



ANNY 2019 Election Candidate Bio and Statement

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Brief Personal Bio

As Manager of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) at the Culinary Institute of America, I work with faculty to implement active learning initiatives, utilize Universal Design for Learning, and integrate the assessment process into the day to day work of teaching and learning. Like many faculty developers, I arrived at my current position after time as an instructor. Prior to arriving at the CIA, I taught as an adjunct faculty member at The College of St. Rose. My formal education is in music and music education and at The College of St. Rose I had the opportunity to teach courses in both the Music Education program and the Music Industry program. My interest in assessment is strongly linked to my passion for evidence-based, proven means for engaging students and helping them be successful in their college careers. I regularly work with both individual faculty and teams of faculty around both implementing assessment initiatives and using the results to improve teaching and learning. The CETL also participates in assessment in the form of regularly reviewing key goals and metrics and using the results to improve services for faculty. I hold a B.A. in Music from Franklin Pierce University and a M.M. in Music Education from Boston University and continue to teach music at Dutchess Community College.

Statement of Interest

I am both honored and excited to be considered for a position on the board of ANNY. This past year, I attended the ANNY conference in Syracuse and left full of practical, actionable ideas for how assessment could continue to support my work at the Culinary Institute of America. For example, Priscilla Loazon's excellent presentation around simulation-based education (SBE) led me to work with Business Management faculty to develop simulations and linked assessments. Dr. Tom Angelo's keynote provided me with a framework for better understanding of faculty motivation and developing straight-forward, course-embedded assessment tools with faculty. I hope I can share my enthusiasm and energy around assessment with the larger ANNY community.