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LANGUAGES	Italian (native), English (very fluent), French (basic working proficiency), German (basic), Latin (working proficiency), Ancient Greek (studied)	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<b>Professor</b> Department of Computer Science and Engineering University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC	08/2008 - present
	<b>Chair of the Faculty Senate</b> University of South Carolina	08/2017 - 08/2019
	<b>Associate Professor</b> Department of Computer Science and Engineering <sup>1</sup> University of South Carolina	08/1994 - 08/2008
	<b>Assistant Professor</b> Department of Computer Science University of South Carolina	08/1988 - 08/1994
	<b>Temporary Agent</b> Commission of the European Communities Brussels, Belgium Project Officer in ESPRIT, a program of the European Economic Community. Duties included supervision of sponsored projects, negotiation of shortlisted proposals, evaluation of proposals and development of the yearly work program.	10/1985 - 08/1988
	<b>Teaching and Research Assistant</b> Department of Computer Science Duke University	08/1980 - 08/1985
EDUCATION	<b>Duke University</b> , Durham, N.C. Ph.D., Computer Science, 1987	
	<b>Duke University</b> M.A., Computer Science, 1984	
	<b>Politecnico di Milano</b> , Milan, Italy <i>Laurea</i> (with highest honors), Electrical Engineering, 1980	
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RESEARCH  
INTERESTS

**Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence:** foundations and applications of Bayesian networks, influence diagrams, and other probabilistic graphical models; learning of Bayesian networks and chain graphs; parameter identifiability in causal Bayesian networks and Markov networks; integration of logic and probabilistic reasoning; use of soft (uncertain) evidence in Bayesian networks and influence diagrams.

**Problem Solving Methods in Artificial Intelligence:** Properties of heuristics derived from simplified models in the state-space approach to problem solving.

BRIEF  
PROFESSIONAL  
BIOGRAPHY

Marco Valtorta (Ph.D., Duke University, 1987) is a professor of Computer Science and Engineering in the College of Engineering and Computing at the University of South Carolina. He received a laurea degree with highest honors in electrical engineering from the Politecnico di Milano, Milan, Italy, where he studied with Marco Somalvico, in 1980. After his graduate work in Computer Science at Duke University with Donald W. Loveland, he joined the Commission of the European Communities in Brussels, Belgium, where he worked as a project officer for ESPRIT (the European Strategic Programme in Information Technologies) from 1985 to 1988. In August 1988 he joined the faculty at USC in what was then the Department of Computer Science. He spent much of his sabbatical year (1999–2000) in the Decision Support Systems group of the Department of Computer Science of Aalborg University in Denmark. His research interests are in Artificial Intelligence. His first research result, known as “Valtorta’s theorem” and obtained in 1980, was recently (2011) described as “seminal” and “an important theoretical limit of usefulness” for heuristics computed by search in an abstracted problem space. Most of his later research has been in the area of uncertainty in artificial intelligence. His theoretical and methodological contributions include results on the complexity of theory revision, algorithms for learning Bayesian networks from large data sets, algorithms for the identification of conflicts in Bayesian networks, algorithms for probability update in the presence of uncertain information, theoretical results on the identifiability of parameters in causal Bayesian networks, and related results on more expressive probabilistic graphical models, such as chain graphs and directed hypergraphs. His applied work includes the construction of Bayesian networks and influence diagrams in medicine, agriculture, computer security, and information analysis. Valtorta’s work was funded by ONR, DARPA, ARDA, and IARPA, among other sources. He has around 70 peer reviewed publications in journals and highly selective conferences such as *Artificial Intelligence*, *International Journal of Approximate Reasoning*, *ACM Journal of Data and Information Quality*, *IEEE Transactions on Instrumentation and Measurement*, International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, and Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence. His students have been best paper award winners at the Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (1993, 2006) and the International Conference on Information Quality (2006). He was a Lilly teaching fellow in 1993–94 and undergraduate director for the Department of Computer Science from 1993 to 1999. He is particularly interested in advising and mentoring undergraduate students. He was awarded the College of Science and Mathematics Outstanding Advisor Award in 1997. In addition to his teaching and research activity, he has served in numerous capacities at the departmental (e.g., chair of the tenure and promotion committee and of the colloquium committee), college (e.g., College of Engineering and Computing scholarship committee), and university level (e.g., faculty senator, committee on curricula and courses, committee on instructional development, university committee on tenure and promotion). He was elected chair of the university faculty senate in April 2016 and became chair in August 2017 for a two-year term. He was an associate editor of the *International Journal of Approximate Reasoning* from 1993 to 2008 and has been involved in the organization and review of many conferences and workshops.

