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Curriculum Vitae

ACADEMIC POSTS

School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Professor Emeritus (since 2017). Previously, Full Professor (2009-2017).

Courses Taught (2009-2017, *passim*)

- Library Buildings and Society: From Past to Present (Master's & Doctoral)
- Historical Foundations of the Information Society (Undergraduate)
- Methods and Approaches in Library & Information History (Master's & Doctoral)
- History and Foundations of LIS (Doctoral)
- Information History (Master's)
- Public Library History (Master's)
- Libraries in Film (Master's)

Major Administrative Duties

- Editor, *Library Trends* (2009-2016)
- Member of Masters Admissions Committee (2008-9; 2011-12; 2012-13; 2013-14)
- Chair of Prizes Committee (2009-10)
- Member of Curriculum Committee (2010-11)
- Member of Mortenson Center Advisory Committee (since 2011)
- Director, School's 'History Salon' (2011-15)

Leeds Metropolitan University. Professor of Library & Information History (2001-2009), Reader (1997-2001), Senior Lecturer (1993-1997), Lecturer (1990-1993).

Modules Taught (1990-2009, *passim*)

- Information Society and Information Economy (Master's)
- Research Methods (Master's)
- Information in Modern Societies (Master's)
- Community Librarianship (Master's)
- The Information Society (Undergraduate)
- Assessing User Needs (Undergraduate)
- Research Methods (Undergraduate)
- Communication and Contemporary Culture (Undergraduate)
- Publishing (Undergraduate)
- Communication Skills (Undergraduate)

Major Administrative Duties (1990-2009, *passim*)

- Research Assessment Exercise: Co-ordinator for Library & Information Management Unit
- Member of Faculty Research Committee
- Member of Faculty Research Awards Committee
- Member of University 'Research Assessment Exercise' Monitoring Panel

OTHER RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

- Library Assistant, Camden Public Libraries (1978-1979)
- Library Assistant, London University Library (1984)
- Archives Assistant, London Metropolitan Archives (1984-1985)
- Library Assistant, Rothschild Assurance Group (1985)
- Community Librarian (Mobile Services), Wandsworth Public Libraries (1989-1990)

QUALIFICATIONS

BA (Hons) History (Queen Mary College, University of London, 1978)

MA Social and Economic History (Birkbeck College, University of London, 1981)

Postgraduate Diploma in Information Studies (Polytechnic of North London, 1982)

PhD: *The public library as an agency of social stability, 1850-1919* (Polytechnic of North London, 1989, awarded by the UK Council for National Academic Awards; studies funded by ESRC Competition Award, 1985-1988)

BOOKS & OTHER MONOGRAPHS

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The Cambridge history of libraries in Britain and Ireland. Volume 3: 1850-2000. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006. (With Peter Hoare).

Making connections between library, book, reading and information history: Proceedings of the Conference hosted by Innovation North, Faculty of Information & Technology, Leeds Metropolitan University, UK, 7-8 June 2007, in three special issues of *Library History*, Part 1 (Vol. 24, No. 2, June 2008); Part 2 (Vol. 24, No. 3, September 2008); Part 3 (Vol. 24, No. 4, December 2008).

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Information systems: why history matters, special issue of *Journal of Information Technology*, Part 1: Vol. 28, No. 1 (March 2013); Part II: Vol. 28, No. 2 (June 2013). (Co-editors: Tony Bryant, Frank Land, Jaana Porra)

Essays in honor of W. Boyd Rayward, special issue of *Library Trends*, Part 1: Vol. 62, No. 2 (Fall 2013); Part 2: Vol. 62, No. 3 (Winter 2014). (Co-editor: Charles van den Heuvel)

Peter Hoare: Festschrift in celebration of his 80th birthday, special issue of *Library & Information History*, Vol. 32, Nos. 1 & 2 (March & June 2016). (Co-editor: Keith Manley)

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From reference desk to *Desk Set*: the history of the corporate library in the US and the UK before the adoption of the computer. In Sigrid E. Kelsey and Marjorie J. Porter (eds.), *Best practices for corporate libraries* (Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited, 2011), pp. 3-24.

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Information and modernity: the history of information and the eclipse of library history, *Library History Group Conference: 'Libraries and Modernity'*, *Library Association Under-One-Umbrella Conference*, UMIST, Manchester, June 1997.

