

Thank you for taking the time to read my candidate statement and for the opportunity to introduce myself.

I am an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. I completed an externship and an APA accredited clinical psychology doctoral internship at the Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center. In 2015, I received my doctoral degree in clinical psychology with a specialization in forensic psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University and worked as a postdoctoral researcher on a DOJ grant. I completed postdoctoral training in forensic psychology at St. John's University. As a scientist practitioner, in addition to my academic appointment, I practice as a clinical and forensic psychologist, holding licenses in New York, Rhode Island, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I am honored to serve as an Officer (73B) in the Army Reserve 883rd COSC Unit under the 804th Medical Brigade. I have been fortunate to be able to combine my interests of military and forensic psychology where I worked as a consulting psychologist for veterans treatment court, and currently provide independent psychological evaluations for military applicants and veteran disability claimants. I have had the opportunity to work with the APA as part of the Amicus Curiae Expert Panel. On a personal note, my commitment to serving military personnel and families is influenced by my grandfather's service as a WW II Army Medic, who subsequently worked in the mental health field as a social worker.

I am interested in serving as a council representative because it provides an opportunity to help serve the larger military community to produce positive change through advocacy. Thank you for your consideration.