# Service Statement

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Service is integral to the functioning of every lab, department, and research community. The service that I am most passionate about is diversity, especially when it comes to building and improving mentorship programs. Much of this is detailed in my diversity statement. For example, I am in the process of forming a SIGPLAN long-term mentorship committee building on the international mentorship program that I started in August. The committee has been approved by the SIGPLAN executive committee, and we are in the process of choosing committee members. I will serve as chair of this committee for the next couple of years, until the program would benefit from a fresh perspective. I would love to be involved in similar efforts at the university level, especially those that engage with the local community.

While my main service focus so far has been diversity, I have done other service work at the level of my lab, department, and research community. At the lab level, I was responsible for a weekly lab newsletter. This became especially important to lab culture during the pandemic, when students felt otherwise disconnected from one another. My lab at the University of Washington had a strong culture of sharing service tasks, one that I hope to replicate as faculty.

At the department level, in response to my service in diversity, I was asked by department leadership to help students feel more connected with one another during the pandemic. In response, I organized weekly pandemic-safe masked walks in small groups of students, an ongoing effort that has more than forty students involved. I also served on the graduate admissions committee in 2018, and on the panel for visit days in 2020.

At the research community level, I served on three artifact evaluation committees, two workshop program committees, and one major conference program committee (ongoing), and I also served as reviewer for a major journal. I organized a technical panel at a major conference that drew a large and highly engaged audience, and I served as co-chair of a workshop with hundreds of participants.

I believe that we computer scientists have a duty to engage not just with each other, but also with the communities around us. That is why I have volunteered for the past four years with Jewish Family Services as an English tutor for an elderly refugee. It is also why I have volunteered packing food and masks for the hungry for the entirety of the pandemic, and why I have worked with local leaders to distribute masks and goggles to Black Lives Matter protesters. I look forward to contributing to my lab, department, and research community as faculty, and to giving back to the communities around me.