

SProSIG Officer Nomination

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Name of nominator (if not self nomination):

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Statement of qualifications and vision (200 words or less):

I am Associate Professor of Linguistics at the University of Pennsylvania and Director of the Penn Phonetics Laboratory. My research focuses on prosody as a fundamental organizing system of spoken language, investigating how linguistic structure is conveyed through interacting patterns of pitch, timing, prominence, and voice quality, and how speakers and listeners integrate multidimensional cues in speech communication. My work combines experimental phonetics, computational modeling, and cross-linguistic research, with interests in how prosody and speech science connect to speech technology.

I have served the prosody and phonetics community as General Chair of Speech Prosody 2026, Associate Editor of the *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, special-session organizer for Speech Prosody 2022 and ICPHS 2023, and organizer for LabPhon 18. If elected as a SProSIG officer, I would work to strengthen SProSIG as an inclusive, visible, and intellectually vibrant community. My priorities would be to support early-career researchers and students, broaden global participation, and build stronger bridges across approaches and disciplines. I am especially interested in helping the community develop shared resources, tutorials, and discussion formats that make prosody research more accessible, reusable, and impactful across disciplines.

Statement of willingness to take on specific roles (webmaster, maintaining the member roster and mailing list, helping with the video lecture series, coordinating bidding and running the voting for the SP 2030 venue, etc.) (100 words or less):

I would be happy to help with practical SProSIG work, including maintaining and updating the website, supporting the member roster and mailing list, helping organize the video lecture series, and coordinating communication around future Speech Prosody conference bids and voting procedures. Based on my experience organizing Speech Prosody 2026, I would also be glad to help document conference procedures, share hybrid-conference lessons, and support future organizers in planning inclusive and technically robust meetings.