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Candidate Statement

Having served on the Executive Committee of our union for the past five-years, through a challenging time for labor in general and our union specifically, I am running for the office of union secretary to guide our union to a stronger, more democratic and more effective union -- united against the economic pressure and reactionary trends to displace the faculty as the heart of a university and to replace quality with quantification.

Thirteen years ago this faculty warmly welcomed me as a refugee from Southampton College and generously gave me the opportunity to restart my career. From those very first days I was struck by the extraordinary community spirit among the faculty, who were all devoted to their students, to each other, and to this institution. Since then, I hope that I have also demonstrated my own commitment to you. In addition to my work with the union, I have served on many committees, frequently performing the duties of secretary, and as a historian, I know well the importance of maintaining accurate records.

As Secretary of our union, I will continue the steadfast professionalism Emily Drabinski has shown in performing the essential duties of secretary -- many of which are not glamorous, but all of which are crucial to creating a union that is united, strong, open to its members, and effective in its communication.

I will foster and encourage wide participation of our general membership and assure that my work focuses on the inclusion of all our faculty's voices. If we are to succeed in combatting the destructive intentions of the Cline Administration and prevail in the face of wider societal forces affecting legions of universities, our union needs all of you.

Should I win the honor of serving as secretary of our union, I will work with you to Reclaim LIU.