Researching and writing modern library history, *Library History Seminar Series*, Institute of Advanced Studies, University of London, May 1998. Invited.

Man and boy: modifying masculinities in public librarianship, 1850-1950. With a case study of the inter-war librarianship masonic lodge, *'Gendering Library History' Conference*, Liverpool John Moores University, May 1999. Invited.

The identity of library history: an audit of library and information history teaching and

research in the UK, *Library History Group Conference: 'Libraries and Identity', Library Association Under-One-Umbrella Conference*, UMIST, Manchester, July 1999. (With John Crawford)

The current state of library history in the UK, *National Libraries of the World: Interpreting the Past, Shaping the Future. A Library of Congress Bicentennial Symposium*, Library of Congress, Washington D.C., October 2000. Invited.

The scope of the syllabus of information society studies, *Teaching the information society: a one-day conference for discussion of the pedagogy of information society studies*, School of Communication Arts, Napier University, Edinburgh, May 2001. Invited.

False optimism: modernity, class and the public library in Britain 1960-1976, *Conference on Libraries in times of social thought and social protest: the libraries of the 1960s and 1970s*, University of Borås, Sweden, May 2001.

Information Management in MI5 in the two World Wars, *Library History Group Conference*, Library Association Under-One-Umbrella, UMIST, Manchester, July 2001.

The social libraries of large-scale business enterprises in Britain, 1850-1950, *3rd Anglo-German Conference on Library History: Libraries and Philanthropy*, Wolfenbuttel, Germany, October 2001.

Every discipline needs a history: information management and the early information society in Britain, *Conference on Social and Cultural Awareness and Responsibility in Information and Documentation*, University of Oulu, Finland, December 2001. (Paper presented in my absence by Boyd Rayward). Invited.

The library as clinic: disorder, disease and the early public library in Britain, *Inaugural Professorial Lecture*, Leeds Metropolitan University, January 2002.

Information management in MI5 before 1945, *Institute of Information Scientists Southern Branch Seminar*, Clerkenwell, London, March 2002. Invited.

The library as clinic: surveillance, disorder and disease in the early history of the public library in Britain, *Controlling Bodies Conference*, University of Glamorgan, June 2002.

Technical libraries in British commercial and industrial enterprises before 1950, *Conference on the History and Heritage of Scientific and Technological Information Systems*, Chemical Heritage Foundation, Philadelphia, November 2002.

The past public library observed: evidence of user attitudes to British public libraries in the Mass Observation Archive, *Round Table on Library History Research Seminar, American Library Association Conference*, Orlando, June 2004.

A notable node in the early twentieth-century knowledge network: the new Manchester Central Library and the philosophy of L.S. Jast, *Conference on European modernism and the information society*, University of Illinois, May 2005.

Early public libraries in Britain, *CILIP's Umbrella2005 Conference*, University of Manchester, June 2005 (With Kaye Bagshaw)

Popular commentary on early public library buildings in Britain, *SHARP*, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, July 2005

Monument and machine: early public libraries in Britain, *Fourth Anglo-German Library History Seminar*, British Library, September 2005

'Arsenals of scientific and technical information': Public technical libraries in Britain during and immediately after World War I, *Library History Seminar XI*, University of Illinois, October 2005.

From library history to information history, and back again, *Summer School and Seminar of the Baltic Network for the History of Books, Libraries and Reading (HIBOLIRE)*, Department of Information Studies, Tallinn University, Estonia, June 2006. Invited keynote.

Books eclipsed: the company library and information bureau and the emergence of an information profession in Britain before 1960 (part of the panel, comprising Mary Niles Maack and Boyd Rayward, on 'The Book Displaced: Organization and Access to Scientific and Technical Information in Europe during the 20th Century', with), *SHARP*, The Hague, Netherlands, July 2006.

Libraries in their context: the Cambridge History of Libraries in Britain and Ireland, *The Caxton Club*, Chicago, September 2006. Invited.

Re-thinking knowledge management: an historical perspective, *Graduate School of Library and Information Science*, Guest Lecture, October 2006. Invited.

The early history of knowledge management, *CILIP's Umbrella2007 Conference*, University of Hertfordshire, July 2007.

The 'information officer' in Britain before the age of the computer, *Information Management: Setting the Scene Conference*, Business School, University of Amsterdam November 2007.

