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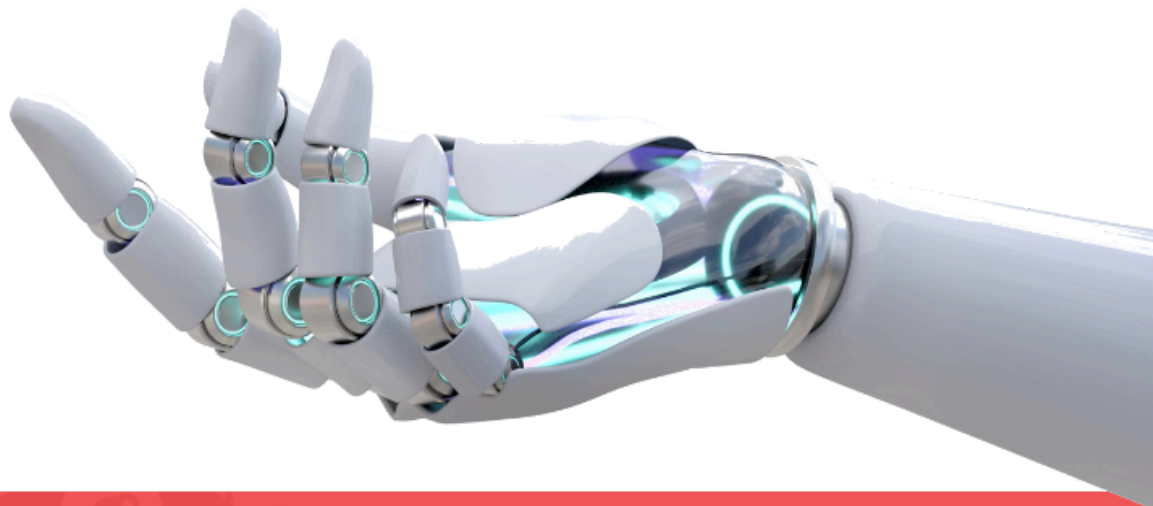
# Introduction

The International Conference on Information Literacy (ICIL-Africa) is held bi-annually with the aim of bringing together researchers, library and information services professionals, and all other related parties from around the world to exchange knowledge and experience and to discuss recent developments and current challenges on both theory and practice.

The new year 2024 marks the collaboration between the Bibliotheca Alexandrina represented in the International Communication Section (ICS), the North West University (NWU), University of Pretoria in South Africa, African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AfLIA), and African Associations Union within the framework of organizing and hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the International Conference on Information Literacy (ICIL-Africa).

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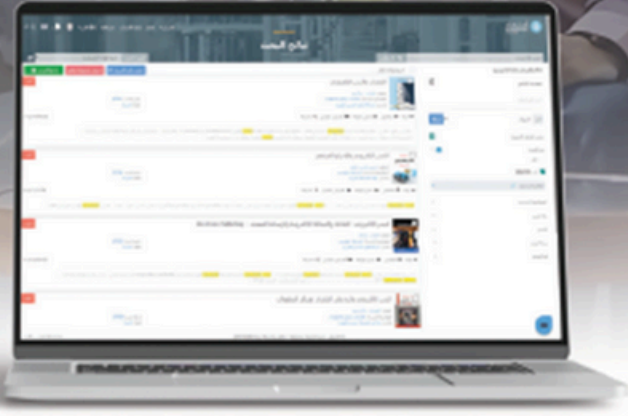
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- UNESCO -Media & Information Literacy 2023.

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- Chairman of Alex Centre for Multimedia & Libraries (ACML) from 1995;
- UNESCO Consultant for the project BIBLIOTHECA ALEXANDRINA 1991-1992.
- He is on the Editorial Boards of eight International Journals;
- Held Many International posts & International Committees.

He has 26 written books as author or translator, and 482 articles and conference papers in LIS and Library Automation profession.

