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I am currently Associate Professor and Chair of Anatomy and Neurobiology at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Carbondale, Illinois. During my career, I have utilized many different histochemical and imaging techniques in my collaborative research projects, which span disciplines from translational neuroscience, comparative neuroanatomy, nutrition, reproductive physiology, and beyond. As a first-generation college graduate, I bring to HCS a passion for improving access to science career opportunities for all undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. This is shown by my continued service and advocacy on the HCS Education Committee. As a councilor for the Histochemical Society since 2020, I have championed policies to increase the engagement of students of all kinds in research involving histochemistry and to broaden the exposure of HCS nationally and internationally. Also, I currently represent the HCS on the FASEB Science Policy Committee.

It is my vision for HCS to continue to grow as a society by providing support for research and pathways to engage and advance in careers that involve histochemistry. I believe that outreach to those at early career stages will ensure the growth and health of our society, allowing us to continue to be an advocate for all histochemists. We can accomplish this directly through via our grant mechanisms and indirectly through our national and international visibility and outreach. I am excited about the future for HCS, and I hope to continue to help shape a part of it.