

Speaker and Session Information

Jill Walker

Jill is now part of the library team at Morling College based at the Brisbane campus serving in the TJ Malyon Library. She was the sole librarian at Malyon Theological College from 2007 until the merge of the colleges in 2025. She enjoys assisting all researchers and students locating resources for their studies, even the rarest resources. Most of her library experience has been with Liberty, the library management system from Softlink.

Lyndelle Gunton

Lyndelle is an academic librarian and researcher with a deep commitment to empowering scholarly communities through evidence-based and innovative approaches to information literacy, research support, and the integration of digital technologies in library practice. She is currently the Coordinator, Information Research Skills in the Office for Scholarly Communication at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Library, where she leads the development and delivery of research skills training for QUT researchers and higher degree research (HDR) students. Central to her role is the coordination of Advanced Information Research Skills (AIRS)—a mandatory, accredited coursework unit designed to equip HDR students with essential research capabilities.

Lyndelle Gunton's Sessions:

1. Supporting Researchers through Advanced Information Research Skills (AIRS)

This presentation explores the AIRS program, QUT Library's structured initiative designed to enhance postgraduate research student capabilities. Lyndelle will share insights into this program's development, implementation, and impact, highlighting how AIRS equips researchers with critical skills in information discovery, evaluation, and management. Lyndelle will explain how this open access, Creative Commons licensed resource can be used by research students, researchers, research supervisors, libraries and research support professionals to develop the knowledge and skills required for contemporary research environments.

2. Selecting and Evaluating AI Tools for Research

In this timely and forward-looking session, Lyndelle examines the evolving landscape of artificial intelligence in academic research with a focus on searching and evaluating information effectively. Lyndelle will provide practical guidance on how to assess and integrate AI tools into research workflows, with a focus on ethical considerations, tool reliability, and relevance to theological scholarship. This workshop will encourage participants to draw on their domain expertise in critical thinking and information and digital literacies to support students and academics to evaluate AI tools to determine whether they meet their research needs and the requirements for responsible use of AI.

Rex Rigby

Rev. Dr Rex Rigby is an Indigenous Elder from the Bigambul clan of southwest Queensland. He was the first Indigenous National Head of a Christian denomination in Australia. He held that position for 12 years.

He is now National Superintendent Emeritus of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Australia.

He now serves as:

- A Board of Director, Excelsia University College.
- Sessional lecturer, Eva Burrows College/University of Divinity.
- Adjunct Lecturer, Nazarene Theological College
- First Nations Support Coach, Christian Heritage College.
- A Board of Director, Inala Elders Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation.

He has been married to Lien for 39 years. Lien came to Australia as a refugee from Vietnam in 1978. They have two adult children.

He has been pastoring for over 39 years and is passionate about encouraging the church to reach out across the cultural and ethnic divide, with a particular emphasis on Indigenous Australians.

Nica Tsakmakis

Nica is the Digital Capability Librarian at Australian Catholic University, she is currently working on initiatives to enhance digital fluency and equitable access to emerging technologies. With a background as a librarian for Theology and Philosophy, Nica brings a nuanced perspective to the intersection of ethics and artificial intelligence. Her current work explores how AI can be engaged critically and inclusively, especially by those who choose privacy-conscious tools that do not require personal data entry. She is particularly interested in the equitable use of AI and stays current on developments in the field by utilizing tools that don't require personal data for access.

Kerrie Stevens

Kerrie is the Director of Library Services and a member of the Learning & Teaching and Research Committees at Alphacrucis University College. She is a Distinguished Certified Professional of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA); an honorary life member, statistician and journal manager for the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association (ANZTLA); and has a Masters of Applied Science in Library and Information Management from Charles Sturt University.

Kerrie is interested in all areas of librarianship resulting from her experience as a solo librarian for over two decades, with a particular research interest focusing on practical librarianship and matters relating to everyday library tasks.

