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Words to live by...

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement; nothing can be done without hope." ~Helen Keller

## Scientific interests

I conduct integrative epidemiologic research aimed at advancing understanding of breast cancer etiology and progression. My research program focuses on breast density and hormones, two of the strongest risk factors for sporadic breast cancer among women.

What is your favorite thing about working at NCI?

The people! Mentoring the next generation of investigators is one of the most rewarding aspects of my job.

In my spare time, I enjoy...

I enjoy painting (acrylics), reading, and exploring nature with my family.

## A fun fact about myself is...

I had the privilege of witnessing a recent eruption of Kilauea on the Big Island.





