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I was first appointed to the University of Oregon as a new Assistant Professor in Geography and the Environmental Studies Program in 1997. (I was the first tenure-related faculty member appointed in Environmental Studies.) Over the past 24 years I have seen the university grow and progress, and as a social scientist I have always taken a keen interest in the evolution of the institution. In a sense the institution and I grew in parallel: as I moved through the tenure-related faculty ranks (I became full professor in 2011), the university changed and grew as well. I have seen different styles of leadership and priorities, and I feel I have an intimate understanding of both the strengths of the institution and its opportunities for improvement. In the almost two-and-a-half decades I have been at UO I have served as a department head, and also as a member of important university and college-level committees including two terms in the UO Senate and service as head of the CAS Dean's Advisory Committee. I am putting my hat in the ring for another term of university service at a time of exceptional challenges and opportunities, and I hope to offer the benefits of my long service at UO as it reaches for its greatest potential.