Grants / Awards:

- International Grant 1991 with IFLA to host annually an Arab Librarian to attend IFLA conference every year;
- Local Grant 2006 with Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT)

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**Canada Research Chair in Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning, and Associate Professor in the School of Information and Department of Linguistics, and Computer Science, University of British Columbia – Canada**

Dr. Muhammad Abdul-Mageed is a Canada Research Chair in Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning and serves as an Associate Professor at The University of British Columbia and MBZUAI. His research focuses on large language models with broad applications in archives, health, education, social networking safety, information management, and financial services. Abdul-Mageed is the director of the UBC Deep Learning & NLP Group, co-director of the AI and archives “I Trust AI” partnership, and co-lead of the “Ensuring Full Literacy” partnership. His work has been supported by leading organizations, including Google, AMD, Amazon, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Canada Foundation for Innovation, and the Digital Research Alliance of Canada. His research has been featured in global venues such as Nature, MIT Technology Review, The Globe and Mail, CBC, and EuroNews.

## Dr. Hisham Azmi



**Chairman of the Board of the Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority – Egypt**

Dr. Hisham Azmi is currently the Chairman of the Board of the Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority. Previously, he was the Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Culture. He received his BA from the faculty of Arts Cairo university; following he travelled to the UK to receive his MA; his next destination was the United States, where he received his PHD.

He was in charge of various positions inside and outside Egypt, in the field of communication. His specialization is information science, media documentation and information system for broadcast.

He was the head of Library, Archives and Information Science Department, Cairo university. In 2018 he joined the Egyptian Ministry of Culture; he worked as the head of the National Library and Archive. In April 2019, he was appointed as the Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Culture.

He is member in several committees involved in information science, media documentation and information system. He is also an arbitrator in several Scientific Promotion Committees in Egypt, Saudi Arabia & Kuwait.

Furthermore, he is Editor-in-Chief of the Cybrarians Journal, the first peer-reviewed electronic journal in the field of documentation and information studies in the Arab world.

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### **Program Officer, African Library and Information Association and Institution (AfLIA) – Ghana**

Doreen Appiah is a librarian from Ghana who currently works as a Program Officer for the African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AfLIA). Ms Appiah holds a Master of Arts and a Bachelor of Arts in Information Studies with Political Science from the University of Ghana, a Higher National Diploma, and a Diploma in ICT from the Institute for the Management of Information Systems (IMIS) in the UK. She is currently a PHD candidate at the University of South Africa (UNISA).

Ms Appiah's interests include Public Libraries, Sustainable Development, Information Literacy, Open Access, Social Media, Indigenous Knowledge, and the Cataloguing and Classification of Information resources.

She previously worked as a Principal Technologist/Chief Library Assistant at CSIR-INSTI before joining AfLIA.



## Dr. Brenda Van Wyk

### **Senior Lecturer and Research Associate, Pretoria University and Co-Chair of ICIL-Africa's Standing Committee – South Africa**

Dr. Brenda Van Wyk holds a PhD in Information Science, and a M.Ed. in Education Technology. She is lecturing at the University of Pretoria in Information Science and Information Ethics. One of her previous positions was the Dean of Research and Postgraduate Studies at the Independent Institute of Education. She is the Managing Editor of the accredited journal: The Independent Journal of Teaching and Learning. Her research interests include, among others, metaliteracy, technology-assisted teaching and learning, digital scholarship, and information ethics



# Meet the Keynote Speakers

## Prof. Sherif Shaheen

**Dean of College of Special Education, Misr University for Science and Technology (MUST) & Chairman of the Board of the Egyptian Society for Libraries, Information and Archives – Egypt**

