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I have worked for ARS since June, 2010, as an executive assistant to Center Director, Howard Q. Zhang at the Western Regional Research Center in Albany, California. I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Chinese Language and Linguistics in 2002 and a Master's Degree in Critical Studies in the Teaching of English in 2004, both at Michigan State University. Prior to joining ARS, I served as a professor in English and English as a Second Language and Language Lab Coordinator at both Bunker Hill Community College in Boston, Massachusetts and West Valley College in Saratoga, California. Since joining ARS, I have been involved in several important projects and served on several committees including chairing the Outreach Diversity and Equal Opportunity Committee in 2011, and the Cold Room Committee in 2011 and 2012. In 2011, the Cold Room Committee organized the shutdown of 8 walk-in cold rooms which led to a substantial reduction in electricity usage at the Center. I have also been involved in the organization of the Center testing LED greenhouse lights, which have shown great promise in greenhouse and growth chamber bench tests. These positive results led to the Center purchasing 100 LED greenhouse lights and 59 LED growth chamber lights at the end of FY 2012, which will lead to further energy savings in FY 2013. Additionally, I have established a committee to begin developing an electronic signature process for all Location Support Service forms at WRRC. I am looking forward to serving on the Office of Support Advisory Council as a member at-large through 2015.