HONORS AND AWARDS	<b>Joseph M. Biedebach Distinguished Service Award</b> College of Engineering and Computing, University of South Carolina	2020
	<b>Elevation to AAAI Senior Member Grade</b>	2018
	<b>SEC Academic Leadership Development Program Fellowship</b>	2016-17
	<b>Outstanding Achievement Award</b> Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of South Carolina	2016
	<b>Two Thumbs Up Award</b> University of South Carolina	2013-14
	<b>Elevation to ACM Senior Member Grade</b>	2007
	<b>(Inaugural) Madnick Best Information Quality Paper Award</b> (with Valerie Sessions)	2006
	<b>UAI Best Student Paper Award</b> (with Moninder Singh in 1993 and Yimin Huang in 2006)	1993 and 2006
	<b>Elevation to IEEE Senior Member Grade</b>	2005
	<b>Lilly Teaching Fellow</b> Eli Lilly Endowment, Indianapolis, IN	1993-94
	<b>Outstanding Advisor of the Year</b> College of Science and Mathematics, University of South Carolina	1997

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FUNDED  
PROJECTS

Title: “Hypergraph-Based Causal Modeling.”

Agency: Office of Naval Research (ONR).

Award Amount: \$100,000.

Period: September 1, 2017–August 31, 2018

Role: co-PI (with PI Linyuan Lu, Mathematics Department)

Title: “Co-Arg: Causal Argumentation System with Crowd Elicitation.”

Agency: Intelligence Advanced Research Project Agency (IARPA); subaward through George Mason University (GMU).

Award Amount: \$342,331 (subaward only).

Period: January 2017–June 2021. Project funded to September 2018 only for budgetary reasons.

Role: PI of the subaward; Prime (GMU) PI: Gheorghe Tecuci.

Title: “Integrating and Extending Techniques for the Identification of Latent Variables in Graphical Models.”

Agency: American Institute of Mathematics, Palo Alto, CA (through the SQuaRE program).

Award Amount: Travel and lodging for week-long meetings every year for three years for Elizabeth Allman, John Rhodes, Elena Stanghellini, and Marco Valtorta at the AIM facility in Palo Alto, CA.

Period: October 2011–October 2013.

Role: co-PI (with Allman, Rhodes, and Stanghellini).

Title: “Combining Facts and Expert Opinion in Analytical Models via Logical and Probabilistic Reasoning.”

Agency: Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL).

Award Amount: \$1,922,442 (total including options and subcontract to HNC Software LLC), University of South Carolina share approximately \$1,000,000. Project not funded to completion, due to budgetary constraints.

Period: 1 June 2006–30 September 2010.

Role: PI with co-PI Michael Huhns at USC, John Byrnes and Richard Rohwer at HNC.

Title: “Collaboration between Digital Support Systems, Inc. and the University of South Carolina.”

Company: Digital Support Systems, Inc.

Role: PI.

Amount: \$11,600.

Period: January-May 2006.

Title: “Case-Based Reasoning for Knowledge Discovery and Bayesian Reasoning.”

Agency: Advanced Research and Development Agency (ARDA),

Role: PI, with Michael Huhns as co-PI, \$125,000 share.

Amount: \$250,000 (USC part).

Period: August 2004-April 2006.

Title: “OmniSeer: Novel Information from Massive Data.”

Agency: Advanced Research and Development Agency (ARDA).

Role: co-PI (PI, Dr. Michael Huhns; USC is subcontractor).

Amount: \$250,000 (USC part).

Period: December 2002-July 2004.

