Nominee for Member-at-Large:

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I am a newly-hired tenure-track Instructor of Applied Chinese Linguistics in the stream of Education Leadership. I had worked as Sessional Lecturer for several years at the University of Toronto and Visiting Assistant Professor for one year at Syracuse University before I came to join the robust teaching team in the Department of Asian Studies at the University of British Columbia.

I am interested in serving on UBC Faculty Association as a member-at-large mainly for three reasons. First, I have learned from my experience at U of Toronto and Syracuse U how much the union works in the best interest of the teaching faculty, and I would like to be part of its efforts; second, as a new teaching faculty member at Asian Studies, I could identify the issues that concern instructors and lecturers from a marginal but new perspective and therefore voice their needs better; thirdly, as a tenure-track instructor, I hope the position as a member-at-large can prepare me for long-term commitment and future contribution to the Faculty Association and to the UBC community in the long run.