



ANNY 2019 Election Candidate Bio and Statement

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Brief Personal Bio

I am an Assessment Specialist at Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC). I received my MA in Psychology at California State University, Sacramento. Prior to joining BMCC in 2016, I was an adjunct faculty member in California teaching research methods, while also serving as an Assessment Specialist in the Research, Planning, and Development Department. My career in assessment and measurement began to grow and an opportunity presented itself at Columbia University, which is how I came to NY. After working in their Data Analytics department I moved to BMCC to work in the office of Institutional Effectiveness – incorporating my interests in assessment, IR, and strategic planning. I oversee the development, data analysis, and reporting of assessment data from all of our academic and non-academic departments, and serve as a consultant for administration, faculty, and staff on all things related to IE. I'm currently the co-chair of the CUNY-wide Assessment Council. One of the major projects I have been developing with my colleagues is an online assessment course for all university employees. Educating individuals on assessment methods and how to interpret data and elevate results has been a passion of mine, and this is a project that I am very proud of. I continue to teach research methods, now at Hunter College, and remain an active researcher, co-authoring two papers on the impact that diversity, equity, and inclusion has on educational institutions.

Statement of Interest

When I moved to New York, ANNY was the first professional organization that really offered me what I was looking for as a new east coast resident; first, the opportunity to learn new and creative assessment practices from colleagues from dynamic academic institutions; second, the ability to share my work and receive feedback from colleagues across the state; and third, networking opportunities and collegiality. What set ANNY apart from other organizations is the incredibly strong sense of community. A somewhat smaller group where I knew I could build lasting and important relationships with colleagues. And that has been my experience since my first conference at CIA in 2017. I am looking to serve as a board member to elevate and enhance the experience for members through vibrant discussions and active participation. To contribute to that feeling of collegiality that made ANNY so attractive when I first joined. To

seek out opportunities for ANNY to grow while maintaining its original mission. To strengthen the community of professionals learning from one another by way of multi-modal learning platforms, in-between regional and annual conference events. My experience in assessment, IR, teaching, curriculum design, and research make me a uniquely qualified candidate who looks forward to this opportunity.