Prof. Sherif is the Chairman of the board of the Egyptian Society for libraries, information and Archives Octobers 2023 till now, for 5 years. He is the Chairman of the jury for the Best Arab Publisher Award, Cairo International Book Fair, in its 54th session - January 2023. He is also the Supervisor of the Department of Heritage and Manuscripts - Institute of Arab Research and Studies - League of Arab States. A Member of the Ministerial Committee for Arabic Plagiarism - October 2022 to date. A Member of the Academic Excellence delegation to visit a number of libraries and heritage research centers in Germany (May 8-14, 2022 AD) with the support of DAAD. He is the Chairman of the Memory of the World Committee in Egypt of the National Commission for UNESCO, October 2021-present. A Member of the Book and Publication Committee of the Supreme Council of Culture - Egyptian Ministry of Culture - from September 2021 until now. He is the Chairman of the Memory of the World Program Committee of the Communications and Information Technology Committee of the National Committee for UNESCO - Egypt. An Arbitrator of the Egyptian Publishers Association Award for the Best Publisher at the Cairo International Book Fair (June 2021) A member of a working group to prepare an electronic platform for self-education of knowledge and information awareness skills for the Egyptian and Arab community with the support, organization and sponsorship of the German Goethe Institute in Cairo. A Member of the National Projects Committee at the Supreme Council of Universities for the construction of new private universities (King Salman University - Al-Jalala University - New Al-Alamein University....) in order to design programs for the first university level for a bachelor's degree in libraries, information management systems, electronic archiving, design and establishment New university libraries The Secretary of the Permanent Scientific Committee for the Promotion of Professor and Assistant Professor in the Fields of Documents and Libraries - Supreme Council of Universities - Session 13 (October 2019 - October 2022). He has been awarded several awards, some of which are Sharjah Prize for Library Literature (1st place) and the Arab Federation for Libraries and Information Award for Scientific Supervision for the best doctoral dissertation in the Arab world as well as Arab Union and Naseej Academy Award for Pioneers of Excellence in Scientific Research. He has published more than 170 conference papers, journal articles, books...etc. and more than 100 research work in Egypt and abroad.



# Meet the Keynote Speaker

## Ms. Sara Ezzeldin

### Research Assistant, Bibliotheca Alexandrina – Egypt

Ms. Sara Ezzeldin is a Digital Heritage Researcher & Developer at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

Sara Ezzeldin leverages her expertise in computer engineering and computer science to breathe life into history. Since 2015, she has been a Researcher at the Center for Documentation of Cultural and Natural Heritage at Bibliotheca Alexandrina. As part of the R&D team, Sara plays a key role in developing and testing innovative digital heritage projects like The Wall of Knowledge apps and the inHeritage app. With eight years of experience, her skills span augmented reality, virtual reality, and photogrammetry, all aimed at bringing cultural and natural heritage to life for a wider audience. Sara holds a BSc in Computer Engineering from Cairo University (2013) and an MSc in Computer Science from the University of East London (2023).

Beyond the Library Walls:

Sara's passion for cultural heritage extends beyond the walls of Bibliotheca Alexandrina. Her dissertation, titled ""Arabic Calligraphy Styles Guide: An Evaluation Study in Preparation for Classification"", explores the potential of artificial intelligence, machine learning and deep learning for analysing and classifying the diverse styles of Arabic calligraphy.

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He was elected -worldwide- / held as:

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- IFLA Governing Board member 2003 to 2007 (First Arabian from 1927 elected);
- Professor of IT – LIS Alexandria University 1994- 2002;
- Professor and Founder of KMI at Beirut Arab University 2002 – 2008;
- Chairman of Alex Centre for Multimedia & Libraries (ACML) from 1995;
- UNESCO Consultant for the project BIBLIOTHECA ALEXANDRINA 1991-1992.
- He is on the Editorial Boards of eight International Journals;
- Held Many International posts & International Committees.

He has 26 written books as author or translator, and 482 articles and conference papers in LIS and Library Automation profession.

Grants / Awards:

- International Grant 1991 with IFLA to host annually an Arab Librarian to attend IFLA conference every year;
- Local Grant 2006 with Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT)



# Meet the Chairperson

## Prof. Sherif Shaheen

**Dean of College of Special Education, Misr University for Science and Technology (MUST) & Chairman of the Board of the Egyptian Society for Libraries, Information and Archives – Egypt**

