

Candidates for Election as Trustee as UKSG 2022/2023



Beard, Romy

Romy has been working in scholarly communications for 17 years – in sales, content acquisition, licensing and negotiations, and communications – and has worked with publishers, aggregators, libraries and consortia, and technology companies.

She is currently working on a long-term project with open access management platform ChronosHub, and a short-term project with Jisc to coordinate outreach to publishers to implement the new UKRI open access policy.

UKSG – especially the Annual Conference - has always been an important place for connecting with old colleagues and making new connections, and learning about new developments and current issues in the industry.

Romy holds a First Class Honours degree in English Language & Literature from the University of Glasgow, and a postgraduate M.A. in English Literature from the University of Warwick. She is originally from Luxembourg, lives in Glasgow, and speaks English, French, German, Luxembourgish, and Spanish.



Bennet, James (Copyright Licensing Agency)

James is Head of Rights and Licensing at the Copyright Licensing Agency, the UK collective management organisation for journals, books and magazines. CLA is a not-for-profit company that licenses educational institutions, businesses and public bodies to copy and re-use extracts from print and digital publications on behalf of the copyright owners - authors, publishers and visual artists. James is responsible for maintaining the value and relevance of CLA licence products and services, and developing new licensing solutions that balance the interests of rightsholders with the needs of the teaching and research communities. James is a member of the IPO Copyright Education Advisory Group and the PA/RNIB Accessibility Action Group, and from 2014-2018 was a member of the STM Association Copyright and Legal Affairs Committee. Before joining

CLA, James held a number of editorial roles in commercial publishing. He holds an MBA from Henley Business School.



Bridgen, Richard (Health Education England)

Richard Bridgen works as part of the Knowledge and Library Services Resource Discovery team at Health Education England. This is a national team supporting NHS libraries in England to deliver on HEE's strategic aims for the optimal use of knowledge, resources and evidence at the point of need. The Resource Discovery and wider KLS teams work with suppliers and partner organisations.

Richard's work includes open access, research repositories, implementing a national infrastructure to optimise resource discovery by NHS staff in England and negotiating pricing models and national deals for electronic content.

He has also been a member of the CILIP Health Libraries Group committee for many years in several different capacities including Conference Director, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

Different communities work best when working together to share experiences and understanding. Richard feels he can bring relevant skills and knowledge to UKSG to help the group achieve its aims and objectives.



Grace, Claire (Open University)

Claire is Head of Content & Licensing at The Open University (OU), the UK's largest distance-learning university, based in Milton Keynes. Having started her career in retail bookselling, Claire's experience now spans public, corporate and university libraries where she has specialised and is particularly passionate about all things content-related. With a responsibility for strategy and operational excellence, Claire leads a growing team of librarians and professionals in the purchasing and licensing of online and print third-party library content, to support the needs of learners, tutors and researchers at the OU. Claire and her team also have a new responsibility to advise OU academics in co-publishing by attracting publishers' investment in University copyright materials for sale worldwide. Claire believes that her varied experience will lend itself well to the aims and objectives of UKSG and its members and is keen to join the Trustees in furthering the organisation's impact.



Heterick, Bruce (Ithaka)

Bruce leads ITHAKA strategy and teams working with libraries around the world to make their collections openly accessible on JSTOR and to use the JSTOR platform as an increasingly important component of their infrastructure to support teaching and research. Prior to this role, Bruce oversaw library outreach and access services on a global basis for JSTOR and Portico. Under his leadership, JSTOR participation grew to more than 11,000 academic libraries, secondary schools, research organizations and NGOs, and public libraries in 170 countries. Bruce held senior management positions at VTLS, The Faxon Company, and Blackwells, and prior to joining JSTOR in 1999, was executive director of SunGard SCT's higher education consulting practice. Bruce is active in the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI). He previously served on the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) board, serving as Chair, as well as the UKSG Editorial Committee. He currently serves on the Dean's Advisory Committee for the libraries at Virginia Tech.



Logan, Bethany (University of Sussex)

Bethany is the Research & Scholarship Librarian at the University of Sussex. She has over fifteen years' experience working in academic libraries, supporting the research community at all levels, and engaging with scholarly communication ecosystems. A Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, Bethany was a Learning and Teaching Librarian where she managed reading list and e-textbook provision for all taught students. She is the chair of the University of Sussex subscription review group, liaising with publishers and suppliers. Bethany is the Training Officer for the Lis-Bibliometrics Committee where she helps to increase awareness of bibliometrics across global scholarly communications communities.

As the chair of the Outreach and Education committee for UKSG, Bethany led the recent large-scale member consultation for the new UKSG strategic vision and works on projects to increase engagement with the organisation. She is passionate about diversifying the membership and creating meaningful opportunities to support the community.



Notman, Harriet, (Jisc)

Harriet Notman is currently employed by Jisc in a cross sector role as a Licensing Manager, working with both library staff and publishers, negotiating online educational content for universities.

