

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco
Biographical Sketch and Personal Statement
(Board of Trustees)

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Date Joined UUSF: I first started coming in 2015, but I didn't become a member until 2016

Church activities, committees or group involvement: I've been a Worship Associate, Religious Education Teacher, and General Assembly attendee consistently. I've also spent a bit of time on the Ministerial Internship Committee, Nominating Committee, and as a Society for Community Work mentor.

Profession/career: I work at the intersection of technology and social good. At Google, I worked on diversity and inclusion and education. Then I worked on the team that fixed Healthcare.gov and spent some more time at a health technology startup. I'm currently at the Empower Project, which helps folks engage politically -- we also partnered with UU The Vote in the past.

Other community, volunteer, or personal/professional experience you'd like to share:
I help the Bay Area Urban Debate League with some of their logistics.

Why would you like to serve on the Board of Trustees, and how will it benefit our church community and/or the denomination? UUSF is important. A lot of people come to San Francisco looking for something, and UUSF is one of the only places that isn't offering an easy answer, but rather a community of people willing to ask the hard questions, to show up for one another, and to try to build a better world.

We've done a great job weathering the pandemic, but we can all see that there's room in the sanctuary for a few more people. I want to help us bring more people in the door and then practice radical welcoming and inclusivity so that they stay.