuck in the rank of associate for far too long. That experience of learning firsthand that service is not recognized in promotion reviews led me to get involved in UA as VP for Tenure Track Affairs and I am currently on the UA bargaining team. I believe strongly in shared governance. As the UO becomes more centralized and as more of the upper administrators are hired from outside the UO, the Senate has a crucial role to play as the voice of those 'in the trenches.' My goal as senator, if elected, is to ensure that we have policies that protect the core educational, research, and social missions of the UO as a public university.