The information professional in Britain in the first half of the nineteenth century, *School of Information Management Seminar Series*, University of Brighton, December 2007. Invited.

Information and knowledge history, *Seminar on Structures of Knowledge*, Danish Royal School of Librarianship, Copenhagen, May 2008. Invited.

Socially controlled space or public sphere 'third place'? Adult reading rooms in early British public libraries, *Conference on Advocacy and Libraries*, EBLIDA and the Netherlands Public Library Association, Amsterdam Public Library, May 2008.

From civic space to virtual space: past and present roles of early public library buildings in the UK, *Analogous Spaces Conference*, University of Ghent, Belgium, May 2008.

Pictorial and graphic representations of early public libraries in Britain, *Library History Section Open Session, IFLA World Library and Information Congress*, Quebec, Canada, August 2008.

Socially controlled space or public sphere 'third place'? Adult and children's reading rooms in early British public libraries, *Library Theory and Research Section Open Session, IFLA World Library and Information Congress*, Quebec, Canada, August 2008.

Books, buildings and social engineering: the design of early public libraries in the UK from past to present, *Library History Seminar*, School of Advanced Studies, University of London, Senate House, November 2008. (With Simon Pepper) Invited.

From before Carnegie to the present: the design of early public libraries in the UK from past to present, *Library Festival Week*, Leeds Metropolitan University, November 2008. (With Simon Pepper)

An exercise in information history: the rise of the information professional, *Library and Information History Group Conference*, March 2009, CILIP, London.

Books, buildings and social engineering: the design of early public libraries in the UK from past to present, *HIBOLIRE Workshop*, University of Tampere, June 2009. Invited keynote.

Early public library buildings, *CILIP's Umbrella2009 Conference*, University of Hertfordshire, July 2009. (With Simon Pepper)

The history of children's library design: continuities and discontinuities, *Joint Session between the Children and Youth Library Services Section and the Library Buildings and Equipment Section, IFLA World Library & Information Congress*, Milan, August 2009. (With Carolynn Rankin) Invited.

Popular reading as an instrument of information management: the staff magazine in Britain before the First World War, *Transcending Boundaries: Information in La Belle Epoque*, The Mundaneum, Mons, Belgium, May 2010.

Popular reading and the first information management revolution: the staff magazine in Britain before the Second World War, *Material Cultures 2010: Technology, Textuality and Transmission*, University of Edinburgh, July 2010.

Organisational learning and home-grown writing: the library staff magazine in the UK in the first half of the twentieth century, *Library History Seminar XI*, University of Wisconsin at Madison, September 2010.

Buildings of hope, *Nordic Library & Information Science Teaching and Research Conference*, University College Oslo, December 2010.

'New beauties': the design of British public library buildings in the 1960s, *History Salon, Graduate School of Library & Information Science, University of Illinois*, March 2011.

From centre of culture to cultural centre: the public library in Britain since 1850, *Friends of Senate House Lecture Series*, Senate House, University of London, November 2011. Invited.

‘Our language is the gold of thought, and we must keep the metal free from base alloy’: othering in British library staff magazines in the first half of the twentieth century, *Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing (SHARP)*, Trinity College Dublin, June 2012.

‘The necessity of clear expression’: home-grown writing, organizational learning and the library staff magazine in Britain in the first half of the twentieth century, *Library History Seminar, Institute of Advanced Studies, Senate House, University of London*, July 2012. Invited.

Current issues in UK public libraries in light of their historical development, State Library of New South Wales, Australia, November 2012. Invited.

Cathedral of culture, citadel of science: the public library building in Britain since 1850 as monument and machine, *Buildings, books and blackboards: intersecting narratives*, RMIT University, Melbourne, November 2012. Invited keynote.

Mr Hutchings goes to Washington: British librarians in the United States, 1876-1951, *Library History Special Interest Group Session*, IFLA, August 2014.

The mid-twentieth century librarian as observer, ambassador, and tourist: towards a history of excursions by British librarians to the United States, *Trans-Atlantic Dialogues on Cultural Heritage* (conference jointly organised by Ironbridge Institute for Cultural Heritage, University of Birmingham and the collaborative for Cultural Heritage, Management and Policy, University of Illinois), Liverpool, July 2015.

