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Why I serve on the board: I serve on the board because I love and admire the Coop for all that it is and does. I have a hard time thinking of my life here without it. Among many other things, I love it that it is a cooperative, it makes me feel connected to the wider community.

My favorite Co-op item: How can I choose a favorite item?? Impossible. I will mention a few: MacIntosh apples, broccoli rabe, eggs, and morning glory muffins! And cheese!

About me: I moved here from Italy in 1996, straight from downtown Rome to downtown Middlebury. The Coop was a crucial piece of my adjustment to life in a place with a long winter. I remember walking into the Coop for the first time and feeling like I was almost stepping into an Italian market, with the beautiful produce and the warmth of the people there. Cooking with and for other people and eating together are two of my favorite things in life.