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*Link to MIT announcement of my appointment:* <https://libraries.mit.edu/news/alexia-hudson-ward-named/31124/>.