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Profile

Having worked in the information sector and for over 12 years, I have gained extensive experience relating to scholarly communications, academic publishing, open access, institutional repositories and research information systems. As the Head of Library Research Support, I am responsible for delivering strategic leadership for scholarly communications and Open Access agendas, managing the Research Information Systems Team, and the Library staff supporting Research Data Management.

Work Experience

University of Edinburgh

Edinburgh, UK

Head of Library Research Support

September 2016 – Present

A member of the Library's Senior Management Team, I am responsible for overall management of the Library's various research support activities and lead three teams, comprising Scholarly Communications, Research Data Management and Research Information Systems. I am the service owner for the Research Publications and the Research Information Management Services.

Scholarly Communications Manager

March 2013 – August 2016

I manage the Library's Scholarly Communications Team and meet external targets for REF and RCUK Open Access compliance. I have overall oversight and strategic leadership of the University's Copyright Enquiries Service. I lead the responsible expenditure of £1.5m of RCUK and COAF block grants for Gold Open Access, as well as statutory reporting on these grants.

Royal Holloway, University of London

Egham, UK

Head of Technical Services

November 2012 – March 2013

I was head of the Library's acquisitions and cataloguing operations, which involved managing and reporting on the library's materials budgets. In my short time in this role I was successful in developing and motivating the team through a period of considerable organisational change. My work involved handling procurement exercises, negotiating with publishers, building relationships with suppliers and overseeing a project to move to a new subscription agent.

Repository & Digital Assets Manager

November 2010 – November 2012

Based in the library, I was responsible for the management of the College's institutional repository and its integration with the research information management system (PURE). I supported academics with matters relating to Research Data Management and authored the College's Research Data Management Policy. Additionally, I supported the library liaison team in providing a specialist library enquiries service.

Centre for Research Communications, University of Nottingham

Nottingham, UK

SHERPA Repository Development Officer

August 2008 – November 2010

I worked as a member of the core SHERPA team, based in the Centre for Research Communications within the Information Services directorate of the University. I was the project coordinator for the national Jisc-funded Repositories Support Project (RSP). I also worked to support other SHERPA services, including RoMEO, JULIET, OpenDOAR etc.

BioMed Central Ltd

London, UK

Business Development Manager

May 2005 – July 2008

I was the strategic lead on BioMed Central's Open Repository product and responsible for selling the concept of repositories and our product to a variety of stakeholders in academic, government and private sector institutions. In this role I developed influencing and negotiation skills, project management and time management skills. The role required me to work as part of a team and on my own initiative. This role also afforded me considerable commercial insight in a young, rapidly expanding business.

Strengths & Achievements

Project Management – I have managed three externally-funded Jisc projects over recent years (LOCH, which shared best practice in OA compliance for REF, E-BASS25, which looked at patron-driven acquisition of e-books, and the high-profile national Repositories Support Project). Each project was completed on-time and on-budget.

External Consultancy for SPARC Europe – During the Summer of 2015, on the recommendation of the Director of RLUK, I was commissioned to research and produce a report making recommendations for the future of this European Open Science advocacy group. I presented my report to the SPARC Europe Board in Amsterdam and made recommendations about the organisation's future activities. I undertook this consultancy in my spare time, in addition to full-time work, which demonstrates my time-management skills.

Managing REF2 during REF2014 – In preparation for the University of Edinburgh's submission, I project-managed the University Library's activities in delivering the publications component of REF2014. This went to plan and resulted in an on-time and relatively stress-free publications submission.

Education

1999 – 2003

Queen Mary, University of London London, UK

German and Linguistics

BA (Hons) 2:1

I gained a first for my dissertation on the influence of the English language in German television advertising. I spent one year working as an English Language Assistant at a grammar School in Germany, and a summer as a holiday representative in Austria.

Committees, Groups and Memberships (External)

- Research Libraries UK Publisher Policies and Practices Group: Member (July 2015 – present)
- UK Scholarly Communications License Steering Group: Steering Committee Member (September 2016 – present)
- Scottish Digital Library Consortium (SDLC) Repositories Group: Chair (May 2013 – present)
- RCUK/Research Fish Interoperability Steering Group: Member (September 2016 – present)
- Open Access Scotland Group: Member (September 2016 – present)
- PURE UK User Group: Leadership of Repositories & Open Access sub-group (March 2013 – December 2015)
- EThOS Board: Board Member (2010 – 2012)
- United Kingdom Council of Research Repositories (UKCoRR): Web & Publicity Officer, Committee Member (2008 – 2012)

Committees, Groups and Memberships (University of Edinburgh)

My work at the University requires me to engage with a wide range of stakeholders and I am a member of, or regularly attend the following committee and groups:

- L&UC Senior Management Team (Member)
- Library Management Team (Member)
- Research Policy Group (Member)
- Open Access Advisory Group (Member)
- CSE College Research Administrator Forum (Member)
- Open Access Administrator Forum (Member)
- REF 2021 Managers Group (Member)
- IS Senior Management Team (in attendance, as required)
- Library Committee (in attendance, as required)
- College Research Committees (in attendance, as required)
- Centre for the History of the Book (Affiliate)

Selected Publications

Tate, D.C. 2016. Implementing open access across a large university: a case study. In Hoffman, S. ed. *Dynamic Research Support for Academic Libraries*. London: Facet, pp. 107-118.

Tate, D.C. and Krzak, A. 2016. Large scale implementation of open access: a case study at the University of Edinburgh's College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. *Journal EAHIL* 12(2), pp. 8-12.

Selected Conference Presentations

Tate, D.C. (2017) Aiming for 100% Open Access. Presentation at *University of Jyväskylä Open Access Workshop*, February 24, 2017, Jyväskylä, Finland. (Invited)

Tate, D.C. (2016) Research Data Management in the UK and at the University of Edinburgh. Presentation at *AXIES Meeting*, December 14-15, 2016, Kyoto, Japan. (Invited)

Tate, D.C. (2016) Publications & Research Assessment Policy in the UK: Insisting on Open Access. Presentation at *PubMet*, October 20-21, 2016, Zadar, Croatia. (Invited)

Tate, D.C. (2016) Managing Open Access APC Funds and Publisher Deals: A Case Study of Three Scottish Universities. Presentation at *National Acquisitions Group Conference*, September 14-15, 2016, Glasgow, UK. (Invited)

Tate, D.C. (2015) Open Access and Research Assessment in the United Kingdom. Poster at *Munin Conference on Scholarly Communications*, November 1-2, 2015, Tromsø, Norway.

Tate, D.C. (2015) Open access and research assessment: Dealing with open access requirements in practice. Presentation at *EIPub*, June 7-9, 2015, Valetta, Malta.

Tate, D.C. (2016) Implementing Open Access at the University of Edinburgh. Presentation at *Inside Government: The Next Steps for Open Access in Higher Education*, January 20, 2016, London, UK. (Invited)

Tate, D.C. (2012) UKCoRR: Reaction to the Finch Report and UKCoRR: Open Access Advocacy in the UK - Best Practice. Presentations at *Digital Repository Federation Annual Meeting*, November 1-2, 2012, Yokohama, Japan. (Invited)

Tate, D.C. (2010) Open Access Advocacy in the UK. Presentation at *Berlin 8 Open Access Conference*, 2010, October 25-27, Beijing, China.

References

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