Prof. Sherif is the Chairman of the board of the Egyptian Society for libraries, information and Archives Octobers 2023 till now, for 5 years. He is the Chairman of the jury for the Best Arab Publisher Award, Cairo International Book Fair, in its 54th session - January 2023. He is also the Supervisor of the Department of Heritage and Manuscripts - Institute of Arab Research and Studies - League of Arab States. A Member of the Ministerial Committee for Arabic Plagiarism - October 2022 to date. A Member of the Academic Excellence delegation to visit a number of libraries and heritage research centers in Germany (May 8-14, 2022 AD) with the support of DAAD. He is the Chairman of the Memory of the World Committee in Egypt of the National Commission for UNESCO, October 2021-present. A Member of the Book and Publication Committee of the Supreme Council of Culture - Egyptian Ministry of Culture - from September 2021 until now. He is the Chairman of the Memory of the World Program Committee of the Communications and Information Technology Committee of the National Committee for UNESCO - Egypt. An Arbitrator of the Egyptian Publishers Association Award for the Best Publisher at the Cairo International Book Fair (June 2021) A member of a working group to prepare an electronic platform for self-education of knowledge and information awareness skills for the Egyptian and Arab community with the support, organization and sponsorship of the German Goethe Institute in Cairo. A Member of the National Projects Committee at the Supreme Council of Universities for the construction of new private universities (King Salman University - Al-Jalala University - New Al-Alamein University....) in order to design programs for the first university level for a bachelor's degree in libraries, information management systems, electronic archiving, design and establishment New university libraries The Secretary of the Permanent Scientific Committee for the Promotion of Professor and Assistant Professor in the Fields of Documents and Libraries - Supreme Council of Universities - Session 13 (October 2019 - October 2022). He has been awarded several awards, some of which are Sharjah Prize for Library Literature (1st place) and the Arab Federation for Libraries and Information Award for Scientific Supervision for the best doctoral dissertation in the Arab world as well as Arab Union and Naseej Academy Award for Pioneers of Excellence in Scientific Research. He has published more than 170 conference papers, journal articles, books...etc. and more than 100 research work in Egypt and abroad.



# Meet the Chairperson

## Dr. Ahmed Mansour

### Director of Writing and Scripts Center, Bibliotheca Alexandrina – Egypt

Dr. Ahmed Mansour is the Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina's Writing and Scripts Center.

He is an Egyptologist by study, researcher in the history of Arabic printing and in the history of writing by work and research. He has got his PhD from Alexandria University. In addition, He has obtained two master degrees; one from Alexandria University and one from Turin University (Level II Master). He has joined several archaeological missions: Luxor (Harwa Tomb 2011-2012), in Alexandria (Nelson Island 2011-2012), and visiting member to Wadi el-Jarf archaeological mission and Ain el-Sukhna mission at the Red Sea (2011-2013). — with African Library & Information Associations and Institutions - AfLIA and Association of African Universities North Africa Regional Office, NARO.

In 2005, he published The Bulaq Press monograph for he was awarded the Incentive State Award in Social Science in 2008. He was also the recipient, in 2006, of an award from the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development for the best translated book form French into Arabic. *histoire de l'écriture de l'idéogramme au multimédia*.

During 2016-2017 he is been invited as a founding member the International Association of Printing Museums (IAPM) in Cheongju, South Korea. From 2018-2020 he is officially nominated by Bibliotheca Alexandrina to be a founding and a board member of the International Association of Printing Museums (IAPM) in Cheongju, South Korea.

In 2022, he has been a vising scholar at Egypt Exploration Society (EES) in London, where he has been visiting many important museums and archaeological sites, he is now working on the preservation and study of the archives of Egyptian pioneers in Egyptology such as Ahmed Pasha Kamal. In addition, he is focusing in using the digital technologies in the preservation of heritage.



# Meet the Chairperson

## Dr. Clarence Maybee

### **Associate Dean for Learning and the W. Wayne Booker Endowed Chair in Information Literacy, Purdue University Libraries and School of Information Studies – USA**

Dr. Clarence Maybee is the Associate Dean for Learning and the W. Wayne Booker Endowed Chair in Information Literacy at Purdue University Libraries and School of Information Studies. Dr. Maybee is a leading researcher whose work explores teaching and learning of information literacy in higher education. He is the director of the Institute for Information Literacy at Purdue, which supports research that explores the role of information literacy in addressing information challenges. He co-leads Information Literacy is a Discipline (ILIAD), an international group of scholars advancing the recognition of information literacy as a maturing discipline. Dr. Maybee is the author of the book *IMPACT Learning: Librarians at the Forefront of Change in Higher Education*, published in 2018 by Chandos Publishing.

