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I am a postdoctoral research associate in the Chemistry Department at BNL. I earned my B.A. from Barnard College, New York and my Ph.D. from the University of Washington in Seattle. I enjoy getting people together and organizing events. In the past, I was the party "czar" of my previous research group and was responsible for organizing group barbecues, holiday parties, making birthday cakes, and balancing the budget. For two years I was also in charge of organizing the Inorganic Chemistry Recruitment Dinner at UW, cooking and arranging the event for 75 people. More recently, I volunteered to help organize the 2012 BNL Young Researcher Symposium, setting up the food and conference services.

I am interested in leading the ASAP because it is a great opportunity to increase interdepartmental relations and build an active community of postdocs. To do so, I would organize more events that encourage attendance from all BNL postdocs. My goal is to create a life for us that extends beyond research and includes building connections to your peers, learning about what's happening outside your lab, and participating in group interests. I feel a strong postdoctoral community is crucial to addressing concerns, such as transitioning into life at BNL, networking, career opportunities, and preparing for the future. As a member of the ASAP board I will work hard towards improving the quality of life at BNL.