
MY SERVICE PERSPECTIVE

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Prior even to beginning my Master's program at Syracuse University, I have used education as a mechanism through to replenish the resources of the communities I've lived in and from which I've received so much. This has taken the form of tutoring deaf and hard of hearing students, running an English camp in South Korea as a fundraiser to provide relief for the victims of the Southeast Asian tsunami in 2004.

More recently, I have taken an active role in my department as co-Chair of our annual IST Conference for 2010 and then again in 2011. With my colleague Tiffany Roman in 2010 and Justin Whiting in 2011, I planned and coordinated this one-day event to provide our students with an opportunity to share their research with each other. I remain an active member of the Association for Educational Communications (AECT), having volunteered at the 2009 conference, reviewed proposals for the 2010 conference and served as a judge for the Immersive Learning Awards. Finally, with a background in open source software development, I have developed software tools to support teaching and scholarship.