

Candidate for Chair

Luke Thominet
Florida International University, Miami, FL, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., Wayne State University, 2016, English.

Professional Experience:

Associate Professor, Florida International University, Miami, FL, USA, 2023 – Present;
Assistant Professor, Florida International University, Miami, FL, USA, 2016 – 2023.

Professional Interest:

Technical Communication, User Experience Design, Generative Artificial Intelligence, Medical Communication, Academic Program Administration.

ACM Activities:

Vice Chair, SIGDOC, 2024 – Present;
Communications Manager, SIGDOC, 2017 – 2021.

STATEMENT

I am honored to run for Chair of SIGDOC. SIGDOC has been my academic home since graduate school. I have served for 4 years as SIGDOC Communications Manager and for 2.5 years as Vice Chair. I will bring this institutional knowledge to my work as Chair to help us navigate upcoming organizational and financial challenges.

While the Chair role is a significant commitment, I believe deeply in SIGDOC. At our best, we welcome and connect people. We celebrate graduate students through the SRC, connect with local communities through the Design Justice Awards and Ignite Talks, support early career scholars with CARG awards, foster industry connections through our Structured Authoring Committee, and build interdisciplinary ties through ACM membership.

I want to continue to build these connections. I will seek to cultivate year-round engagement through online workshops and focused professional committees. I will also look to increase our visibility in interdisciplinary events, such as the upcoming ACM AI Leadership Summit. We're a small organization, so we can't overextend our members, but we can continue to foster an active and supportive community through targeted initiatives that put our shared values and expertise into practice.

Candidate for Vice Chair

Kathie Gossett
Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2008, Writing Studies.

Professional Experience:

Research Professor, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, USA, 2023 – 2026;
Continuing Lecturer, University of California, Davis, CA, USA, 2016 – 2023;
Assistant Professor, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, USA, 2011 – 2016.

Professional Interest:

User Experience, Digital Media, Human Computing Interaction, Accessibility, Usability.

ACM Activities:

Conference Chair, SIGDOC, 2015;
Conference Chair, SIGDOC, 2014;
Program Chair, SIGDOC, 2013;
Secretary/Treasurer, SIGDOC, 2012 – 2013.

Awards Received:

Recognition of Service-SIGDOC, 2015;
Recognition of Service-SIGDOC, 2014;
Recognition of Service-SIGDOC, 2013.

STATEMENT

I am honored to stand for Vice Chair of SIGDOC and to continue serving a community that has been central to my professional life for many years. My commitment to SIGDOC goes back to a pivotal moment in its history: I was a founding member of the group that led the reorganization of SIGDOC between 2012 and 2014. During that period, we worked collectively to reaffirm the group's mission, stabilize its governance, and re-establish SIGDOC as a welcoming intellectual home for scholars and practitioners focused on the design of communication.

Since then, I have remained invested in SIGDOC's success, not only as an organization but as a community. I believe SIGDOC plays a unique and essential role at the intersection of computing, communication, design, and practice - one that is increasingly important as technologies and forms of communication continue to evolve. As Vice Chair,

I hope to support continuity and mentorship within leadership, strengthen participation across career stages, and help ensure that SIGDOC remains inclusive, resilient, and forward-looking.

My enduring goal is to see SIGDOC not just survive but thrive - building on its history while actively shaping its future.

Candidate for Vice Chair

Nupoor Ranade
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., North Carolina State University, 2021, Communication, Rhetoric and Digital Media.

Professional Experience:

Assistant Professor of Technical Communication and Rhetoric, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, 2024 – Present;
Assistant Professor of Professional Writing and Rhetoric, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, USA, 2021 – 2024;
Graduate Research Assistant (Technical Communication), SAS Institute, Cary, NC, USA, 2018 – 2019.

Professional Interest:

Technical Communication (TC), Emerging technologies in TC, UX research, Content strategy, Rhetoric.

ACM Activities:

Co-chair, SIGDOC 2024 conference, SIGDOC, 2023 – 2024;
Member at Large, SIGDOC, 2021 – 2024;
Proposal and Proceedings reviewer, SIGDOC, 2019 – Present;
Student Representative, SIGDOC, 2019 – 2021.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Advisory Board member, Sweetland Digital Rhetoric Collaborative (DRC), 2024 – Present;
Member of the Editorial Board, IEEE Transactions on Professional Communication, 2022 – Present;
Judge, SIGDOC Student Research Competition, 2022.

Awards Received:

CCCC Technical and Scientific Comm. Award for Best Article, 2024;
STC Frank R. Smith Award for Outstanding Article, 2023;
CCCC Scholars for the Dream Travel Award, 2022;
ACM SIGDOC, 1st place, Microsoft Student Research Competition, 2019.

STATEMENT

I am a research faculty at Carnegie Mellon University with a long-standing commitment to ACM SIGDOC that is rooted in service, collaboration and inclusive leadership. I have served as Student Representative (2019-2021), Member at Large (2021-2024), and most recently as Co-Chair of the successful SIGDOC 2024 conference. These roles have given me a deep understanding of SIGDOC's governance, conference planning, and membership. I bring a strong appreciation for the diverse audiences that comprise SIGDOC, including researchers, educators, students, and practitioners. My research and teaching focus on audience-centered and inclusive communication design grounded in practice, principles that closely align with SIGDOC's mission. With these interests and experiences, as Vice Chair, I will work to expand the community to international members, non-native English speakers, and early-career scholars. I am particularly committed to encouraging practitioner engagement and fostering sustained academia-industry collaborations. I also aim to enhance mentoring initiatives through shared resources, career support, and cross-community engagement within ACM. At a time of rapid technological change, I am eager to help SIGDOC promote empathy-driven design and support multidisciplinary scholarship shaping the field's future.