Note: the University of South Carolina was a subcontractor of Georgia Tech Research Institute.

Title: “Critical Infrastructure Protection Center Initiative: Infrastructure and Bayesian Network Models.”

Agency: SPAWAR Systems Center Charleston.

Amount: \$100,000.

Period: April 15, 2004, September 30, 2004.

Role: Consultant. USC Technical POC for this effort is Dr. Joseph E. Johnson (Physics Department).

Note: The grant supported support two CSE graduate students from May 15 to September 30. Total amount coming to the students and me was approximately \$20,000.

Title: “Fingerprinting Seeds.”

Agency: University of South Carolina.

Role: Co-PI (Dr. Gail Wagner, PI).

Amount: \$4,500.

Period: Summer 2002.

Title: “Normative Decision Analysis Research Incentive Proposal.”

Agency: University of South Carolina.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with Drs. John Rose and Juan Vargas).

Amount: \$50,000.

Period: Calendar year 2001.

Title: “Resource Allocation in Dynamic Uncertain Domains.”

Agency: U.S. Department of Defense, DARPA.

Role: PI with Juan Vargas and Jose Vidal; Michael Huhns was Project Director.

Amount: \$779,000.

Period: May 15, 1999 to May 15, 2002.

Title: “Dynamic Decision Support for Command, Control, and Communication in the Context of Tactical Defense.”

Agency: U.S. Department of Defense.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator, with John R. Rose, Suresh Singh, and Abhijit Sen-  
gupta.

Amount: \$410,399.

Period: June 1, 1997 to June 29, 2000.

Title: “Survivable and Reconfigurable Optical/Wireless Tactical Networks.”

Agency: U.S. Department of Defense.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator, with John R. Rose, Suresh Singh, and Abhijit Sen-  
gupta.

Amount: \$400,000.

Period: June 1, 1997 to June 29, 2000.

Title: “Expert System for Agricultural Loans: Collaboration with S.C. State Univer-  
sity.”

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Amount: \$16,289 (subcontract to USC).

Period: May 16, 1994–August 31, 1997.

Role: PI.

Note: Total amount for the project, entitled “Analysis of Agricultural Loan Defaults:  
Development of Credit/Loan Analysis Models,” and to last 36 months, was \$296,301.  
A no-cost extension to 48 months was negotiated in 1996.

“Teaching Evaluation, Critiquing, and Curriculum Change.” Funded under the Lilly  
Teaching Fellows Program. I was a Junior Teaching Fellow in 1993-94 in the proposed  
project, which was joint with Caroline Eastman, Senior Teaching Fellow in the proposed  
project. The total monetary value of the award was estimated to \$8,500.

Title: “A Study of the Complexity of Abstraction in Qualitative Diagnosis.”

Sponsor: CISE SpA .

Amount: \$49,500.

Period: January 1, 1991–December 31, 1993 (with no-cost extension to June 30, 1994).

Role: PI.

Title: “Studies in Sentencing Information Retrieval and Criminal Offense Coding.”

Agency: South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

Amount: \$48,000. Period: May 4, 1992-August 17, 1992

Role: co-PI with Manton M. Matthews and Abhijit Sengupta.

Title: “Development of a Computer Network for Quality Assurance and Statistical  
Process Control, Phase 2.”

Sponsor: General Electric Medical System.

Amount: My part in the project was compensated with approximately \$4,000. Total  
funding for the project was approximately \$109,000.

Period: Summer 1993, General Electric Medical Systems.

Role: Senior Researcher. Juan E. Vargas was PI.

SUPERVISED  
GRADUATE  
STUDENTS  
(GRADUATED)

1. Adem Coskun successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation on April 7, 2021. The title of the dissertation is: “Multi-Robot Coordination with Environmental Dis-  
turbances.”
2. Noah J. Geveke successfull defended his M.S. (Computer Engineering) thesis on  
July 13, 2020. The title of the thesis is: “On the Robustness of Bayesian Network  
Learning Algorithms against Malicious Attacks.”

