I believe in the profound value of psychiatry. It is a domain of critical importance that provides a unique and irreplaceable service. All stakeholders must recognize this and effect policies that promote and advance the quality of the services that psychiatry is inherently capable of providing. Our patients and their families deserve nothing less.

However, we live in an eclectic environment, one in which psychiatry will be marginalized unless it proves its relevance and value. Simply closing hospitals or using jails and prisons for psychiatric patients is not ultimately effective. Optimal alternative care must be provided. Any discrimination of our patients because they are in the minority must not be tolerated.

In New York, we must continue to advocate for access to treatment and reimbursement. The Affordable Care Act will provide increased access to mental health services, however market forces will shift cost responsibility to providers. Psychiatrists deserve respect, appropriate reimbursement and reasonable government regulation. In addition, the scope of psychiatry can be expanded. Integrative care is crucial to our treatments. We live in a global society where increased international recognition, cooperation and integration of health care models should be achieved. Early career psychiatrists need our mentorship. Lastly, we must be sure to ground psychiatry in a solid foundation of science by supporting research in imaging, genetics, and biomarkers for disease.

1. I will remain vigilant in APA governance.
2. I will improve mentorship for MITs and Early Career Psychiatrists.
3. I will work to establish consensus with diverse groups.
4. I will promote integrative psychiatry.

• I will lobby with government and the media for psychiatry.
• I will increase the global reach of psychiatry.
• I would be honored to represent Area 2 members to the Board of Trustees.