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VANTAGE POINT

IF YOU COULD BE ANY CHARACTER IN FICTION, WHO WOULD YOU BE?
Hmm . . . Wonder Woman? “A symbol of truth, justice, and equality to people everywhere.”

SUPERPOWER YOU WISH YOU HAD AND WHY?
Wonder Woman’s golden lasso, of course, to help me handle all the “truthiness” we are surrounded with. I would work out a way to harness its properties to develop a disinformation and misinformation evaluation tool.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?
My colleagues—law library and law school faculty and staff with whom I work daily. I love the opportunities I can take to pursue new initiatives with them, and I also enjoy the curricular opportunities I have.

WHAT INSPIRES YOU MOST?
Individuals who are committed to furthering justice—without expectation of fame or reward.

WHAT’S YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT AND HOW HAS IT SHAPED YOU?
Having had to learn to navigate new cultures and environments as a first generation Canadian and now as a worker in the United States. This does feel like an achievement, if an inchoate one. This continuing achievement helps me to build empathy, and to more fully appreciate my own parents’ histories. I have a better sense of the challenges they faced and the courage they had to summon to move halfway around the world, where no one who looked or spoke like them yet lived, to be able to support their families and build a future for themselves and their kids.