

The IRIS-UNAVCO merger carries with it great potential, not only to strengthen the connections between our two communities, but to enable new science at the nexus of geodesy and seismology. It is also an opportunity to learn from and implement practices that worked best within each organization. I have a strong interest in geophysical networks and data quality and have served on the IRIS Quality Assurance Advisory Committee and the Global Seismic Network Standing Committee. I see data quality and global, permanent geophysical networks as critical components of any successful joint facility. On a personal level, IRIS has played a central role in my education as a seismologist, both formally as an IRIS summer intern and, later, host, and informally, through opportunities to get engaged in service and governance. I am standing for election to the Board of Directors in order to contribute my perspective and effort to the forging of an inclusive, responsive and effective nexus for our community.