

## Statement of Candidacy

**Candidate: Nielsen Pereira, Ph.D.  
Populations**

**Network: Special**

I have been a member of the Special Populations Network since 2007 and served as newsletter editor, Program Chair, and Awards Co-chair. I have been involved in many of the network's initiatives, including the creation of two awards, and have seen the network grow in the last few years to be a strong presence at NAGC. If elected, I plan to continue working with the network leaders and members to "develop initiatives that will increase the recognition of special populations of gifted children and promote equitable services to address their diverse needs." I would like to focus on building connections and partnerships with other networks as many of them have members who also focus on special populations in gifted education.