Libraries of light: the design of public libraries in Britain in the long 1960s, featuring analyses of the Hampstead Public Library (1964) and Birmingham Central Library (1974), *Library History Seminar XII*, Simmons College, Boston, July 2015.

Library history and the information sciences: past and future, Library & Information History Group Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Publication of the Cambridge History of Libraries, Lambeth Palace, March 2016.

Libraries of light: the design of public libraries in Britain in the long 1960s, *Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing (SHARP)*, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris, July 2016.

‘All information flows toward it, or returns to it in a form worked up into shape’: the Intelligence Branch and libraries of the British War Office, 1873-1914, *The Science of Information, 1870-1945: The Universalization of Knowledge in a Utopian Age*, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, February 2017. Invited.

Periods, themes, events: pedagogical keys to understanding the place of power relations in the history of information, *Information & Power in History*, Huygens Institute for the History of the Netherlands, VU University Amsterdam, March 2017. (With Bonnie Mak).

Available at:

<https://www.huygens.knaw.nl/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Black-Mak-paperwebsite.pdf>

Closing plenary, *Information & Power in History*, Huygens Institute for the History of the Netherlands, VU University Amsterdam, March 2017. Invited.

Public library architecture in Britain in the long 1960s: style, siting, space and light, *History of Libraries Seminar*, University of London, May 2017. Invited.

‘All information flows toward it, or returns to it in a form worked up into shape’: the Intelligence Branch of the British War Office, 1873-1914, *Information & communication in wartime*, School of Advanced Studies, University of London, July 2017.

The history of the intersection of art and public libraries, Tetley Centre, Leeds (for the School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies, University of Leeds, in association with the Leeds Centre for Contemporary Art), February 2018. Invited.

‘A kind of communism which the least revolutionary of all of us may be proud to advocate’: Samuel Smiles, James Silk Buckingham and the shift from voluntary to state action in Victorian library provision, *Books, readers and reading: celebrating 250 years of the Leeds Library*, The Leeds Library, September 2018.

RESEARCH GRANTS

£13,000, ESRC Doctoral Competition Award, 1985-1988

£3,000, Faculty of Information and Engineering Systems, Leeds Metropolitan University, ‘The rise and fall of community librarianship in the UK’, 1993-1996

£5,000, Nuffield Social Science Fellowship, ‘The 20th Century Public Library’, 1 February-July 1998

£4,700, Library and Information Commission, ‘A Mass Observation of the Public Library’, June 1999 to May 2000

£3,000, Library Association, Group and Branch Development Fund, ‘An Electronic Archive of Library and Information Professional Life Histories’, December 1999-March 2003. On behalf of the Library History Group

£78,000, Arts and Humanities Research Board, ‘The Early Information Society in Britain: the Emergence of Information Management and Information Science 1900-1975’, September 2001-August 2003

£139,000, Arts and Humanities Research Board, ‘Early Public Library Buildings: Origins, Condition and Future Roles’, September 2003-August 2006. (Joint project with Professor Simon Pepper, Department of Architecture, University of Liverpool)

£10,000, Arts and Humanities Research Council, Research Leave Scheme, ‘Information

management in the early information society', April-June 2005

£23,000, Arts and Humanities Research Council, Research Leave Scheme, 'Early Public Library Buildings', April-June 2007

\$4,250, Research Board, University of Illinois, Buildings of Hope: Public Library Design in Britain in the Long 1960s, Fieldwork Funding, Summer 2013

\$14,000, Research Board, University of Illinois, Buildings of Hope: Public Library Design in Britain in the Long 1960s, Humanities Released Time for Research, Fall 2013

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS ORGANISED

Libraries and Modernity, Library History Group Conference, Library Association Under-One-Umbrella, UMIST, Manchester, June 1997.

Libraries and Identity, Library History Group Conference, Library Association Under-One-Umbrella, UMIST, Manchester, July 1999.

From People's University to People's Library': An International Conference celebrating 150 Years of the Public Library in Britain, Library History Group Conference, Croydon Public Library, April 2002.

Libraries and Philanthropy, British organiser: 3rd Anglo-German Library History Conference, Wolfenbuttel, Germany, October 2001.

Libraries at times of adversity, Round Table on Library History Open Session, IFLA, Glasgow, August 2002.

Aspects of modern librarianship, 1877-2002, a one-day Library History Group seminar marking 125 years of the Library Association and 40 years of the Library History Group, The Library Association, London, March 2002.