Candidate for Vice Chair

Jason Tham
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 2019, Rhetoric and Scientific and Technical Communication.

Professional Experience:

Associate Professor, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, USA, 2023 – Present;
Assistant Professor, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, USA, 2019 – 2023.

Professional Interest:

User experience, Design thinking, Technical communication, Digital rhetoric, Writing studies.

ACM Activities:

Advisory Member-at-Large, SIGDOC, 2024 – Present;
Social Media Manager, SIGDOC, 2017 – 2023.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Vice President, Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication,
2022 – 2026.

Awards Received:

Best Original Collection of Essays. NCTE/CCCC., 2025;
Ellen Nold Award for Outstanding Article. C&C., 2023;
Rudolph J. Joenk Award for Best Paper. IEEE TPC., 2023;
Frank R. Smith Outstanding Article. STC., 2019.

STATEMENT

I am honored to run for Vice Chair of ACM SIGDOC. Since joining in 2016, I have served the organization with dedication - first as Social Media Manager for three terms, then as Advisory Board Member-at-Large. Most recently, I chaired our successful co-located SIGDOC-CPTSC conference in October 2025, an experience that deepened my commitment to fostering collaboration across our field.

My broader involvement in technical communication, including leadership roles in CPTSC, CCCC, and an editorial position with Computers and Composition, has given me valuable perspectives on sustaining vibrant scholarly communities. I understand the challenges

facing academic organizations and am prepared to help SIGDOC navigate them thoughtfully.

As Vice Chair, I will work to strengthen our conference programming, expand member engagement, and ensure SIGDOC remains a welcoming home for scholars and practitioners at all career stages. I look forward to serving this community that has given me so much.

Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer

Stanley Joseph Doherty
Google LLC, Mountain View, CA, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., Harvard University, 1983, English Language and Literature.

Professional Experience:

Sr. Documentation Manager, Google LLC, Mountain View, CA, USA, 2022 – 2025;

Sr. Director (IA), Consulting UA Developer, Oracle Corporation, Austin, TX, USA, 2017 – 2022;

Sr. Information Development Manager, HPE, Spring, TX, USA, 2017 – 2017.

Professional Interest:

Technical Communication - Structured Authoring, Technical Communication – Teaching, Technical Communication - GenAI R&D, Modular Writing, History of Technical Communication.

ACM Activities:

Committee Chair, SIGDOC Structured Authoring Committee, 2023 – Present.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Voting Member (Founding), OASIS DITA Technical Committee, 2004 – Present;

Coordinator (Founding), Boston DITA Users Group, 2018 – Present;

Adjunct Instructor, University of the People, 2025 – Present.

STATEMENT

In my career, I have taught college-level communications and served as a manager, architect, and technical writer with multiple tech companies. Currently, I chair a committee under ACM SIGDOC focused on industry-academic collaboration, specifically efforts to develop content and instructional resources related to teaching structured authoring. I remain active in other professional organizations such as OASIS (Technical Committee), IEEE (reviewer, Transactions), and the Boston DITA Users Group. As appropriate, I can bring this blend of academic, industry, and professional experience to the ongoing work of SIGDOC.

Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer

Andrew Mara
Arizona State University, Mesa, AZ, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., University of New Mexico, 2003, Rhetoric and Writing.

Professional Experience:

Associate Professor, Arizona State University, Mesa, AZ, USA, 2016 – Present;

Adjunct Professor, University of Limerick, Limerick, Ireland, 2025 – Present;

Professor, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND, USA, 2006 – 2016.

Professional Interest:

User Experience, Technical Communication, Qualitative Methods, Ethnography, Contextual Inquiry.

ACM Activities:

Student Research Competition Judge, SIGDOC, 2017 – 2025;

Proposal Reviewer, SIGDOC, 2021 – 2025;

Conference Chair, SIGDOC, 2020 – 2021.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Board of Governors, IEEE Procomm, 2024 – Present;

Member, Society for Technical Communication, 2001 – 2024;

Digital WPA Committee Chair, Council for Writing Program Administrators, 2013 – 2016.

Awards Received:

ACM SIGDOC Best Paper, Honorable Mention, 2024;

CISA Innovation Award, ASU, 2023;

AHSS Dean's Fellow, NDSU, 2015;

NDSU Peltier Award for Innovation in Teaching, 2013.

STATEMENT

If elected as SIGDOC Secretary-Treasurer, I would bring more than two decades of experience in technical communication and user experience in academic, national laboratory, and community settings. Over my career as a teacher, scholar, industry practitioner, academic administrator, and volunteer, I have brought a willingness to listen to all voices and have collaborated to build durable solutions that grow organizations.

My experiences over a range of contexts and institutions provide me with strategies to make organizations more accessible and responsive to the communities they want to serve. As a member of SIGDOC for the past thirteen years and a Student Research Competition judge, I have seen SIGDOC transform into a more diverse, more international, and more responsive organization. As the 2021 SIGDOC Conference chair, I saw my team creatively knit together Asian, European, North American, and South American academic communities to combine the benefits of both digital and face-to-face hospitality. This hybrid conference taught me the value of cross-cultural cooperation, a perspective I would bring to SIGDOC leadership. I am excited to contribute in a way that complements the existing expertise of the organization and would work to bring even more beneficial change to the larger group.