



## Speaker Biographies

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#### **Carlos Authier, Centro Argentino de Información Científica y Tecnológica (CAICYT - CONICET). Argentina**

A versatile professional shaping publishing and education. He serves as an Editor and faculty member in the Department of Editing at the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters. Carlos adeptly guides students through essential subjects, fostering editorial proficiency and an understanding of "Registro y Organización de Materiales Editoriales" (Registration and Organization of Editorial Materials) and "Introducción a la Actividad Editorial" (Introduction to Editorial Activities). Beyond academia, Carlos is a Professional Assistant at CONICET, demonstrating his commitment to research. He collaborates with CAICYT on crucial areas such as ISSN, Latindex, and the Núcleo Básico de Revistas Científicas Argentinas (Basic Core of Argentine Scientific Journals). Carlos Authier's notable achievement is his development of a complimentary persistent identifier solution for Argentine scientific journals based on ARK.

#### **Alyssa Arbuckle, Co-Director, Electronic Textual Cultures Lab, University of Victoria, Canada**

Alyssa Arbuckle ([alyssaarbuckle.com](http://alyssaarbuckle.com)) is the Co-Director of the Electronic Textual Cultures Lab at the University of Victoria, where she is Operational Lead for the Implementing New Knowledge Environments Partnership and a co-facilitator of its Connection cluster. With her colleagues Randa El Khatib and Ray Siemens she is a Co-Director of the Digital Humanities Summer Institute. Alyssa holds an interdisciplinary PhD from the University of Victoria; her dissertation focused on open social scholarship and its implementation.

#### **Lucy Barnes, Senior Editor and Outreach Coordinator, Open Book Publishers, United Kingdom**

Lucy is Senior Editor and Outreach Coordinator at Open Book Publishers, a leading independent Open Access book publisher. She also works on outreach for the Open Book Futures project, led by COPIM (Community-led Open Publication Infrastructures for Monographs) and for the ScholarLed collective. She coordinates the Open Access Books Network (oabooksnetwork.org) in collaboration with OAPEN, OPERAS, ScholarLed and Sparc Europe, and she is on the Editorial Advisory Board for the OAPEN Open Access Books Toolkit. You can find her on Twitter @alittleroad.

**Jessica Blythe, Associate Professor, Brock University, Canada**

Jessica Blythe is an Associate Professor at Brock University. Jessica's research focuses on how communities experience environmental change and what explains their differential capacities for adaptation and transformation. She is particularly interested in building the resilience of local communities to climate change, securing sustainable small-scale fisheries, and equitable collaborative forms of marine resource governance. Her empirical work has been based in Eastern Africa, Melanesia, Australia, and most recently in southern Ontario, Canada.

**Alessio Bolognesi, Head of Journal Development, eLife, Cambridge, UK**

Alessio joined eLife in January 2023 and is currently Head of Journal Development. He studied biology in Rome (Italy), followed by a PhD in cell biology in 2017 at the ETH Zurich (Switzerland). Before eLife, Alessio worked as scientific editor at Cell Press (Elsevier) for a little over 4 years.

**Yvonne Budden, Scholarly Communications Manager, Library, University of Warwick**

Yvonne has worked in academic Libraries since 2002, at the Universities of Nottingham and Birmingham. She joined the University of Warwick in 2009 and in 2013 she took up the post of Scholarly Communications Manager, giving her oversight over a range of open research activities as part of the Library's support for research. Her current role gives Yvonne oversight over the University of Warwick's activities supporting research at all levels, including open access, repositories, research data management and diamond open access publishing. Outside of Warwick, Yvonne sits on the committee for UKCoRR, United Kingdom Council of Open Research and Repositories and is a member of Jisc's Transitional Agreements Oversight Group (TAOG) and the Open Research Competencies Coalition (ORCC).

**Jean-Claude Burgelman, Professor of Open Science, Free University of Brussels, Belgium**

He retired on 1-3-2020 from the European Commission where he was in charge, from 2014 onwards, of Open Science at DG RTD. He and his team designed and developed the EC's policies

on open science, the European Open Science Cloud, open data and open access. Till 2000 he was full professor of communication technology policy at the Free University of Brussels, as well as director of its Centre for Studies on Media, Information and Telecommunication. He recently joined the advisory board of Open Knowledge Maps, Scimagine and became the editor in chief of Frontiers Policy Lab. In 2022 he became the director of the Frontiers Planet Prize, a global competition to stimulate science that can save the planet.

**Katherine Burton, Taylor & Francis, UK**

Kath (she/her) specialises in development for the humanities and social sciences portfolio at Routledge, Taylor & Francis. She co-leads the Publishing and Public Humanities working group and recently produced an OER on publicly engaged publishing for the Scholarly Communication Notebook.