From Library History to Information History, Library History Group Conference, CILIP's Umbrella2003, UMIST, Manchester, July 2003.

Libraries and Democracy, Section on Library History Open Session, IFLA, Berlin, August 2003.

Libraries and the working classes since the 18th century, Leeds Metropolitan University, on behalf of the IFLA Section on Library History and the Library and Information History Group (sponsored by the British Academy), June 2004.

The past development of literacies through libraries, Section on Library History Open Session, IFLA, Buenos Aires, August 2004.

Historical literacy, Section on Library History Open Session, IFLA, Oslo, August 2005.

Libraries and the information society through history, Section on Library History Open

Session, IFLA, Seoul, August 2006.

Making connections between library, book, reading and information history, Leeds Metropolitan University, June 2007. A conference sponsored jointly by the Library and Information History Group (UK), the Information History Group (Leeds Metropolitan University) and the Nordic-Baltic-Russian Network on the History of Books, Libraries and Reading (HIBOLIRE).

The history of libraries and librarianship in sub-Saharan Africa, Section on Library History Open Session, IFLA, Durban, August 2007.

History in iSchools, Workshop, *iSchool Conference*, Berlin, March 2014. (With B. Mak & D. Schiller)

Information history: perspectives & prospects, Library & Information History Group UK Annual Conference, CILIP, London, May 2016.

DOCTORAL STUDENT ADVISING (USA) – First Supervisor

Steve Witt, University of Illinois (2010-2017). *Making internationalism conscious: libraries and the transnational propagation of the international mind (1911-1951)*.

Stacy Wykle, University of Illinois (2013-17). Broad subject area: Publishing and the history of science

DOCTORAL STUDENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (USA) – Awarded & Current

Doctorate Awarded

Tom Dousa, *Julius Otto Kaiser and his method of systematic indexing: an early indexing system in its historical context*, University of Illinois (2013)

Caroline Nappo, *Information policy in the Great Depression*, University of Illinois, 2014

Mikki Smith, *Print networks and youth information culture: young people, amateur publishing, and children's periodicals, 1867-1890*, University of Illinois (2017)

Chris D'Arpa, University of Illinois, *Information management in the US Department of Agriculture in the late-nineteenth century* (2017)

Claudia Șerbănuță, University of Illinois, *Voices from the other side of the wall: the case of Romanian libraries in the 1970s and 1980s* (2017)

Steve Witt, University of Illinois, *Making internationalism conscious: libraries and the transnational propagation of the international mind (1911-1951)* (2018).

Current

Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga, University of Illinois, *Information policy in Africa*

RESEARCH DEGREES EXAMINED (UK)

Evelyn Kerslake, *A history of women workers in English libraries, 1871-1974*, Loughborough University, November 1999. PhD. External examiner.

Hazel Rutledge, *Public library provision of resources for dyslexic individuals*, Loughborough University, 2000. PhD. External examiner.

Pen Jenkinson, *Heritage and the public library: the influence and interpretation of heritage in the English public library from 1850 to the present, with particular attention to the provision of local studies*, Leeds Metropolitan University, 1999. PhD, Internal examiner.

Andrew Stockell, *A study of the use of dance-related material on the Internet and World Wide Web by undergraduate dance students in a higher education institution, 1995-1998*, Leeds Metropolitan University, 1999. MA by Research. Internal examiner.

Stephen Boynton, *The job satisfaction of longer serving members of staff within the British Library Document Supply Centre*, Leeds Metropolitan University, 2000. MA by Research. Internal examiner.

Yiu-Chuen Wan, *Borrowed place, borrowed time: a study of the development of the public library in Hong Kong, 1841-1997*, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, 2001. PhD. External examiner.

Toni Weller, *Information in nineteenth-century England: exploring contemporary socio-cultural perceptions and understandings*, City University, London, 2007. PhD. External examiner.

Heather Gaunt, *Identity and nation in the Australian public library: the development of local and national collections from the 1850s to the 1940s, using the Tasmanian Public Library as a case study*, University of Tasmania, Australia, 2009. PhD. External examiner.

Peter Coates, *The South African Library as a state-aided national library in the era of apartheid*, University of Cape Town, 2015. PhD. External examiner.

John Hodgson, *Class acts: the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth earls of Crawford and their manuscript collections*, University of Manchester, 2017. PhD. External examiner.

