

## OxTALENT People

### Chair:

- David Waters  
Department of Earth Sciences  
University lecturer in Metamorphic Petrology  
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Lecturer in Metamorphic Petrology

### Co-ordinator:

- Melissa Highton  
Head of the Learning Technologies Group (LTG),  
Melissa has management responsibility for the Oxford University podcasting service, the institutional Sakai VLE, mobile and e-learning. She is part of the senior management team collectively responsible for managing and running the department.

### Members:

- Adam Marshall  
Adam Marshall manages the Bodington VLE/CMS and Sakai VLE/CLE development teams and is leading the project to migrate Oxford's VLE from the former to the latter. In addition, he is a lecturer in e-Learning and has just implemented an electronic PDP system. He runs the LUSID open source community and has extensive experience of interoperability and delivering electronic services within educational institutions. He has also been the primary author and leader of a number of successful JISC projects.
- Grazyna Cooper  
Head of Information Technology Learning Programme (ITLP), OUCS  
Grazyna Cooper (Training Lead) is as the Head of the IT Learning Programme (ITLP) at Oxford University Computing Services (OUCS) responsible for the direction and focus of the ITLP team in the delivery of IT teaching and training to the University. In particular, Grazyna fosters collaboration with the other areas of the University that need to deliver IT skills to their students and staff. Before her present post Grazyna worked for many years in the field of humanities computing at OUCS and was responsible for the development of the Computer Based Research Skills Workshops aimed at humanities graduates at Oxford University.
- Peter Robinson  
Peter Robinson is manager of the Oxford University Podcasting Service, principal investigator on Steeple and OpenSpines projects. He is an experienced multimedia developer and has 14 years experience working on a variety of ICT projects with academics at the University. He is co-author of the 2004 JISC CLIC scoping study

"Community Image Collections" and has been a member of various JISC projects including RAMBLE (integrating RSS and Blogs with the VLE), portal scoping projects and THEMA.

- Dr Kathleen M. Quinlan  
Head of Educational Development, Oxford Learning Institute  
Kathleen M. Quinlan is responsible for the Oxford Learning Institute's Post-graduate Diploma in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education. As Head of Educational Development, she manages the group's portfolio of offerings, collaborating with other Institute staff to enhance the various pathways for learning about teaching supported by the Institute. She provides policy and practical advice on educational development matters to relevant committees, divisions, departments and colleges.
- Dr Philip West  
Dr Philip West works on early modern English literature, with a particular interest in poetry of the seventeenth century. His previous research has focussed on George Herbert and Henry Vaughan, and he is now editing the poems of James Shirley for Oxford University Press.
- Dr Karl N. Harrison  
IT Coordinator and Training Officer based in the Chemistry IT Centre for the Department of Chemistry  
Currently his research group works on the construction of multimedia virtual chemistry environments and learning objects.
- Marion Manton  
Marion Manton is Senior Manager: Learning Design and co-manager of TALL. As well as the day to day running of TALL she is responsible for ensuring that all TALL programmes are best practice examples of learning online for their audience. In her role Marion works closely with course teams to specify the learning they want to achieve with their programme and to identify the best uses of technology to do this. She also maintains currency with the latest research in eLearning, to ensure that TALL is aware of and exploits the best current knowledge of what works in terms of effective eLearning. Two programmes that Marion worked on the learning design for (MSc Public Policy and Management, University of York and MA War in the Modern World, Kings College, London) have been runners up in HEFCEs eTutor of the year competition.
- Thaddeus Lipinski  
Oxford University Library Service. Web Applications Developer. He has several years' experience in Web applications. He designed the web pages for the Ashmolean Museum Cast Gallery in 1995, and in 1996 helped develop Virtual Glastonbury. Since 1996 is the Network Applications Manager and Webmaster at the Bodleian Library. He is involved with the ILEJ project, to digitise and display over the web 20 year runs of early Victorian journals, and has given talks on digitising techniques nationally and abroad.

- Dr Rebecca Eynon

Rebecca Eynon graduated in Psychology with Statistics from Royal Holloway, University of London in 1995 and gained a distinction in her Masters in Mass Communications from the University of Leicester in 1997. She completed her PhD in 2003 at City University, London. Prior to working at the OII Rebecca has worked at the Centre for Mass Communication Research, University of Leicester, the School of Education, University of Birmingham, the Department of Sociology and Cultural Studies at Birmingham and the Department of Sociology, City University. Rebecca currently holds a joint appointment between the OII and the Department of Education at the University of Oxford, carrying out research and teaching in both departments.
- Dr Robert Vanderplank

Dr Robert Vanderplank is the Director of the Oxford University Language Centre. He studied Modern Languages at the University of Kent and obtained his Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics at Edinburgh University. His most recent published work was included in the English as a Global Language debate (in Teaching and learning English as a global language. Native and non-native perspectives, Gnutzmann, ed., Stauffenberg, 2000). He has also taught at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England and Helsinki University, Finland.
- Dr Amanda Burls

Amanda Burls is a public health physician. She is Director of Postgraduate Programmes in Evidence-Based HealthCare (EBHC) at the University of Oxford, and a Senior Fellow of the Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine ([www.CEBM.net](http://www.CEBM.net)). She directs the Oxford International Programme in Evidence-Based Health Care which includes a Masters and DPhil programme in EBHC (<http://cpd.conted.ox.ac.uk/ebhc/msc.asp>). In her other role, as a Senior Clinical Research Fellow, in the Department of Public Health and Primary Health Care at the University of Oxford, she has set up and directs a novel internet-based research programme, the International Network for Knowledge about Wellbeing (ThinkWell), that aims to help the public (a) understand health information so they can make their own health decisions and (b) set up and participate in research studies ([www.ThinkWell.eu](http://www.ThinkWell.eu)).
- Dr Simon C Benjamin

Senior Fellow in Quantum Materials

Dr Simon Benjamin is a Royal Society University Research Fellow in the Material Sciences Department. He has written extensively on the subject of Nanotechnology and Quantum technology. He was interested in finding a new way of reaching his students and explaining the fascinating yet difficult concepts behind his subject; Quantum Nanotechnology. He had researched the possibilities of creating podcasts as both an enhancement to his students' learning experience and also to interest members of the general public in his research area. He says he "saw podcasts from other universities, especially US ones, and I thought 'wow, that's a great way to reach a lot of people'".

- Chris Du Boulay  
Former OxTALENT winner, Christopher du Boulay is an undergraduate law student at Mansfield College. His project 'Criminal Cases 2009' was developed as a revision tool for himself in preparation for criminal law moderation exam and then grew into a competitive game with his fellow law students as they challenged each other to beat the best score in matching descriptions of the case to the case name. Christopher is currently working on the next version which will include questions on each topic that they study for final exams.
- Dr M. Antoni. J. Üçerler, S.J.  
Research Scholar and Lecturer (college appointment at Campion Hall)  
The history of Japanese-Western and Chinese-Western cultural contacts in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.  
History of Christianity and Christian missions in Japan and China in the Early Modern period.  
Early Japanese and Chinese Christian texts and translations.  
European expansion in Southeast and East Asia.  
History of printing in Europe and East Asia.  
Critical editing of primary source documents related to the European presence in Asia.  
Creation of XML-encoded databases and online resources of primary sources for the comparative history of East Asia.

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