Current projects include exploring publishing practices for engaged scholars sponsored by the Seminar on Public Engagement and Collaborative Research at the CUNY Graduate Center (NYC) and an edited collection of Kardashian scholarship.

**Lauren Cadwallader, Open Research Manager, PLOS, UK**

Lauren is Open Research Manager at the Public Library of Science (PLOS). In this role she works to advance the adoption of open science practices in the research communities that publish with PLOS. This includes working with communities to understand their needs, the challenges they face and any assets they may bring, and from there develop solutions that can increase the adoption of open science. This work is shared as openly as possible to encourage other publishers and communities to learn from PLOS' work and hopefully implement their own solutions. Prior to working at PLOS, Lauren worked in the Office of Scholarly Communications at Cambridge University Library in roles related to Open Access, Open Research training and Research Data Management. Before that, she worked as an archaeologist, gaining her PhD in 2013.

**Clarissa F. D. Carneiro, Research Fellow, QUEST Center for Responsible Research - Berlin Institute of Health, Germany**

Clarissa is a pharmacist by training, turned meta-researcher. She has been working as research fellow at the QUEST Center since 2022, with projects focused on the experimental design of preclinical experiments. During her PhD at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, her projects focused on the use of preprints in the biomedical sciences. She is interested in how

open scholarship practices can improve the rate of successful translation of research from preclinical to clinical settings.

**Janet Catterall, Senior Project Officer for [Open Access Australasia](#), Cairns, Australia**

Janet has worked as a research-focused academic librarian in universities for twenty years in the US, Canada and Australia, with a defining interest in open access and scholarly communications. Recent research includes investigating the open access initiatives across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand, comparing universities, health, government, and non-profit research-active institutions. Janet is passionate about diversity and equity in open scholarship. She is also a Liaison Librarian supporting the health disciplines at James Cook University, Queensland, Australia. [ORCID profile here](#)

**Rod Cookson, Managing Director, IWA Publishing, UK**

Rod runs IWA Publishing, one of the first learned society publishers to completely transition its journals to Open Access. He is a Director of OASPA, a Council Member of the Society Publishers' Coalition, a member of The Royal Society's Publishing Board and has served as a Director of ALPSP. Before joining IWA Publishing, Rod oversaw the Medical, Life Science and Environmental journal portfolios at Taylor & Francis for a total of ten years. He has also worked at Blackwell Publishing, Reed Education and York Press.

**Wyatt Reynolds, Director of Digital Library and Advertising Sales, Association of Computing Machinery (ACM), USA**

Wyatt Reynolds is the Director of Digital Library and Advertising Sales for the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM). Wyatt and his team lead conversations with libraries, consortia, and funders around ACM Open and ACM's plan to transition to a fully open access publisher by the end of 2025. Prior to joining ACM, Wyatt spent nearly a decade at Oxford University Press, working as a regional sales manager and sales representative. In his free time, Wyatt enjoys spending time with his family, exploring the trails near home in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains.

**Scott Edmunds, Editor in Chief, GigaScience Press, Hong Kong**

Scott Edmunds is the Editor in Chief of GigaScience Press. With over 15 years experience in Open Access and Open Data publishing he is co-founder of CivicSight and CitizenScience.Asia. Based in Hong Kong, he has a PhD in cancer molecular biology and additional experience

teaching data curation and management at Hong Kong University. He has a PhD on Cancer Cell and Molecular Biology, and after postdoctoral positions in Lyon and London he moved into scientific publishing. First as a senior scientific editor for the BMC Genomics and Bioinformatics journals at BioMed Central before moving in 2010 to Hong Kong to set up the GigaScience journal and GigaDB database.

**Dr Caroline Edwards, Executive Director, Open Library of Humanities**

Caroline is Senior Lecturer in Contemporary Literature & Culture at Birkbeck, University of London and Executive Director of the Open Library of Humanities, an award-winning diamond OA publisher launched in 2015. Caroline's academic research on science fiction and utopian philosophy has been widely published in leading journals and has featured on BBC One, BBC Radio 4, BBC Radio 4, the Guardian, SFX Magazine, the New Statesman, the Times Higher Education, as well as in a dedicated exhibition at the Museum of London. She is currently writing her second monograph on elemental aesthetics and ecocatastrophe. Caroline has recently joined the Board of Directors for OASPA and is expanding the Open Library of Humanities team, as well as leading the growth of the OLI's sustainable publishing platform Janeway, which is open source.

