BACKGROUND
I grew up on Air Force bases in the United States, Okinawa, and Germany. Moving back to North Carolina in 1965 as a senior in high school threw me into a small-town environment that seemed very different from everything I had experienced before. These experiences taught me that people tend to gravitate to others who are like them and to avoid those who are different. Studying communication theories in a class at N.C. State made me believe that learning to confront and accept differences creates opportunities to “grow” one’s view of the world. The Diversity Catalyst Team is a way for me to support that belief.

CATALYST TEAM FOCUS
I use my editing and publication skills to support the team’s work. I have attending the Opening Doors workshop and completed a class in relationship communication that gave me an opportunity to learn about standpoint theory.