3. Mohammad Ali Javidian successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation on October 22, 2019, The title of the dissertation is: “Properties, Learning Algorithms, and Applications of Chain Graphs and Bayesian Hypergraphs.”
4. Hatim Alsuwat successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation on October 7, 2019. The title of the dissertation is: “Cybersecurity Issues in the Context of Cryptographic Shuffling Algorithms and Concept Drift: Challenges and Solutions.”
5. Emad Alsuwat successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation on June 12, 2019. The title of his dissertation is “Challenges in Large-scale Machine Learning Systems: Security and Correctness.”
6. Subhro Kar successfully defended his M.S. (Computer Science and Engineering) thesis on February 20, 2015. The title of his thesis is: “Planning a Virtual Lab for Analysis of Malware: A Study of Virtualization on an Intel Platform.”
7. Mohamed Sharaf defended his Ph.D. dissertation successfully on April 7, 2014. The title of his dissertation is “Identifiability of Directed and Undirected Graphical Models with a Latent Variable.”
8. Jingsong Wang defended his Ph.D. dissertation successfully on November 16, 2011. The title of his dissertation is “A Framework for Combining Logical and Probabilistic Models.”
9. Scott Langevin defended his Ph.D. dissertation successfully on December 15, 2010. The title of his dissertation is “Knowledge Representation, Communication, and Update in Probability-based Miltuagent Systems.”
10. Valerie Sessions defended her Ph.D. dissertation successfully on October 27, 2006. The title of her dissertation is “Techniques for Incorporating Data Quality Assessments into Learning Algorithms for Bayesian Networks.”
11. Yimin Huang defended his Ph.D. dissertation successfully on August 22, 2006. The title of his dissertation is “Identifiability in Causal Bayesian Networks.”
12. Jincao Ye defended his M.S. (Computer Engineering) thesis successfully on April 18, 2003. The title of his thesis is “SQL Implementation of the Junction Tree Method for Probability Update in Bayesian Networks.”
13. Bing Xia defended his M.S. (P) thesis successfully on April 5, 2002. The title of his thesis is: “An Algorithm to Learn Probabilistic Bayesian Network Structures from Data.”
14. Young-Gyun Kim defended his Ph.D. dissertation successfully on December 7, 2000. The title of his dissertation is “Time-Critical Decision Making with Communicating Influence Diagrams.”
15. Jayanta K. Ghosh defended his M.S. (P) thesis successfully on November 8, 1999. The title of his thesis is “A Probabilistic Model of Health and Nutrition of Elderly in South Carolina.”
16. Chuong Duc Huyn defended his M.S. (P) thesis successfully on March 19, 1999. The title of his thesis is “Implementation of the Valuation-Based System for Bayesian Decision Analysis.”
17. Mark Bloemeke defended his Ph.D. dissertation successfully on August 7, 1998. The title of his dissertation is: “Agent Encapsulated Bayesian Networks.”

