



# ANNY 2019 Election Candidate Bio and Statement

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#### **Brief Personal Bio**

I received a B.S. degree in Applied Mathematics & Statistics and Physics from SUNY Stony Brook University in 2008. Two years later, I received my M.A. in Physics from CUNY City College in 2010. I'm expected to graduate with my M.S. in Higher Education Administration from Southern New Hampshire University this summer. My extensive experience as an instructor and administrator in the higher education setting is the reason why I have decided to go back to school to earn a second master's degree. I have been a higher education administrator for the last seven years. I'm currently the Director of Academic Affairs at Long Island Business Institute. I have also taught as an adjunct instructor for over 12 years. I'm currently an adjunct lecturer in physics at CUNY College of Staten Island, and an adjunct lecturer in physics and astronomy at CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College. As an academic director at Long Island Business Institute, I currently run bi-monthly area meetings for each department. During these area meetings, faculty from their respective department meet to discuss ways to improve the course or program, i.e. syllabus updates, prerequisites, program updates, standardized exams or projects, and other changes. I also assist the task force, faculty governance, and curriculum standards committees in making well-informed decisions.

#### **Statement of Interest**

I have been using assessment in many ways as an instructor and administrator. As an instructor, I have hands-on experience with the use of assessment techniques in the classroom, i.e. pre-tests, post-tests, projects, presentations, and rubrics. The most important part of assessment is collecting high-quality data from faculty who understand the assessment process from elaborating data to making recommendations. All these mentioned attributes of mine are primarily why I would like to join ANNY as a board member. I have attended MSCHE professional workshops in 2018 on co-curricular assessment and institutional effectiveness, so I can be updated on new ways to assess student learning. At Long Island Business Institute, I facilitated the 2017 Faculty Convocation that focused on classroom management, curriculum maps, rubrics, and UDL. If I'm elected as a board member of ANNY, I would raise faculty awareness of assessment across all higher education institutions in New York, since faculty members need to be more involved in the assessment process. I would recommend ways in shifting from using

the administrative staff to using the faculty as the key change agents in higher education assessment. With my extensive knowledge in the field of assessment, I will be a perfect fit for the position as a board member at ANNY.