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Recent Awards and Honors

- Fellow of the ACM, 2021
- ACM SIGIR (SIG Information Retrieval) Academy, 2021
- ACM SIGIR Test of Time Award 2016 (for 1998 paper)

Involvement in CRA Activities

- CRA Board member, 2018-2024
- CRA Treasurer and Executive member, 2019-2025
- CRA Working Group on Misconduct Issues, 2022-23
- CRA Snowbird organization committee, 2020 (online) and 2022

Other Relevant Experience

- Chair of the Faculty, College of Information and Computer Sciences (CICS), UMass Amherst, 2015-2022
- Associate Dean of Research, UMass Amherst CICS, 2024-Present
- Moderator, cs.IR (Information Retrieval) for arXiv.org, 2018-Present
- Chair of ACM SIGIR executive, 2010-2013

Research Interests

- Information Retrieval
- Controversy, misinformation
- Multilingual search and organization

Personal Statement

I currently serve as CRA Treasurer, providing a bridge between CRA's finance staff and the Board to help each understand what is needed and what is happening. This effort has included improving the reporting to the board, moving CRA long-term reserves to an investment service, making sense of a major auditing issue over the past couple of years, and, more recently, working to an ongoing effort toward a better understanding of the long-term financial position of CRA as its mission and staff grow rapidly. I am also interested in CRA activities related to fairness and equity.