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Words to live by...

“I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul.”
—Ernst Henley

What is your favorite thing about working at NCI?

The freedom to pursue truly challenging questions that are fundamental; to develop new tools and ideas without the constraints of pleasing a committee; and the luxury of having funding for the best students and postdoctoral fellows to do exceptional research as they evolve to independence

In my spare time, I enjoy...

I hike, I bike, I ski, I swim, I read voraciously, and I have a large group of friends and family that I adore, including my husband and a truly wonderful 8-year-old. My daughter and I started a musical band called the Rocks. This kept us entertained during the pandemic, although I am not sure our neighbors appreciated the caterwauling.

My favorite traditions/holidays...

I grew up in Bombay, India in the 1980s. I love Diwali—the sights, the lights, the food, bright colorful silks, fireworks, and a feeling that anything is possible. I cling to this tradition despite the spatiotemporal distance from my childhood home.