**Anita Eppelin, Technische Informationsbibliothek (TIB), Hannover, Germany**

At TIB, Anita is coordinating the development of the OA journal recommender, B!SON. In another position, she is responsible for supporting the strategic implementation of OA in a group of universities and a cross-university funding line for OA monographs. She has a background in scientific journal editing (both in a publishing house and in a scientific library running a diamond OA platform). Anita holds a diploma in biology as well as a master's degree in library and information science. <https://orcid.org/0000-0003-3184-5930>

**Dr Alicia Estacio Gómez. Open Research Europe, F1000. United Kingdom.**

Alicia Estacio Gómez graduated from Biology at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain in 2007, where she stayed to obtain a PhD in Molecular Biology in 2014. She then moved to the UK, to join Imperial College London as a Postdoctoral researcher. During her academic career she has investigated and authored publications on neural specification using fruit flies. In 2021 she joined Open Research Europe to work as a Content Acquisition Editor, where she oversees the areas of Biological and Medical sciences, Computer and Information sciences, and Mathematics.

**Dr. Judith Fathallah, Lancaster University/Coventry University/Open Book Collective.**

Judith is a Research and Outreach Associate at Lancaster University and Research Fellow at Coventry. She has worked with the COPIM on the creation and launch of the Open Book Collective, and on communal forms of governance. Her research interests include new media, media convergence, digital literacies and fan and subcultures in addition to Open Access publishing.

**Amanda French. Crossref / Research Organization Registry (ROR). United States.**

I'm Technical Community Manager of ROR at Crossref, in which capacity I help scholarly publishers and repository managers understand and integrate ROR IDs into their systems, helping to link research outputs to research institutions. Other highlights of my career include holding the CLIR postdoctoral fellowship at NCSU, running The Humanities and Technology Camp (THATCamp) at the Center for History and New Media, directing Digital Research Services at Virginia Tech, and serving as Community Lead at The COVID Tracking Project at *The Atlantic*. I've led and advised some remarkably successful digital projects in higher ed; I've developed and nurtured large online communities; I've taught humanities and STEM scholars to use digital tools and understand digital issues; I've advocated for user-centered design, I've written and have helped others write clear, concise, and well-organized web content; and I've facilitated many innovative, productive, collegial, and fun events. I often speak and sometimes write about openness in scholarly publishing, crowdsourcing, Agile, digital humanities, and related topics.

**Sybille Geisenheyner**

Sybille is Director of Open Science Strategy & Licensing at ACS Publications. Sybille's task is to strategically position ACS with regard to Open Science and to convey this internally as well as externally. She supports her colleagues at ACS in working with institutions, consortia and funders on new transformative models and expanding the necessary infrastructure. Sybille has worked for organizations such as the Royal Society of Chemistry, SilverPlatter, Walter de Gruyter, Thomson Reuters and WoltersKluwer.

**Roohi Ghosh, Ambassador Researcher Success, CACTUS, India**

Roohi is the ambassador for researcher success at CACTUS. She is passionate about advocating for researchers and amplifying their voices on a global stage. Through strategic outreach and engagement efforts, she works to build bridges between researchers and industry stakeholders,

fostering productive partnerships that lead to greater success and impact for the research community. She is the co-chair of Peer Review Week 2023 and is an active volunteer for EASE. She is the Vice Chair of the EASE India Chapter. She also co-chairs ALPSP's Open Peer Review Special Interest Group and is a member of the SSP Education Committee and the Scholarly Kitchen Cabinet. She has co-authored the book "100 Common Mistakes in Research Manuscript Preparation: Practical Advice from an English Editing Company" and peer reviews for the European Science Editing Journal and Learned Publishing.

### **Thanos Giannakopoulos, United Nations**

Thanos Giannakopoulos is the Chief Librarian of the United Nations Headquarters. He re-envisioned the UN Dag Hammarskjöld Library as an open space for public dialogue, debate and knowledge sharing, as well as an essential component for the management of the UN's parliamentary and research digital output. Under his leadership the UN Library released the [United Nations Digital Library](#), a central repository for the UN secretariat aiming to promote the widest possible public access to UN content and further the Organization's commitment to the wider possible dissemination and sharing of knowledge. It currently records over 60 million downloads per year. Several other scholarly communication products and digital workflow projects were developed to contribute to the UN's information management best practices portfolio, including the launch of [a new annual series of publications](#), a [global UN Open Science conference](#) and a change management initiative that led to the Library's [Strategic Outlook 2020-2025](#). Thanos has also served as the head librarian for the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (Heidelberg, Germany) and for the International Atomic Energy Agency (Vienna, Austria). He can be reached at: [Thanos.Giannakopoulos@UN.org](mailto:Thanos.Giannakopoulos@UN.org)

### **Jennifer Gibson, Executive Director, Dryad**

As Executive Director since October 2021, Jennifer's vision for Dryad is as an open data publishing platform and multistakeholder community committed to the sharing and reuse of all research data. Since 2005, she has worked with researchers, funders, publishers, libraries, developers and others to explore fresh paths toward accelerating discovery through open research communication and open technology innovation. Prior to Dryad, Jennifer was Head of Open Research Communication and founding Head of Marketing and Communications for eLife, a non-profit and research funder-backed initiative to transform science publishing, and Director of Programs and Operations for SPARC, where she helped advocate for open data and the introduction of the first U.S. public access policies. She is currently Chair of the Board of Directors for OASPA (the Open Access Scholarly Publishing Association), and member of the Board of Directors for DataCite and Advisory Board for the Data Curation Network.

