

**Candidate Statement for Interest Division Representative**  
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I am pleased and excited to have this opportunity to run for the position of Interest Division Representative with the Broadcast Education Association. BEA has been an important part of my scholarly and professional development. I would be honored to have an opportunity to give back to this organization that does so much to help educators and students connect to the media industry and each other.

I attended my first BEA Conference in 2007. Thinking back on my first time walking into the Las Vegas Convention Center, I remember feeling both overwhelmed and completely invigorated. I saw attendees greeting friends and colleagues, eager to catch up, share ideas and collaborate on scholarship and projects. After 14 years, I now know how it feels to anticipate the panels, speakers, competitions, work sessions, and casual opportunities to catch up with peers and friends. Over the years, I had the opportunity to serve in a number of roles in BEA. For the Production, Aesthetics and Criticism (PAC) division I held offices as Paper Chair and Chair. I served as Festival of Media Arts Student Video Co-Chair and Vice-Chair from 2012 – 2015. In 2016 I became the Communication Coordinator for the Curriculum, Assessment, and Administration (CAA) Interest Division. I've gone on to serve as Vice Chair/Paper Chair, and last year stepped into the role of Chair for CAA.

If elected to this position, I will promote and support all interest divisions. As your liaison, I will communicate your activities, initiatives and concerns to the board. I will also keep the interest division leadership and members aware of the mission and goals of BEA. In order to collaborate fully, I plan to keep the lines of communication open through a quarterly online check in with interest division leaders and members. Faculty members are busier than ever, but 2020 has shown us that connection is important. I will strive to keep the energy and flow of ideas from the conference going, even during the busy semester when so many responsibilities vie for our attention. I will aid divisions in developing new activities and initiatives. I will work with divisions to support scholarship and paper competitions. I believe it is important to support BEA's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. I will work with the divisions and Dr. George Daniels, Faculty Fellow for Diversity and Inclusion to connect with faculty, students, and practitioners on scholarship and initiatives in the divisions to support BEA's mission and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Thank you for your consideration and your time.