Leadership Goals

As a developmental scientist, Dr. Thorkildsen has led multiple teams within and outside of UIC. She aims to foster equality of motivational opportunity among individuals in every facet of academic life by nurturing collaborative scholarship, equity, and talent development. She cultivates collaboration in highly diverse teams that include multiple epistemological, intentional, and demographic interests. Bringing together people who see curiosity, skepticism, attentiveness, meticulousness, and truth-seeking as core scientific virtues, Dr. Thorkildsen has been recently characterized by her peers as warm-hearted, amiable, impassioned, authentic, thoughtful, and caring. Dr. Thorkildsen’s leadership fingerprints are sometimes difficult to track. Nevertheless, her efforts fall into four categories; research and human subjects protection; organizational development; faculty affairs; and student affairs.