**Nathaniel Gore, Director of Communities, PeerJ, United Kingdom**

Currently Director of Communities for Open Access publisher PeerJ, where his remit includes community and partnership development, business development and communications, Nathaniel has almost 20 years experience in publishing. He previously worked at PLOS as Publishing Development Manager, where he identified and developed strategic relationships with publishers, research communities and other partner organizations. His first job in publishing was at ProQuest, where, as Senior Editor for Content Development, he launched Early European Books and the JISC-funded John Johnson Collection.

**Tom Grady, 'Opening the Future' Work Package Lead, COPIM & Birkbeck, University of London, UK**

Tom is a Work Package Lead on the COPIM Open Book Futures project where he helped to launch and run the *Opening the Future* revenue model for open access books. Prior to joining the COPIM project, he has worked in most areas of libraries, academic and public, and was a founding team member of the UK's first jointly-run and library-led open access publisher, White Rose University Press. He can be found on Twitter (while Twitter still exists) [@scholtom](#)

**Sarah Greaves, Publishing Consultant, Sarah Greaves STEM Consulting Limited**

Sarah has over 20 years of experience within STM editorial and publishing. After an academic career she worked at Nature Publishing Group for over 15 years in both editorial and publishing roles, launching Nature Communications and Scientific Reports before spending two years at Hindawi. Sarah focuses on creating innovative new products and services aimed at solving key researcher pain points whilst ensuring the academic scientist remains at the heart of any publishing decision.

Sarah is now a publishing consultant, non-executive director of the Royal Society of Chemistry & The Biochemical Society and volunteer for numerous science outreach programmes.

**Jo Havemann, Executive Director, Access 2 Perspectives**

With a background in Evolution and Developmental Biology, Dr. Jo Havemann is a trainer and consultant in Open Scholarly Communication and Research Project Management and the founder at AfricArXiv. Her work experience covers NGOs, a science startup and international institutions including the UN Environment Programme. With a focus on digital tools for science



and her label *Access 2 Perspectives*, she aims at strengthening global science communication in general – and with a regional focus on Africa – through Open Science.

### **Ruth Hegarty, Managing Editor of the Royal Irish Academy**

Publisher at the Royal Irish Academy. Currently project lead for PublishOA.ie and working to flip the Academy's six journals open access.

### **Eric Hellman, President, Free Ebook Foundation**

Eric Hellman is Co-Founder and President of the Free Ebook Foundation. After 10 years doing physics research at Bell Labs, Eric got interested in electronic publishing, started an e-journal, started a company, built linking technology for libraries, sold that company to OCLC and worked there a few years, started blogging (at Go To Hellman), and then started working to make free ebooks work for libraries and everyone else. Eric believes that tools for modern cryptography and software engineering must be widely deployed in the library and publishing industries to ensure digital privacy, security and information freedom for all.

### **Matt Hodgkinson, Research Integrity Manager, UKRIO**

Matt is a Research Integrity Manager at the UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO), supporting the work of the charity including the advisory service, the development of policies and publications, and social media. He has a BA (Hons) in Biological Science from Oxford and an MSc in Genetics from Cambridge. He worked in open access science journal publishing for 18 years, developing expertise in peer review, editorial policy, and publication ethics as an editor at BMC and PLOS and then heading the Research Integrity team at Hindawi. He is an elected council member of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), where he co-chairs the membership subcommittee, and Treasurer of the European Association of Science Editors (EASE).

### **Ciaran Hoogendoorn, Insights Manager, Biochemical Society and Portland Press**

As Insights Manager at the Biochemical Society and Portland Press Ciaran's role focuses on reporting and analytics, covering the day to day running of publishing operations as well as helping to inform key strategic decisions for the Society, in particular around how to effect a full transition to open access for the Portland Press journals.

**Haseeb Irfanullah, Independent Consultant; Visiting Research Fellow, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), Bangladesh**

Haseeb Irfanullah is a biologist-turned-development facilitator, who often introduces himself as a research enthusiast. Over the past 24 years, Haseeb has worked for different international environment/ development organizations, academic/ research institutions, funders, and government agencies in different capacities. Currently, a Council Member of European Association of Science Editors (EASE), an Associate Editor of *Learned Publishing*, and a Chef of *The Scholarly Kitchen*, Haseeb advocates for sustainability, climate action, and resilience of the scholarly publishing ecosystem.

