

Victor Evans  
Candidate Statement  
BEA District 6 Representative

I am honored to be nominated for BEA's District 6 Representative. I am currently an Assistant Professor in the Communication and Media Department at Seattle University. I have been an active BEA member since 2011. I have participated in several divisions, but most of my involvement has been with Multicultural Studies where I have held every position within that division, including Chair and/or Vice Chair, from 2013 until 2023.

I am also currently serving on the BEA Awards Task Force and Audit Committee. We are working to ensure the current BEA awards reflect the current need and work of the members, and if not, which awards should be added, like additional teaching awards or an award specifically for graduate students. The committee is also analyzing the nomination process to ensure it is fair and streamlined for all awards. I also regularly serve as a judge for the BEA Media Festival of Arts in both the Student Documentary and Student Instructional/Educational categories.

My other board experience is with the 911 Media Arts Center, an advisory board to the nonprofit organization in Seattle that promotes media literacy and trains underrepresented groups in video and filmmaking. I also oversee the Native Lens program, which specifically teaches Native youth how to use video and other technologies to share their stories. In addition, I have held numerous leadership positions at my university including Director of Summer Programs, Chair of the Department Curriculum Committee, Student Awards and Scholarships Committee Chair, and Recruitment and Retention of BIPOC Students Committee Chair.

My desired goal as District 6 Representative is to work with my fellow district institutions to bring in more institutional and individual members. I want to ensure that most institutions within the district are aware of BEA, more specifically what the organization can do for them, their students and their institution. Diversity and inclusion have been a priority for BEA the past few years, so I would like to continue those efforts by working with the Faculty Fellow of Diversity and Inclusion to reach out to institutions in the district that predominantly serve underrepresented populations to discuss how BEA can bring value to their students as well as how their institution's membership could benefit BEA.