## Dr. Sabelo Chizwina

### **Director of Information and Learning Services, North-West University and Co-Chair of ICIL-Africa's Standing Committee – South Africa**

Dr. Sabelo Chizwina holds a Bachelor of Information Science Honors Degree (University of Pretoria), a Masters in Information Science (University of Pretoria), a Masters in Education with specialization in ICT (University of Cape Town), and a Ph.D. in Information Science (University of South Africa). He has held several leadership roles in academic libraries. Currently, he is employed as a Director responsible for Information and Learning Services at North-West University in South Africa. He has published extensively in academic journals, has several book chapters, and edited two books. He is a researcher with interests in fields including information literacy, the use of Artificial Intelligence in teaching and learning, the use of social media, information systems research, and embedded librarianship. He is also currently serving in several journal editorial boards and is the Co-General Chair for the International Conference on Information Literacy – Africa (ICIL Africa).

# Meet the Chairperson

## Dr. Ahmed Abdel Radi



**Assistant Professor of Library and Information Science, Cairo University and Library Director of Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology (EJUST) – Egypt**

Assistant Professor of LIS at faculty of Arts, Cairo University, and Library Director of Egypt Japan University of Science and Technology - EJUST – Egypt.

Holds M.A and PhD (Electronic Archive's Major) degrees from Libraries, Documentation, and Information Technology's Department – Faculty of Arts - Cairo University.

And Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice in Higher Education PGCert, Coventry University, UK

Digital Transformation and Library Automation Consultant at many Institutions such as

(The Institute of Arabic Manuscripts, Arab Administrative Development Organization ARADO,

Information Systems and Service Research Center ISSR, Documentation children Literature and Research Center, Union of Arab Constitutional Courts & Councils UACCC, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration CRCICA, Naif Arab University For Security Sciences NAUSS, King Fahd National Library KFNL, Saudi Arabia)

- Library System Administrator, Cairo University Central Library, Giza, Egypt

- Librarian, IUPUI L.L.M. Program1, Giza, Egypt

- Assistant Head, Centre of Records Management and Archival Studies, Middle East College MEC, Muscat, Oman.

- Library Advisor, Middle East College MEC, Muscat, Oman

- Head of Library Management Division, Juma Al Majid Centre for Culture and Heritage, Dubai, UAE.

- Head of LMS Support Team (Blackboard) Faculty of Arts, Cairo University, Egypt.

# Meet the Instructor

## Dr. Peggy Nzomo

### **International Library Initiatives Specialist, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign – USA**

Dr. Peggy Nzomo works as the International Library Initiatives Specialist- Senior Associate at the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois- Urbana Champaign, IL, USA. She has also worked as the Global Education Librarian at Kent State University (Kent, Ohio, USA) where she also taught Information Literacy courses as an adjunct faculty in the School of Information. Her current professional activities include serving as the editor for the Global Perspectives Column in the Journal of Library Administration, and reviewer for the International Information and Library Review. She currently serves as convenor for the ACRL Academic Library services for International Students Special Interest Group, and also serves as a member on IFLA's Services for Multicultural Populations (MCULTP) Standing Committee. She has presented at international LIS conferences, including IFLA, ECIL (European Conference on Information Literacy), and the iSchools Conference as well as national LIS conferences, including ALA and ACRL. She holds a PhD in Library and Information Science from the University of Western Ontario in Canada, a master's in Library and Information Science (MLIS) from McGill University in Canada, and an MA in French Translation from Kent State University. Her research interests include among others, multilingual information access, information literacy, international and comparative librarianship, computational linguistics, natural language processing, information seeking behavior, services for multicultural populations, advocacy & libraries, and user experience research. She is passionate about connecting users with the information they need and facilitating collaborations and partnerships amongst LIS professionals around the world.



# Meet the Instructor

## Eng. Ayman Elsayed

### **Head of Learning and Outreach Programs, Legacy Co. Operator of the Grand Egyptian Museum – Egypt**

Eng. Ayman Elsayed, is Head of Learning and Outreach Programs at Legacy Co., Operator of the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM).

He got his Bachelor degree of Communication Engineering from Alexandria University, and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Arab Academy of Science and Technology. His experience in managing informal educational programs has developed over 20 years through leading the Planetarium Science Center, supervising educational activities, dedicated to children and the public at large. He moved to the GEM in 2022 to establish and supervise the educational component of this great national project.