**Graham Jensen, Assistant Director, Electronic Textual Cultures Lab, University of Victoria, Canada**

Graham Jensen ([ghjensen.com](http://ghjensen.com)) is an Assistant Director and Mitacs Accelerate Postdoctoral Fellow in Open, Collaborative Scholarship (Arts & Humanities) in the Electronic Textual Cultures Lab at the University of Victoria. He is also Principal Investigator of the Canadian Modernist Magazines Project ([modernistmags.ca](http://modernistmags.ca)). Previously at the University of Victoria, he was a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow in English. His research interests include twentieth- and twenty-first-century Canadian literatures, modernism, literature and religion, and digital humanities approaches to open publishing, pedagogy, and community-building.

**Rob Johnson (Research Consulting, UK)**

Rob Johnson is the Managing Director of Research Consulting, a mission-driven business which works to improve the effectiveness and impact of research and scholarly communication. Rob began his career as a consultant with KPMG, the international professional services firm, and spent four years as Head of Research Operations at the University of Nottingham, UK. Since founding Research Consulting in 2013 he has led more than 150 projects in the field of scholarly communication, advising globally-leading universities, research funders, intergovernmental bodies, publishers and software suppliers. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and holds an MSc in Higher Education Management from Loughborough University.

## **Danny Kingsley - Visiting Fellow Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science, Australia**

Danny is an Australian-based thought leader in the international scholarly communication space. She took up the position of Community Manager for the Southern Hemisphere at OAPEN Foundation in August 2023. She has consulted for multiple Australian universities since returning from the UK where she worked as the Deputy Director of Cambridge University Libraries from 2015-2019. Her research as a Visiting Fellow at the Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science is focussed on scholarly communication including the academic reward structure, scholarly infrastructure and open access advocacy. She established Open Access Australasia in 2013. She sits on multiple committees, including the Australian Academy of Science [National Committee for Data in Science](#) and the FORCE11 [Board of Directors](#).

## **Moumita Koley, STI Policy Researcher, DST-Centre for Policy Research, India & Consultant, International Science Council**

Moumita Koley is a consultant with the International Science Council, Future of Scientific Publishing project, and an STI policy researcher at the DST-Centre for Policy Research, IISc, Bangalore, India. Her primary research interest lies in Open Science, particularly in creating an equitable and inclusive knowledge economy. Her research focuses on finding ways to enhance the accessibility of scientific output, making the research ecosystem more efficient and responsible, and ensuring that research is responsive to local problems. She writes about science policy issues in leading Indian newspapers.

## **Sharla Lair, Senior Strategist of Open Access & Scholarly Communication Initiatives, Lyris, United States**

Sharla Lair is the Senior Strategist of Open Access and Scholarly Communication Initiatives at Lyris. Since 2015, Sharla's role at Lyris has been to advance innovative content licensing and open scholarship. Sharla's curiosity about what dynamics might advance open science drives her passions in community building, sustainable funding infrastructures, diamond open access capacity building, collective impact models, and finding measures of meaningful impact.

She has presented and published widely and serves on a number of committees and boards. Currently, she is Chair of the Board of Trustees for the OA Ebook Usage Data Trust, is a member of the joint International Advisory Board of both Diamas and Craft-OA projects funded by the European Union, a member of the MIT Press Library Advisory Board, the Open Library of Humanities Library Advisory Board, and the ACLS Open Book Prize Advisory Committee. She is

an active member of the Diamond OA Community, an international community facilitated by Science Europe, cOAlition S, OPERAS, and the French National Research Agency. She also participates in the OPERAS OA Books Network Specialty Interest Group, OPERAS Open Access Business Models Specialty Interest Group, and the Subscribe to Open Community of Practice.

### **John Lenahan, Vice President, Published Content**

As vice president of published content, John collaborates with publishers and libraries to develop products and programs that support their organizational needs and missions. He works with the more than 2,000 publishers partnered with ITHAKA to make their content available on the JSTOR platform. He also works closely with libraries to develop growth strategies for the journals and books programs to ensure we meet their research, teaching, and preservation needs.

Prior to this role, John led our global Outreach team working with libraries and consortia in 170 countries. He also played a pivotal role in launching and growing both library and publisher participation in the Books at JSTOR program. John has over 20 years of experience in the library community. He worked with SoftLine Information to bring ethnic newspapers online and spent ten years at ProQuest in a variety of roles collaborating with publishers and the library communities.

### **Lucia Loffreda, Consultant, Research Consulting, UK**

Lucia Loffreda is a Consultant at Research Consulting, a mission-driven business working to improve the effectiveness and impact of research and scholarly communication. In her role at Research Consulting, Lucia has worked on over 80 projects focusing on open science and scholarly communication for government departments, research funders, publishers and not-for-profit organisations. Lucia particularly enjoys working on projects that explore the international research environment. Most recently, she worked with OASPA and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) to release the Open Access Journals Toolkit, a multilingual and multidisciplinary resource supporting open access journals.