Previous to this she has worked in a variety of library positions such as; acquisitions, subscriptions and eresources, scholarly communications, publishing, editorial, and front facing customer service roles. Harriet has also worked across sectors throughout her career from museums, to archives, to publishing. This wealth of experience would bring an expanded perspective to the UKSG Trustee board.

Harriet is active in the library community, is currently a member of ORCC – Open Research Competencies Coalition, and has an active social media presence.

Despite the range of roles Harriet has undertaken and the experience she has gained across sectors, she is still very much at the beginning of her career and would bring focus to representing the interests of other early career professionals.



Phillips, Ruth (University of Middlesex)

Having spent her early career working in Higher Education, Healthcare, Government and Law Firm libraries Ruth Phillips has been Head of Collections at Middlesex University since 2015. Here she leads a team to make resources legally available and easily discoverable to support teaching and learning. As well as traditional acquisition activities, and the coordination of online reading lists, she works with external partners to coordinate and oversee the management of a large eTextbook scheme.

With the majority of her professional career spent in customer facing roles she seeks to ensure that the 'why' does not get forgotten and works collaboratively with colleagues to understand their needs as well as recognising how external factors shape services.

Previous professional activities have centred around supporting students and early career professionals work she hopes to continue within UKSG. She is also keen to promote the profession by developing and strengthening relationships in the information and scholarly community.

Ruth is also standing for the position of **Vice Chair** of UKSG.



Rapple, Charlie (Kudos)

Charlie is co-founder of Kudos, which helps researchers, funders, publishers and institutions to accelerate and broaden the reach and impact of research. She is currently Treasurer of UKSG, and serves on the editorial board of UKSG Insights, as well as blogging in The Scholarly Kitchen . Past roles include Associate Director of TBI Communications and Head of Group Marketing for Publishing Technology. She holds a BA from the University of Bristol and postgraduate MDip from the Chartered Institute of Marketing.

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Rose, Katherine (Imperial College, London)

As Head of Content and Discovery at Imperial College London, Katherine's role spans all areas of content procurement and management (Acquisitions, Subscriptions and Document Delivery) and discovery services and systems. She's enjoying developing expertise in open access pathways, rights retention policies and the financial implications of the transition to open access.

As co-convenor of the Research Libraries UK Collections Strategy Network, she works with colleagues across the sector to forward national initiatives around the colliding worlds of subscriptions and open access, etextbook models and collective collections. She recently established the UK IEEE Negotiations team, a sector-led group investigating the potential of a read and publish agreement with IEEE.

Katherine has benefited from the valuable work of UKSG since early in her career, receiving the John Merriman award in 2015. As a member of the Board of Trustees from 2019 – 2021, she was involved in organising each November conference.



Sendall, Josh (University of Nottingham)

Josh joined University of Nottingham Libraries as Associate Director for Research in November 2021. He works within and beyond the institution to develop libraries' role as a research service provider, partner, and pioneer. He leads collaborative and enterprising teams who enable open research environments which maximise the reach, impact, and integrity of research.

Prior to joining Nottingham, Josh held several roles at Lancaster University including Library Aide,

Learning Zone Student Advisor, Information Assistant, Research Data Manager, and most recently, Research and Scholarly Communications Manager.

As co-editor of UKSG eNews Josh is an active member of the UKSG Community. He values the connections and understanding that UKSG enables between different stakeholders leading to an improved flow of knowledge and the information experience of scholars and researchers.

Josh promotes equality, diversity and inclusion leading to productive, healthy, and resilient cultures and communities.



Stehle, Uwe (Thieme Group)

Uwe has over 20 years of experience in the publishing industry. After his degree in business economics, he started his professional career in wholesales for books and journals. He then moved to a German law publisher and was responsible, among other things, for introducing the first CD-ROM products. In his current position he is the senior sales manager institutional sales EMEA with Thieme Group, an international publisher specializing in medicine and chemistry. Uwe is responsible for the sales of e-textbooks, e-journals and online databases in both specialties. Apart from his sales activities with universities, hospitals and corporates Uwe negotiates consortia agreements in many different countries. He was also closely involved in developing and negotiating Thieme's first open access agreements.



Vaughan, Philip (Coventry University)

Phil is Assistant Director of the Library at Coventry University, where he has worked for ten years. His responsibilities include academic liaison, and research and scholarly publication support. He has worked in libraries for 30 years, the majority of the time in HE. He has experience of working for both Russell Group and Million plus universities, as well as for JISC and the BL. This breadth of experience and knowledge would be of immense benefit to UKSG.

He is passionate about the impact that libraries can make in assisting social mobility, student success and empowering individuals; they made a big difference to his life as a working class kid educated at a state school.

His main professional interests are scholarly publication and digital transformation. Out of work he spends far too much time and money watching his unfashionable football team (Wolverhampton Wanderers)!