Where did you grow up? Why aren’t you there now?
I grew up in Duxbury on the south shore of MA, and I returned to my home town to live (which would have surprised my younger self!) My husband and I chose the town for the school system and the coast, and it was a bonus to have my parents close by. He also was a prosecutor in Plymouth County at the time and we needed to live in the county of his court district.

What path brought you to BC?
I was employed at 7 different institutions prior to BC, and have been at BC by far the longest (12 years). I was a doctoral student in the Lynch School 20 years ago, and was familiar with BC through my time as a student. When I returned to work here, I was offered the opportunity to create a new department and I also loved the strong sense of community at BC.

What are you most passionate about professionally?
One of the areas I am most passionate about is college access. A college degree can change a life for so many people, particularly first generation students. I am particularly interested in the experience of students from high financial need backgrounds and reducing their barriers to the same educational experience as other students.

Where can we find you when you’re not working? What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend or Sunday afternoon?
I love reading and watching films. I can lose myself in a book for hours, and read every night before I go to sleep to relax and create space at the end of the day. My family and I watch a lot of films together but I have 2 boys and it’s difficult to find films that we all would enjoy!
Any volunteer activities you’re crazy about?
My mother volunteers at a homeless shelter every week and I’ll join her when I can. I also spend time supporting my son’s school through fundraising and faculty appreciation events. My husband and I spend a lot of time by a baseball field watching our son and organizing activities around his team.

Who is your hero? Why?
Eleanor Roosevelt. I loved learning about her strong vision and passion for the poor and the voiceless. She was the force behind some of our most important social support systems, and a beacon of hope during a difficult time.

Who is your mentor? How did you connect with them?
My mentor is Pat Keating, our former EVP. He was my boss and the person who most tirelessly supported me over the last 10 years, giving me new challenges but always the resources I needed to be successful.

What’s the most unusual place you’ve visited?
El Salvador, as part of a recent immersion trip. It completely opened my eyes on so many fronts, and reminded me of how most of the world lives.

What would be impossible for you to give up?
On a big level, my family. They are my source of strength and anchor me. On a small level, cookies!

What’s one thing you want to accomplish before you die?
I would like to start a non-profit to help low income students get to college, or be part of an effort that supports this mission.