### **Catriona MacCallum, Hindawi, UK**

Catriona is Director of Open Science at Hindawi Limited. She has 24 years experience in scholarly publishing, including 20 years in Open Access Publishing. She joined PLOS from Elsevier in 2003 to launch PLOS Biology as one of the Senior Editors, leaving as Advocacy Director in 2017. She is a member of OpenCitations, and a past member of OASPA, the DORA steering committee, the DRYAD Board and the Advisory Board of the Royal Society (Publishing).

She is a founding individual of the I4OC (Initiative for Open Citations) and I4OA (Open Abstracts) campaigns. She was a member of the European Commission's Open Science Policy Platform from 2017-2020. She has a PhD in population genetics from Edinburgh University.

**Katherine Malan, editor-in-chief, South African Computer Journal, South Africa**

Katherine Malan is an associate professor in the Department of Decision Sciences at the University of South Africa. She has over 25 years' lecturing experience, mostly in Computer Science, at three different South African universities. Her research interests include automated algorithm selection in optimisation and learning, fitness landscape analysis and the application of computational intelligence techniques to real-world problems. She is editor-in-chief of South African Computer Journal, associate editor for Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence, and has served as a reviewer for over 20 Web of Science journals.

**Nurzatil Sharleeza Mat Jalaluddin, Senior Lecturer, University Malaya, Malaysia / Malaysia Open Science Platform**

Dr. Nurzatil Sharleeza is a senior lecturer at Centre for Research in Biotechnology for Agriculture (CEBAR), University of Malaya. Prior to this, she was the project manager for Malaysia Open Science Platform at the Academy of Sciences Malaysia. She also represented MOSP in the Global Young Academy Open Science Working Group from June 2020, and Global Open Science Cloud from August 2021. Currently, Dr Nurzatil is an ex-officio member of Malaysia Open Science Alliance, the UM Open Science coordinator, and the Principal Investigator for "FAIR Data Stewardship Guidelines for Biodiversity", a project funded by the ISC ROAP and the Academy of Sciences Malaysia.

**Kate McCready, Visiting Program Officer for Academy Owned Scholarly Publishing, Big Ten Academic Alliance / Librarian, University of Minnesota Libraries**

Kate McCready is serving in a three-year appointment as the Visiting Program Officer to the Big Ten Academic Alliance Library Initiatives to advance the work of building the 'BIG Collection'. In this role, from June 2022 through May 2025, Kate will be leading the development of a vision for a multifaceted, sustainable course of action to strengthen academy-owned publishing for the BTAA. Kate provides leadership in strategy development for the acquisition, publishing, and archiving of open access scholarly content, with a specific emphasis on investigating direction and strategy for developing shared publishing infrastructure and services at scale. Kate has served in a variety of library leadership roles including interim Associate University Librarian for Collections & Content Strategy. Kate has expertise, and has developed services, in areas such as

library publishing, research information management systems, virtual research environments, interlibrary loan, copyright permissions services, and the management and preservation of print collections.

**Hannah McKelvey, Electronic Resources Librarian, Montana State University, USA**

Hannah McKelvey is an Associate Professor and Electronic Resources & Discovery Services Librarian at Montana State University Library. Her role includes managing electronic information licensed by the Library through third-parties and to facilitate discovery and access to Library resources.

**Rachelle McLain, Collection Development Librarian, Montana State University, USA**

Rachelle McLain is Collection Development Librarian & Assistant Professor at Montana State University Library in Bozeman. She manages the library's collections budget and oversees the acquisition and deselection of resources to meet the research and learning needs of the Montana and MSU communities. Her research focuses on vendor/publisher relations with academic libraries, transformative agreements/journal subscriptions, and technical services and outreach.

**Iva Melinščak Zlodi, University of Zagreb, Croatia**

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Iva Melinščak Zlodi is a scholarly communication librarian at the University of Zagreb Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences where she leads the development of the institutional OA book platform FF Open Press. She has experience with initiating and developing the Croatian national journals platform Hrčak and repository network Dabar, and is currently preoccupied with launching the Croatian initiative for open scholarly books. She is a member of the Board of Directors of SPARC Europe.

**Tasha Mellins-Cohen, Director, COUNTER, UK**

Tasha joined the scholarly publishing industry in 2001. She has held roles within learned societies and commercial publishers across operations, technology, editorial and executive functions. In 2020 she launched Mellins-Cohen Consulting in response to requests for help in developing and implementing learned society-appropriate OA business models. From 2022 she

took over the running of COUNTER, the international standard for usage metrics, alongside her consulting work.

### **Alex Mendonça, Online Submission & Preprints Coordinator, SciELO Brazil**

Alex Mendonça has a major in Digital Media with an emphasis in Interface Design by the Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo. He has been working at SciELO Brazil since 2006 and is part of its Coordination Board since 2014. He is currently co-leading the transition of SciELO Brazil journals towards Open Science for an even more democratic access to knowledge, which include coordinating the *SciELO Preprints* server, promoting the adoption of open data and making the peer review process more transparent and open.

