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(SVP Member at Large 2014-2016 candidate)

Current position: Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto Scarborough, Toronto, Canada (2010-present)

Previous positions: Assistant (2002-2006) and Associate (2006-2010) Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Winnipeg (Dept. chair, 2009-2010); Research Assistant/Postdoctoral Fellow to Alan Walker, Department of Anthropology, Pennsylvania State University (2000-2002)

Education: BSc University of Toronto, 1995; PhD Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 2001.

Professional Service (SVP): Member of the Program Committee (2008-present)

Professional Service (non-SVP): Associate Editor, Journal of Paleontology (2010-present); Associate Editor, Journal of Human Evolution (2011-present); Research Associate, Florida Museum of Natural History (2008-present); Research Associate, Royal Ontario Museum (2012-present); Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Vertebrate Paleobiology and Paleoanthropology book series (2010-present); Member, Advisory Board, NOW (Neogene of the Old World) database.

Research Interests: Mammalian phylogeny, with a particular focus on Euarchonta; plesiadapiforms and their role in the origin of Primates; reconstruction of paleoecology using compositional analysis, functional morphology, and dental microwear analysis; brain evolution in euarchontans and other mammals.

There are two main areas that I would like to focus on as a member of the Executive Committee. First, I would like to see the ExComm take on a more formal role with respect to the Status of Women. There are very encouraging numbers of young women attending our meetings and doing excellent work. SVP needs to do what it can to ensure that these young women have the same opportunities as the men of their generation to become professionals in the field. In particular, I would like to see the Society facilitate a mentoring program, to help young women interested in Vertebrate Paleontology have access to a pool of successful female role models.

Second, I am interested in facilitating student access to the annual meetings. Although I heartily support the idea of having more meetings at international venues, in practical terms this involves a considerable cost for many of our students. I would like to see SVP fundraise with the specific goal of ensuring that our attempts to broaden the international scope of the society not undercut the aspirations of our student members.