Sarah Howard

Sarah Howard is a library leader dedicated to reimagining academic libraries as vibrant, inclusive, and future ready. In 2025, she was appointed University Librarian at Griffith University, bringing with her more than two decades of experience in higher education, including key leadership roles at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and Australian Catholic University.

Throughout her career, Sarah has focused on driving digital transformation, enhancing student success, and nurturing collaborative innovation. She has led projects that weave cutting edge technologies into library services, promoted culturally respectful practices, and cultivated spaces where both students and educators can flourish.

Known for her approachable leadership style, Sarah is a strong advocate for digital literacy. She believes libraries are for curiosity, innovation, and community connection.

Maria Stanton

Maria Stanton is the Director of Product Management and Production at Atla, where she brings a practical, people-centered approach to shaping the organization's impact. The Product Management team is responsible for the scope and quality of Atla's EBSCO databases and open access offerings (e.g., Catholic News Archive). Maria's team is committed to reflecting the depth and diversity of global religious studies. She is passionate about uniting voices and resources from many traditions, especially those often underrepresented, to ensure Atla's platforms are comprehensive and genuinely pluralistic.

Maria's presentation will focus on introducing Project Eureka, an open discovery platform that will serve researchers, educators, and faith leaders in the study of religion and theology worldwide. This initiative aims to streamline access to diverse resources by creating a centralized tool for searching across multiple collections and databases, enhancing global scholarly collaboration and inclusiveness.

Nick Gellatly

Nick is the Head Librarian at St Paschal Library, and has worked there since 2019. He previously worked at Mannix Library, during which time he had the opportunity to be involved with the ARC research project *A Baroque Archbishop in Colonial Australia: James Alipius Goold, 1812-1886*. Nick has been the President of ANZTLA since 2023. Outside of librarianship, Nick also plays bass guitar in several bands, and is most active with two tribute acts, The Australian Blondie Show and Essential Divinyls.

Elizabeth “Buffy” Greentree

Elizabeth (“Buffy”) Greentree, librarian and research lecturer at Brisbane School of Theology, draws on a background in Classics, Psychology, Theology, Business Administration, and Information Management for her eclectic research interests. She’s perhaps best known at ANZTLA for her 2023 biophilic presentation introducing Eve, the library turtle, and her 2024 talk on generative AI, which showcased her custom GPTs “Buffy’s Minion” and “MarkyMARC.”

Over the past year she has continued practical experiments with AI for librarians and presented and published on the philosophical implications of GenAI in theological education.

Outside of work, she’s active at St Stephen’s Anglican, Coorparoo, trains in Krav Maga, and unwinds with Korean dramas alongside Eve and Meimei the blue-tongue skink.

Troy Bullock

Troy Bullock spends his days hosting interactive, live-streamed workshops for State Library of Queensland teaching students research strategies and sharing Queensland stories through State Library’s impressive heritage collections. He is a qualified and experienced secondary teacher with a long career producing some of Australia’s best and most innovative digital education products for companies including Jacaranda Wiley Publishers and the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

About ‘Live at the Library’

‘Live at the Library’ is a transformative initiative from State Library of Queensland, that extends our reach to remote and regional communities by providing students and teachers with real-time access to our heritage collections, resources, and staff expertise. Launched in October 2022, the program has welcomed over 200 schools, with more than 75% of those schools located in regional Queensland. More than 16 000 students have participated in over 400 interactive workshops, highlighting the program’s success in bridging geographical gaps and increasing engagement with State Library by students who live too far away to visit in person.

Philip Harvey

Philip Harvey, Librarian, the Carmelite Monastery Melbourne (Kew) and the Community of the Holy Name Library (Cheltenham)

Philip Harvey has conducted cataloguing sessions at ANZTLA conferences since the 1980s. He is a former President of the Association and a current Board Director. Today he works weekdays in the libraries of two religious houses, one Catholic, the other Anglican.