### **Aurelia Munene, Executive Director Eider Africa, Nairobi, Kenya**

Aurelia Munene is the Founder and Executive Director of Eider Africa. Together with a team of dedicated African scholars, she designs and delivers research mentorship programs with and for early career researchers on the continent. She is a board member of the Association of Faculty Enrichment in Teaching and Learning, which trains faculty on transformative teaching and learning approaches, including open peer review. She is also a research steward with AuthorAID-UK and a professional development coach for the AMID Young Professional Program of the Radboud University in the Netherlands and the University of Nairobi. Aurelia is also an international development consultant and researcher in areas of gender equality and social inclusion, sexual reproductive health, and social development.

### **Joy Owango**

Is an experienced award-winning Founding Director of the [Training Centre in Communication \(TCC Africa\)](#) an [award-winning](#) Trust registered in Kenya set up in 2006 and is the first African-based training centre to teach effective communication skills to scientists. TCC Africa is in partnership and housed at the University of Nairobi, Kenya and provides capacity support in improving African researchers output and visibility through in [scholarly](#) and [science communication](#)

Beyond this she has successfully created Global North –South collaborations, where, the centre, promotes Open Science dialogue and provides equitable access to open source research discovery solutions to African governments and their respective academic communities. Through these partnerships TCC Africa actively creates awareness through advocacy on Open Science in Africa.

She currently sits on the Steering Committee of the Research Organization Registry and the International Science Council's, Steering Group on the *Project on the future of scientific publishing*.

**Jessica Polka, Executive Director, ASAPbio**

Jessica Polka, PhD serves as Executive Director of ASAPbio, a researcher-driven nonprofit organization working to promote innovation and transparency in life sciences publishing in areas such as preprinting and open peer review. Prior to this, she performed postdoctoral research in the department of Systems Biology at Harvard Medical School following a PhD in Biochemistry & Cell Biology from UCSF.

**Christopher Pym, Account Manager; Funders, ACS Publications**

Chris Pym is responsible for ensuring that ACS Publications provides funders, institutions, and researchers with a smooth path through the Open Science transition. This involves working with research funders to ensure that both infrastructural support and administrative processes are developed to reduce the burden of the shift between the old and the new. Prior to this he has over 20 years of experience in research publishing across both commercial and editorial roles for a variety of corporate and not-for-profit publishers.

**Ursula Rabar, Project Community Manager, OA Book Usage Data Trust / OPERAS, Switzerland**

As the Project Community Manager, Ursula develops and manages global engagement strategies for diverse stakeholder groups; facilitating virtual and in-person community consultation sessions; and feedback-gathering mechanisms. She is currently part of the OA Book Usage Data Trust and PALOMERA projects. With her background in languages and literature, Ursula has worked in the publishing industry for almost 7 years in various roles from content commissioning to foreign rights and sales. This has opened the doors to the scholarly communications world and Open Access. She strongly believes in open science and the power of the community.

**Amanda Ramalho, SciELO Books Coordinator, SciELO Brazil**

Amanda Ramalho is Member of the Coordination of the SciELO/FAPESP Program and coordinator of SciELO Books, in which she participated in all phases of project implementation, being responsible for managing digital publications and interoperability of metadata and full



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**Professor Zoe Robinson, Director, Institute for Sustainable Futures, Keele University UK**

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**Prof Saleemul Huq, OBE**

Prof. Saleemul Huq is the Director of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) and Professor at the Independent University Bangladesh (IUB) as well as Senior Associate of the International Institute on Environment and Development (IIED) in the United Kingdom. Recently he has been appointed as one of the external members of a new Scientific Advisory Board of the United Nations (UN). In addition, he is in the Advisory Committee of COP 28 President at UAE. Also, he is the Chair of the Expert Advisory Group for the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF). Also, the Senior Adviser on Locally Led Adaptation with Global Centre on Adaptation (GCA) headquartered in the Netherlands.

He is an expert in adaptation to climate change in the most vulnerable developing countries and has been a lead author of the third, fourth and fifth assessment reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and he also advises the Least Developed Countries (LDC) group in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). In addition, he is affiliated with the UN Food System Summit for 2021 as co-chair of the Action Track 5 on Building Resilience to Vulnerabilities, Shocks & Stress.

He has published hundreds of scientific as well as popular articles and was recognized as one of the top twenty global influencers on climate change policy in 2019 and top scientist from Bangladesh on climate change science. He has been appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the 2022 New Year Honours for services to combating international climate change. This year (2023) he has been ranked as a top ten scientist in Nature, one of the leading scientific journals.

