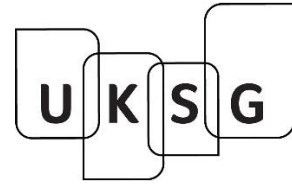


**Biographies of Nominees for Election
to the Committee of
UKSG for 2019/2020**



CHRIS BALMFORTH Returned to education having worked in the mining industry for twenty years. Following redundancy in 1993 enrolled on an extended University of Sheffield BA Hons Degree (History & Politics) at Barnsley College. Whilst studying worked part time in the College Libraries culminating, on graduation, in a full time Library Assistant position. Gained an MSc in Information Studies at Leeds Metropolitan (now Leeds Beckett) University shortly after becoming the Librarian at Dearne Valley College (South Yorkshire). Moved to Wakefield College in the summer of 2007. Current role includes acquisitions, cataloguing, VLE management and information skills instruction. Currently sit on the UKSG Outreach & Engagement Committee as FE representative. Have also sat on the JISC Ebooks in FE procurement advisory panel and am a founding member of the Northern Digital Resources Group.



ROMY BEARD is a consultant who specialises in publisher relations and content licensing on behalf of libraries, library consortia, aggregators and technology companies, and has worked with publishers on their e-book strategy. She has managed the Licensing Programme for EIFL since 2014, negotiating with publishers to secure affordable access to online content for libraries and consortia in developing and transition economy countries. Prior to becoming a consultant, Romy worked as Regional Sales Manager for Oxford University Press' Online Products division and later ebrary/ProQuest, before moving to the position of Publisher Relations Manager - Europe for ebrary/ProQuest. Romy holds a First Class honours degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Glasgow, and a postgraduate MA in English Literature from the University of Warwick. She is a Luxembourg national, and is fluent in Luxembourgish, English, French, German and Spanish.



COLIN CARTER is a chartered librarian with a degree in Library and Information Studies and History from Loughborough University. After spending a number of years working in government and public libraries, I moved into the library systems industry. I have now spent more than 25 years working for a variety of library management system vendors, including more than 13 years with Innovative. During my time working in the library systems industry I have undertaken a range of roles including training consultant, various sales roles, marketing and my current position as Sales Director for Europe

and Africa, managing a team of 5 sales executives across this territory. Through these roles I have worked across the higher education community in the UK, Europe and Southern Africa and have been engaged with a number of other industry organisations such as SCOUNL, RLUK, JISC and NAG. I have developed an extensive knowledge of the scholarly publishing and research worlds as well as the library systems sector.



ADAM GARDNER is Commercial Director for Peter Lang Publishers, a Swiss-owned publisher of monographs in the humanities and social sciences. After a degree at the University of Plymouth and a PhD at the University of Cambridge, Adam undertook post-doctoral research at the University of Nottingham, before moving to the John Rylands University Library of Manchester to work on a JISC project. He moved into the commercial side of publishing in 2002, first with medical aggregator Ovid and then with not-for-profit bioscience publisher CABI, where he remained for seven years as Sales Director. A brief stint in Swets in 2014 reminded him that he prefers smaller, more agile companies, which saw him move to streaming video supplier Alexander Street as General Manager. More recently he has switched to HSS monograph publishing at Peter Lang. Outside of work, Adam spends time with his family and his collection of bikes. Both parties protest that he spends too much time with the other (the family is winning).



ANNA GRIGSON has over 25 years' experience of working in the academic library sector, and is currently Head of Content and Discovery at LSE. With a background in acquisitions and library systems management she has liaised with intermediaries, publishers and technology suppliers throughout her career, and has direct experience of managing services in an environment of rapid change in the scholarly publishing sector. She has a strong interest in supporting professional development and is currently UKSG Education Officer, supporting the development of UKSG's programme of one-day seminars.



JASON HARPER is the Collections and Content Strategy Manager at the University of Plymouth, and leads content and media aspects of Library services, covering acquisition and provision, E-textbook services, the University Multimedia Production Team, Library Systems development, and the support and development of University Research Systems. He has 20 years' professional experience in NHS and HE Libraries across a variety of specialist and managerial roles. He believes in enabling equitable opportunities for students, academics and researchers to access the information they need for their learning and development in a digital world. He is a supporter of Open Scholarship, and believes in the creation of new understanding and the sharing of

knowledge through open content. He takes a different perspective on things and works collaboratively across the sector as a member of the UKSG Research and Innovation Sub Committee, the JISC eTextbook Publisher Strategy Group, and the JUSP Community Advisory Group.



