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I have served on the Middlebury Natural Food Co-op's Board for the past three years and am excited by the prospect of representing our members for another term.

Currently, I am the Chair of our Board Development Committee and also a member of our Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee. I have spent my adult life working and volunteering in the Vermont food system and am passionate about connecting with

people through food and agriculture. I see Co-ops as an integral partner in a sustainable food system and the Middlebury Co-op is key to this vision locally. I have been honored to participate in the democratic processes of our Co-op and to support others in keeping more dollars and decisions local.

Since 2010, I have worked in several different roles at the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT), working to build a more just and equitable food system. As a member of our core Administrative Team, I have deep experience with program development and implementation, grant writing and fundraising, strategic planning, and developing organizational policies.

I also have a strong grasp on the statewide food system, having held different leadership positions in the Vermont Farm to Plate Network, including serving on the Steering Committee and co-chairing the Food Access Cross Cutting Team. In addition, I previously served five years on the Vermont Community Garden Network's Board, with two years as Board Chair. In the late 2000s, I volunteered to help start three community gardens in Addison County, including one in Middlebury, and also was a manager for the Bristol Farmers Market.

I have experience working with groups of all sizes and thrive working as part of teams. I like facilitating group processes and also being an active listener. I appreciate open and direct conversations and healthy debate.

My partner and I live in Starksboro with our two sons. In the past, we ran a small pasture-based livestock farm and currently homestead with a large garden, chickens, and a 550-tap sugar bush. I look forward to continuing to use my experience and passion to support our vibrant Co-op community.