**Matthew Salter, Founder and CEO, Akabana Consulting LLC.**

Matthew is the founder and CEO of [Akabana Consulting LLC](#), a boutique STEM publishing consultancy established in 2021, that draws on over 20 years experience in scientific communications at leading research organizations and scholarly publishers in the US, Europe and Asia-Pacific to provide bespoke strategic publishing, editorial and communications services to scholarly societies and publishers to help them achieve their strategic publishing, business and promotional goals.

Originally trained as a chemist, and following a successful career in academic research at several top institutions in the UK and Japan, Matthew transitioned into STEM publishing and science communication and has held senior positions at leading international commercial and learned society publishers including as the Publisher of the American Physical Society. Matthew's work is driven by a passion for science and scholarship, and focuses on delivering innovative and client-focused publishing solutions. His interests and experience spans publishing and business strategy, research integrity, disability equity in publishing, portfolio design and new journal launches, editorial services, and content creation. Matthew is currently a volunteer project manager with C4DISC and is a former Board member of STM and CHORUS.

**Sergio Santamarina. Library coordinator. National University of José C. Paz. Argentina.**

Sergio is a librarian fervently committed to scholarly communication and open access since 2018. He efficiently manages the open publications portal at the university and also he is involved in the development of a repository focused on academic work tied to the “Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo” association (identidad en redes), a project funded by the CONICET, the national scientific agency of Argentina.

**James Savage, Research Coordinator, Te Pūkenga — New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology**

James is Research Coordinator at the Southern Institute of Technology, part of Te Pūkenga — New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology, and a member of Te Pūkenga Publishing Group which coordinates publishing activity across the national network. James was previously a researcher and lecturer in the UK, Ireland and the Netherlands, and a ‘Data Champion’ supporting RDM and Open Science at the University of Cambridge. His personal research field is behavioural ecology and conservation.

**John Sherer, Director, University of North Carolina Press**

John Sherer was named the director of the University of North Carolina Press in 2012. Under his leadership the Press has published two *New York Times* bestsellers, two Pulitzer Prize finalists, and has been the recipient of several major foundation grants including two grants of nearly \$1 million each from the Mellon Foundation to support new scaled models for publishing high quality monographs.

He is also the President of Longleaf Services, a subsidiary of UNC Press that provides scaled publishing tools for university presses and other campus-based publishing initiatives.

He has served on numerous boards including, the National Humanities Center, the Educopia Institute, the Triangle Scholarly Communications Institute, and he served as chair of the Open Access Committee and Program Committee as well as the Board of Directors of the Association of University Presses.

### **Dr Ronald Snijder, CTO/Head of Research, OAPEN Foundation**

Ronald Snijder joined the OAPEN Foundation in 2011. He is responsible for the operational, technical and data-related aspects of the OAPEN Library, the Directory of Open Access Books and the OA Books Toolkit. He has a background in library and information sciences, information technology and holds a PhD in social sciences.

Since 2008 he has been active in the field of open access books; both at a practical level and as researcher. Before that, he has worked in several profit and not-for-profit organizations as an IT and information management specialist. When working at Amsterdam University Press, he was part of the team working on the OAPEN project.

### **Jeroen Sondervan, Programme Leader Open Scholarly Communication at the Dutch Research Council (NWO)**

Jeroen serves as Programme Leader for Open Scholarly Communication at the National Initiative Open Science NL, an organization embedded in the Dutch Research Council (NWO). Prior to this role, he worked as an Open Access Publishing Consultant at the Utrecht University Library for eight years. Currently, Jeroen is an active member of several committees and groups on Open Scholarly Communication, including the Knowledge Exchange Open Access Working Group and the Open Access working group of the Dutch library consortium. Furthermore, he served as an editor for the national platform [openaccess.nl](http://openaccess.nl) from 2016 to 2021.

### **Avi Staiman, Founder and CEO, Academic Language Experts & SciWriterAI, Israel**

Avi Staiman is the founder and CEO of Academic Language Experts, a company dedicated to assisting academic scholars to prepare their research for publication and bring it to the world.

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### **Toby Steiner, Product Manager, Thoth Open Metadata**

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### **Peter Suber, Senior Advisor on Open Access, Harvard Library, USA**

Peter Suber is the Senior Advisor for Open Access (in the Harvard Library) and Director of the Harvard Open Access Project (in the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society). By training he's a philosopher and lawyer, and stepped down from his position as a tenured professor of philosophy in 2003 to work full-time on open access. He was the principal drafter of the Budapest Open Access Initiative (2002), serves on the boards of many groups devoted to open access and scholarly communication, and has been active in fostering open access for many years through his research, speaking, and writing. For more information, see his home page [bit.ly/petersuber](http://bit.ly/petersuber).

### **Sam Teplitzky, Open Science Librarian, UC Berkeley, California, USA**

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**Charlotte Van Rooyen – Director of Marketing & Communications, EDP Sciences, Paris, France**

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