HELLE LAURIDSEN “UKSG matters to me, it has been a constant in my professional life for more time than I like to think of and have given me knowledge and network far beyond the confines of institutions and national borders. For me, the various committees I have served on has been a gift of knowledge beyond my own often narrow work focus and interests: it has opened up my knowledge of the breadth and scope of this amazing library world we all inhabit and most importantly of all it has extended my network with the most passionate, amazing professionals our industry can offer. My background is Academic libraries, I am a librarian having worked at the University of Aarhus primarily in e-resource management for many years. Later I joined the vendor side first CSA then ProQuest and I now work as a product manager for a Danish Company called Lyngsoe Systems – all the time focusing on bridging gaps of understanding and make products better suited to daily use. I am at present the honorary secretary for UKSG and you might also have seen my name as being one of the two editors of UKSG eNews”



EMILY LAWRENCE has worked in education publishing for over 20 years, mainly for Higher Education companies such as T&F, SAGE and Macmillan. She has also spent 5 years in an education technology provider, CourseSmart/VitalSource, and is now with Bibliotech, a content platform working with libraries and Universities. She is interested in how technology can contribute to improved learning via adaptive and virtual tools. She is also particularly concerned with how technology can solve problems faced by today's student, be that making reading more accessible for students with a disability that makes working with print difficult, such as dyslexia or physical issues, to the changing nature of higher education and the increase in distance learning and online courses. She also believes that creating industry wide standards for file creation, data and access makes it easier for libraries and students, but also for publishers, particularly smaller publishers who want to make their content available but have more limited resources.



HUGH MURPHY has worked in Maynooth University Library since October 2010, having worked previously in University College Dublin Library and in the National Library of Ireland. His current role involves leading the new Collections and Content department, which takes responsibility for the development and curation of all library collections as well as associated process such as collection management. Since 2005, he has acted as an occasional lecturer in the School of Information and Library Studies in UCD and he lectures on Maynooth University's MA in Historical Archives. He is currently pursuing doctoral studies in early 19th century history. Hugh's main professional interests lie in the areas of collection development, library buildings, and resource description and he has published and spoken nationally and internationally on these topics.



ELIZABETH NEWBOLD is currently the Information Services Manager at the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology where she is responsible for the library and archive services. She has been working in specialist information services and libraries for over 20 years, in both the public and private sector, with a focus on scientific information. This included 11 years at the British Library where she led the development of the science, technology and medicine collections including the establishment of the UK DataCite service. Elizabeth has been a member of the UKSG Education and Events sub-committee since 2016.



KELLY NICHOLLS has been in academic publishing sales for over twelve years; starting her career with Elsevier, then Dawson books before moving to SAGE Publishing where she has been for the last eight and a half years. In her role as Associate Head of Sales (UK and Ireland), Kelly has helped to steer the UK sales team through tremendous changes both in the industry and also internally. Kelly is passionate about helping colleagues to succeed at work, backed up by having recently completed a Level 3 course with the Institute of Leadership and Management in Business Coaching. She has an energetic 'go getting' approach to life with a real 'can do' attitude and enjoys working collaboratively with others on projects.



CHARLIE RAPPLE is co-founder of Kudos, which helps researchers, funders, publishers and institutions to accelerate and broaden the reach and impact of research. With a background in scholarly publishing technology and marketing, she is passionate about helping academics communicate more effectively to build their visibility and reputation. She is a regular speaker at research-related conferences, on topics ranging from communications and publishing to reputation and impact; she also blogs for *The Scholarly Kitchen*, and serves on the editorial boards of *UKSG Insights* and *Learned Publishing*.

Past roles include Associate Director of TBI Communications and Head of Group Marketing for Publishing Technology; in a voluntary capacity, she has held several honorary roles for UKSG, and co-founded its KBART initiative to improve metadata sharing. She holds a BA from the University of Bristol and postgraduate MDip from the Chartered Institute of Marketing.



