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The Broadcast Education Association is my primary academic organization, and I would be honored to serve as the Interest Division Representative on the BEA Board. I joined BEA around 2004 and have not missed one of the conferences since. I believe strongly in the organization's mission to promote electronic media-related research and teaching, particularly in terms of helping prepare the next generation of electronic media professionals and recent efforts to increase membership among historically Black colleges and universities (HBCU) and Hispanic serving institutions (HSI). I have been active in BEA division leadership, including serving as chair of the History Division twice, chairing the Faculty Interactive Multimedia Competition, and cochairing the Student Interactive Multimedia Competition. I have served as a paper reviewer for both the History Division and the Interactive and Emerging Technologies Division, as well as a project reviewer for the faculty and student interactive multimedia competitions and for the BEA Diversity Committee's creative award. I have been a member of BEA's Diversity Committee since 2018. I am currently a Professor of Media Studies at Auburn University and Co-Director of the Laboratory for Usability, Communication, Interaction, and Accessibility (LUCIA) in Auburn's College of Liberal Arts. My research focuses on media accessibility, most recently looking at the creation and use of online video captions.