18. Ashish Kuthiala defended his M.S. (R) thesis successfully on April 10, 1998. The title of his thesis is: "Object Modeling Technique and Object-Oriented Analysis Technique: A Comparison of the Analysis Phases and an Implementation."
19. Jian-Rong Shi defended his M.S. (P) thesis successfully on November 14, 1997. The title of his thesis is: "Sensitivity to Parameter and Evidence Values in Bayesian Networks."
20. Bhaskara R. Moole defended her M.S. (R) thesis successfully on September 24, 1997. The title of his thesis is "Parallel Construction of Bayesian Belief Networks."
21. Donna L. Shaver defended her M.S. (P) thesis successfully on April 14, 1997. The title of her thesis is: "Office Automation Using a Database Application."
22. Gopalakrishnan Viswanath defended his M.S. (R) thesis successfully on November 25, 1996. The title of his thesis is: "A Survey and Comparison of Algorithms for the Compilation of Bayesian Networks."
23. Leszek Piatkiewicz defended his M.S. (R) thesis successfully on March 20, 1996. The title of his thesis is: "On the Construction of a Bayesian Network for Agricultural Loan Assessment."
24. Raghu Babu Korrapati defended his M.S. (R) thesis successfully on November 10, 1995. The title of his thesis is: "Model- Based Diagnosis for Continuous Systems Using CLP(R)."
25. Ming Wu defended his M.S. (P) thesis successfully on January 20, 1995. The title of his thesis is: "Design and Implementation of a Bayesian Belief Network with Graphical User Interface."
26. Young-Gyun Kim defended his M.S. (R) thesis successfully on November 2, 1994. The title of his thesis is: "Design and Construction of a New Straw Model in Bayesian Networks."
27. Subramani Mani defended his M.S. (P) thesis successfully on August 26, 1994. The title of his thesis is: "MENTOR: A Bayesian Model for Prediction and Intervention in Mental Retardation."
28. Edmund L. Maier defended his M.S. (R) thesis successfully on August 7, 1993. The title of his thesis is: "Expert System for High School Student Advisement."
29. Moninder Singh defended his M.S. (R) thesis successfully on May 28, 1993. The title of his thesis is: "Construction of Bayesian Network Structures from Data."
30. Randy Mechling defended his M.S. (R) thesis successfully on July 1, 1992. The title of his thesis is "PaCCIN: A Parallel Constructor of Causal Independence Networks."
31. David L. Hibler defended his Ph.D. dissertation successfully on January 24, 1992. The title of his dissertation is "The Thought Experiment Method: A New Approach to Qualitative Reasoning."
32. Edward K. Yu defended his M.S. (R) thesis successfully on November 26, 1991. The title of his thesis is "MODIC: A Program for Model-Based Diagnosis that uses Constraint Logic Programming."
33. Rita L. Childress defended her M.S. (R) thesis successfully on April 16, 1991. The title of her thesis is "Verification of Expert Systems Written in OPS5."

34. M. Ishaq Zahid defended his M.S. (R) thesis successfully on September 29, 1990. The title of his thesis is “Warnsdorff’s Tours of a Knight.”
35. Dahai Zang defended his M.S. (R) thesis successfully on July 6, 1990. The title of his thesis is “An Analysis of Rule-Strength Refinement Algorithms for Expert Systems.”
36. Shijie Wang defended his M.S. (R) thesis successfully on November 30, 1989. The title of the thesis is “BELFUN–A Belief Function Expert System Shell.”

OTHER  
SUPERVISION

Member of dissertation and thesis committees for multiple students at the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of South Carolina

Member of dissertation committees for multiple students in the departments of Mathematics and Physics at the University of South Carolina

External member of dissertation committees for students in Computer Science at the Universite de Paris-Sud and at Aalborg University in Denmark

Director, co-director, or committee members for multiple undergraduate honors theses in Computer Science and Engineering at the University of South Carolina

COURSES TAUGHT

Professional Issues in Computer Science and Engineering (CSCE 390)

Latest Offering: Fall 2021

Topics in Information Technology: Functional Programming (CSCE 590)

Latest Offering: Fall 2021

Bayesian Networks and Decision Graphs (CSCE 582, cross-listed as STAT 582)

Latest Offering: Spring 2021

Compiler Construction (CSCE 531)

Latest Offering: Spring 2021

Computing in the Modern World (CSCE 190)

Latest Offering: Fall 2019

Advanced Topics in Probabilistic Graphical Models (CSCE 790)

Topics Course Offered in Spring 2019

Computer Systems Engineering (CSCE 317)

Latest Offering: Spring 2018

Programming Language Structures (CSCE 330)

Latest Offering: Fall 2017

Artificial Intelligence (CSCE 580)

Latest Offering: Spring 2017

Knowledge Systems (CSCE 781)

Latest Offering: Spring 2013

Digital Logic Design (CSCE 211)

Latest Offering: Spring 2009

Data Structures and Algorithms (CSCE 350)

Latest Offering: Spring 2005



Introduction to Algorithmic Programming II (CSCE 146)  
Latest Offering: Spring 2001

Pattern Recognition and Classification (CSCE 768)  
Latest Offering: Spring 2001

Introduction to Algorithmic Programming I (CSCI 145)  
Latest Offering: Fall 1994

Also taught various topics courses at the senior, beginning graduate student, and advanced graduate student levels, on model-based reasoning, various aspects of graphical probabilistic models, and PAC-learning. Also taught other courses on programming, data structures, and algorithms at various levels.

