

SOURCE Champion of the Month
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*"You'll always have a million demands on your time –
but if you're interested in service, make it work."*

What do you do as your community engagement activity?

Teach a service-learning class

How much time do you spend on service per week/month?

If you define service as strictly with our Baltimore community, I'll confess not enough (this was part of my motivation for doing a service-learning class, to force myself to engage more, even if indirectly/vicariously). If you define service broadly, I am very active in a range of service-type activities, with the school/university, with professional societies in which I'm involved, etc. –10-15 hr per week, in "high seasons" of activity, 20+.

How did you begin to work with your community-based organization (CBO)?

Through the SOURCE Service-Learning Faculty Fellows program

What do you enjoy about or gain through community service?

It broadens my horizons and breaks me out of my comfort zone. I have been deeply entrenched in academia my whole life – grew up in a college town, daughter of professor, both my brother and I went into the "family business" of academia, etc. etc. I love academia. But it also is important to break out of that world sometimes.

What is the community service accomplishment that has affected you and/or your community the most?

Unquestionably my first service-learning course! Daunting and exhilarating all at the same time. And absolutely joyous to work with like-minded faculty and staff, and to have an amazing group of inspired students.

Final Comments

So very grateful we have a resource like SOURCE – what a place for ideas, inspiration, and opportunities. It transforms the student experience here at JHMI.



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