KATHERINE ROSE “I’m passionate about connecting library users with the information they need seamlessly and enabling my staff to become experts in their fields. In my first role, I was employed to turn a room of books into a library and was hooked - although there was an unfortunate amount of time spent wrestling with photocopiers. After managing eresources, subscriptions and systems in a variety of different institutions, including King’s College London and Regent’s University London, I stepped outside of libraries and implemented a research management system at SOAS. I returned to the Library world in 2017 to lead the newly formed Content and Discovery team at Imperial College London Library. The work of UKSG has never been more crucial, as the worlds of scholarly content and publishing are brought ever closer through Plan S and transformational subscription deals. There is so much potential for UKSG to shape the future of our industry.”



SARAH ROUGHLEY has worked as a librarian at the University of Liverpool since 2013, initially as a Liaison Librarian and currently as the Scholarly Communications Librarian. This role sees her provide support for publishing on an Open Access basis for all three faculties of the University, including managing the University’s Open Access funds, facilitating and managing REF Open Access compliance, and providing training in all aspects of research for postgraduate students and academic staff. She has extensive experience as a committee member including as the supplier liaison for the Business Librarians Association, and for a number of years as a member of both the UKSG Education Sub-Committee and the UKSG Outreach and Engagement Committee. Her main interests lie in engaging students and early career professionals with the work of UKSG, and supporting them to develop the necessary skills to succeed in our sector.



HEATHER SHERMAN is an experienced library professional with expertise in library systems, technology, physical and digital supply chains, metadata lifecycle, e-commerce, eBooks, acquisitions and cataloguing. She works with libraries worldwide including the Bodleian, University of South Africa, and Public Libraries throughout Ireland. Heather has substantial commercial experience in library stock supply and related services, and plays a key role in the Library Business Leadership Team for Dawson Books / Bertram Library Services. She has presented at a number of conferences and training events, and is a member of several key industry committees. She began her career as a graduate trainee at the British Library in 1990, before completing an MSc in Information Management at Sheffield University, then working in academic libraries as a reference librarian, subject librarian, cataloguer and systems manager, before joining Dawson Books in 2005.



GARETH SMITH is Vice President of UK Ireland & Nordic Sales for EBSCO Information Services, Gareth is responsible for the 40 strong sales team covering this territory and has over 15 years' of experience working with EBSCO managing a broad portfolio of products from subscriptions, databases, discovery systems to next generation Library Systems. Gareth is responsible for all aspects of managing the commercial business of EBSCO and engages with Jisc, publishers, library directors, institutions and many of the key players in the market. Gareth has a particular interest in the development of open access and how EBSCO can play a role as an intermediary for publishers, institutions and funders in the new ecosystem that open access will deliver. Gareth has served on the UKSG Main Committee since 2018.



CHRISTINE STOHN is a director of product management for discovery and delivery at Ex Libris, a ProQuest company. Christine has over 25 years of experience in the library and information industry, having worked on the content and data side before joining Ex Libris in 2001. In her current role Christine is focused on strategic data projects and user centered services. Now working out of Berlin she also lived for some years in the UK and in Israel. She serves as a co-chair of NISO's Information Discovery & Interchange Topic Committee and is involved in various other NISO initiatives, including KBART and KBART automation. Christine holds degrees in library sciences, information systems, and history from the Free University in Berlin and the Open University in the UK.



MEGAN TAYLOR is the Press Manager for the University of Huddersfield Press, and also operates as a freelance publishing consultant. With a background in academic publishing, library information resources and research communications, Megan would bring a holistic perspective to the Board. Megan is currently responsible for a portfolio of open access journals and monographs, and engaged in wider work around open access advocacy and the improvement of author and reader experiences. Megan is an active member of the scholarly communications community, with several publications around OA publishing, and is the founder of the University Press Jiscmail group which encourages the sharing of best practices amongst New University Presses. Megan also has experience of serving on a committee as she was the founder and chair of the Society for Young Publishers North earlier in her career.



LAURA WILKINSON is Crossref's Education Manager, and her previous experience includes education & outreach at ORCID, roles in academic libraries from e-resources management to law librarian, and being a science teacher. She is based in France and loves storytelling and crafting.

Since Laura was first elected to UKSG committee in 2016, both the organisation and her career have undergone a lot of change. She is seeking re-election to consolidate her involvement as the world of scholarly communications continues to evolve at a rapid pace, and to offer her skills in networking, project management, and as an internationalist.