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

**Journal Editorial Service**

- Associate Editor *International Journal of Approximate Reasoning*, January 1993–2008.
- Member of the Editorial Board, *Applied Intelligence*, January 1993–present.
- Member of the Editorial Board, *International Journal of Applied Management and Technology*, 2003–present.

**Journal Referee Service**

- *AI Communications*
- *Annals of Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence*
- *Applied Intelligence*
- *Artificial Intelligence*
- *Artificial Intelligence in Medicine*
- *IEEE Expert* (now *IEEE Intelligent Systems*)
- *IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems*
- *IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics*
- *Information Fusion*
- *Information Sciences*
- *International Journal of Applied Management and Technology*
- *International Journal of Approximate Reasoning*
- *International Journal of Cooperative Information Systems*
- *International Journal of Expert Systems*
- *International Journal of Uncertainty, Fuzziness, and Knowledge-Based Systems*
- *Journal of Automated Reasoning*
- *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research*
- *Journal of Data and Information Quality*
- *Journal of Experimental and Theoretical Artificial Intelligence*
- *Journal of Intelligent Information Systems*
- *Journal of Logic Programming*
- *Kibernetika*
- *Machine Learning*

**Review and Program Committee Service for Major Conferences**

- National Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), multiple times
- International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS; known as AIS in early years), multiple times.
- European Conference on Artificial Intelligence (ECAI), multiple times
- European Conference on Symbolic and Quantitative Approaches to Reasoning and Uncertainty (ECSQUARU), multiple times
- International Conference on Industrial and Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence and Expert Systems (IEA-AIE), multiple times

- Indian International Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IICAI), multiple times
- International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), multiple times
- European Workshop on Probabilistic Graphical Models (PGM), multiple times
- Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI), multiple times (senior PC Member, 2021)

**Other Professional Service**

- Local Arrangements Chair, IEA-AIE 1989
- Reviewer for many textbooks

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AAI (senior member since 2018), ACM (senior member since 2007), IEEE (senior member since 2005; life senior member since 2022).

DEPARTMENT SERVICE Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of South Carolina, Columbia, Fall 2021–present.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Computer Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, June 1993-August 1999.

Chair of the Tenure and Promotion Committee, Fall 2010–Fall 2016

Chair of the Colloquium Committee, Fall 1990–Spring 1997, Fall 2001–Fall 2016

Chair of the following additional committees, at some time between Fall 1988 and now: assessment (CSAB preparation), curriculum, qualifying exam oversight, reading room, undergraduate.

Member of the following additional committees, at some time between Fall 1988 and now: chair search, ethics, full professor teaching visitation, graduate, graduate student admission, qualifying exam, self-study, symposium.

COLLEGE SERVICE Member, College of Engineering and Computing Committee on Scholarships, Spring 2008–Spring 2013.

Member, Dean Search Committee, Fall 2009–Spring 2010.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE Chair, Faculty Senate, 2016-2020 (elected by vote of faculty senators; chair-elect, 2016-2017; chair, 2017-2019; past-chair, 2019-2020); includes membership or chairmanship of the following faculty committees: Faculty Advisory, Faculty-Board of Trustees Liaison, Faculty Budget, Senate Steering.

Member, Faculty Welfare Committee, 2020–present; co-chair of committee, 2020-2021.

Member, Faculty Budget Committee, 2020–present.

Member, University Committee on Tenure and Promotion (elected by University Faculty vote), three-year term starting Fall 2013; chair of the criteria and procedure review subcommittee, 2014-15; chair of committee, 2015-16.

Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, 2014-2015.

Faculty Senator, Fall 2012-Summer 2013, Fall 2007–Summer 2010, Fall 2003–Summer 2006, Fall 2000-Summer 2001, Spring 1999.

Member, University Committee on Curricula and Courses, University of South Carolina, Summer 2008–Summer 2011.

Member, University Committee on Instructional Development, Fall 1994-Spring 1997; chair of the Teaching Evaluation subcommittee, Fall 1994-Spring 1996.