SUPERVISION OF COMPLETED RESEARCH DEGREES (UK)

Pen Jenkinson, PhD, *Heritage and the public library: the influence and interpretation of heritage in the English public library from 1850 to the present, with particular attention to the provision of local studies*, Leeds Metropolitan University, 1999.

Kerry Wilson, Masters by Research, Leeds Metropolitan University, *Convergence and professional identity in the academic library*, 2003.

Eddie Halpin, PhD, Leeds Metropolitan University, *An examination of internet usage by human/child rights organisations*, 2005.

Ray Prytherch, PhD, Leeds Metropolitan University, *Information management: an evolving identity and discipline*, 2005.

Paul Johnson, PhD, Leeds Metropolitan University, *ICTs and community development*, 2005.

Rodney Brunt, PhD, Leeds Metropolitan University, *Historical and comparative perspectives on information retrieval in libraries and military intelligence*, 2006.

Bob Duckett, PhD, Leeds Metropolitan University, *References services: from past to present*, 2009.

Chris Walker, PhD, *The information-seeking behaviour of parents of children under five*, Leeds Metropolitan University, 2010.

Primilla Gammage, PhD, Leeds Metropolitan University, *Tele-centres in Sri-Lanka: an evaluation*, 2012.

Margaret Hung, PhD, Leeds Metropolitan University, *The popularisation of public libraries, c. 1930-70*, 2015

(In addition, between 1990 and 2009 I supervised over 50 research dissertations forming part of the Leeds Metropolitan University's taught M.Sc. in Information Studies)

MAJOR ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

Member, Library Association / CILIP, 1984-present.

Chair, Library History Group of the Library Association, 1992-1999 (Committee Member of this Group, now the Library & Information History Group, 1990-2017).

Member, Library Association / CILIP Umbrella Organising Committee, 1996-1997, 1998-1999, 2002-2003, 2004-2005.

Member, Library Association Committee on '150 Years of the Public Library', 1998-2000.

Co-ordinator, Library Association 'Electronic Memory Project', 2000-2002.

Chair, IFLA Round Table / Section on Library History, 2003-2007 (and Secretary, 2001-2003).

Member, Editorial Board of *Library Quarterly*, 2003-2006.

Member, Arts and Humanities Research Board's Peer Review College, 2004-2008.

Visiting Fellow, Graduate School of Library & Information Science, University of Illinois, 2005-2007.

Member, Research Assessment Exercise 2008 National Panel (No. 37) for Library and Information Management, 2005-2008.

Editor, *Library History* (re-named *Library & Information History* in 2009), 2005-2008 (also, Member, Editorial Board, 1998-present; Book Reviews Editor 2000-2002; North American Editor 2009-2013).

Member, Advisory Board of the Edinburgh History of Libraries in Scotland, 2009-2011.

Member, Organising Committee for *Transcending Boundaries: Information in La Belle Epoque* 2010 Conference, The Mundaneum, Mons, Belgium, 2009-10.

Editor, *Library Trends*, 2009-2016.

Member, Editorial Board of *Information & Culture*, 2013-2016.

Member, Editorial Board of *Libraries: Culture, History, & Society*, 2016-present.

AWARDS & PRIZES

Library & Information History Group (UK), Best Essay Prize 2008, in respect of 'Arsenals of scientific and technical information': Public technical libraries in Britain during and immediately after World War I, *Library Trends*, 55:3, Winter 2007, pp. 474-489.

Library & Information History Group (UK), Best Essay Prize 2012, in respect of 'Organisational learning and home-grown writing: the library staff magazine in Britain in the first half of the twentieth century', *Information & Culture*, 47:4 (2012), pp. 487-513.

Centennial Scholarship, Graduate School of Library & Information Science, University of Illinois, 2014-15.

Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities (IPRH), University of Illinois, 2017 Prize (Honorable Mention) for Best Faculty Research, in respect of 'The Long Journey to Libraries of Light', forming Chapter 1 of Alistair Black, *Libraries of light* (London: Routledge, 2017).

Jesse H. Shera Award for Distinguished Published Research (2017), American Library Association, in respect of Alistair Black and Henry Gabb, 'The Value Proposition of the Corporate Library, Past and Present', published in *Information & Culture: A Journal of History*, 51:2 (2016), pp. 192-225.