

2024 Nominee for Nominations Committee Member

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The nomination committee's responsibility is to assemble the best slate of candidates for Council and Nominations Committee vacancies. This includes verifying prior participation in ICIS activities and assessing how well each candidate aligns with the organization's mission and objectives. Please describe reasons why you feel you are well qualified to serve as a member of the Nominations Committee, including how your background and network has given you a diverse perspective.

Growing up I didn't imagine I could be a scientist in USA. I was born to a teenage single parent, fostered, adopted, & became a teenage parent myself at 16. Education broke the cycle. Moving my family (3 children, partner and elderly father) to Boston for my postdoc changed our lives. My background taught me 1) talent is everywhere but opportunity is not 2) to benefit from the opportunity, you must feel that you belong. Belonging to ICIS is wonderful and I want the same opportunities for others.

Please list your current and/or past participation in ICIS committees. Include committee membership, positions of leadership, speaking invitations, etc.

- 2022-present, Nominations Committee, ICIS
- 2019-present, Member ICIS
- 2019 Keynote Speaker, ICIS Annual Symposia, Vienna
- 2022 Speaker, ICIS Annual Symposium, Hawaii
- 2022 International ILC4 Conference, Kona, Hawaii (joint with ICIS)
- 2022 John R. Kettman – Luminex Award for Excellence in Cytokine Research
- 2024 Nominated Dr Susan Kaech for ICIS Mentor Award

List any other relevant qualifications for office, including any non-ICIS volunteer or other leadership activities. (Not a CV.)

- Course Director, Immunology 301, Harvard Immunology;
- President's Task Force at AACR;
- Director of Metabolic Core
- Organizer, 14th International CD1-MR1 Symposia, Portland Oregon
- Co-organizer, 3rd International Symposium for Sex Differences in Immunity, Dublin
- Scientific Organising Committee, gd T cell International Conference
- Organizer, Keystone Symposium, Keystone
- Grant Review Committee for the Paul G. Allen Foundation and Mark Foundation