Plus, his duties, Ayman is an advisory board member of the Smithsonian Science Education Center. He served as a member of the National Council of Culture and Knowledge from 2018-2021, advisory board member of the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC) magazine "Dimensions", plus multiple national committees related to the informal education field. He is the founding chair of Compete NGO, an Egyptian foundation dedicated to youth development.



## Eng. Ayman Elkabany

### **CEO of TechnoFuture Egypt and Director of Robofest Official Egypt – Egypt**

Eng. Ayman Elkabany is the Chairman of Smart Integrated Solutions (Techno Future Egypt) Company & Egypt Representative of the RoboFest competitions at Lawrence Tech University in the United States.



# Meet the Speaker

## Dr. Amany Gamal Megahed

**Professor of Library and Information Technology, Menofia University – Egypt**

Dr. Amany is Professor of Libraries and Information Science at Menoufia University. She has been the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Egyptian Association for Libraries and Information since 2015-2022. She has also been a member of the Executive Council of the Arab Federation for Libraries and Information since 2007-2009. She has held the position of Director of the Arab Systems Company Naseej Library Currently for the Unified Arab Index and Remote Indexing Project since 2005-2009. She was Associate Professor in the Department of Information Science at Umm Al-Qura University and Member of promotion committees and certified arbitrator in a number of scientific sectors. She is a Certified trainer from IFLA in supporting libraries for sustainable development plans and mobilizing support for libraries. She has received a number of awards and honors.

## Dr. Kristine Stewart

**Information Literacy Coordinator, Zayed University – UAE**

Dr. Kristine Stewart is an Associate Professor and the Information Literacy Coordinator at Zayed University. They are a contributing author and editor for UNESCO's Media and Information Literacy Curriculum for Educators and Learners and serves on the editorial board for the Journal of Education for Library and Information Science.

# Meet the Speakers

## Dr. Sabelo Chizwina

**Director of Information and Learning Services, North-West University and Co-Chair of ICIL-Africa's Standing Committee – South Africa**

Dr. Sabelo Chizwina holds a Bachelor of Information Science Honors Degree (University of Pretoria), a Masters in Information Science (University of Pretoria), a Masters in Education with specialization in ICT (University of Cape Town), and a Ph.D. in Information Science (University of South Africa). He has held several leadership roles in academic libraries. Currently, he is employed as a Director responsible for Information and Learning Services at North-West University in South Africa. He has published extensively in academic journals, has several book chapters, and edited two books. He is a researcher with interests in fields including information literacy, the use of Artificial Intelligence in teaching and learning, the use of social media, information systems research, and embedded librarianship. He is also currently serving in several journal editorial boards and is the Co-General Chair for the International Conference on Information Literacy – Africa (ICIL Africa)

## Ms. Dina Mashiyane

**Senior Manager of Outreach, Projects and Quality at North-West University Library and Information Service – South Africa**

Dina Mokgadi Mashiyane is a Senior manager: Outreach, Projects and Quality at North-West University Library and Information Service. She is an author and researcher who has published in reputable academic journals and book chapters. She holds a master's degree in information science from the University of South Africa and is currently pursuing a PhD at the same institution. She was a candidate for the Carnegie CPD Programme' Enhancing librarians' ICT skills for research enablement in African universities. She has presented papers at both local and international conferences. Her research interests include information literacy, social media in libraries, inclusive education, Ubuntu, indigenous knowledge systems and information ethics

# Meet the Speakers

## Dr. Mathew Moyo

### Chief Director of Information and Learning Services, North-West University and Chair of ICIL-Africa's Standing Committee – South Africa

Mathew Moyo holds a Masters and Doctoral degrees in Information Science, in addition to graduate qualifications in Knowledge and Information Systems Management and Leadership. His experience in academia spans more than 25 years. He has worked in various management as well as academic and research roles. Apart from his current role of a Chief Director, Mathew is affiliated to the Social Transformation Research Area where he continuous to make a contribution as a researcher. His work interests are in the areas of Governance and Leadership, Mentorship, Capacity Building, Teamwork, and Strategy, among others. His research interests are in the areas of Information Literacy, Information Behaviour, Research Data Literacy, Knowledge and Information Systems Management, among others. In his current role as a Chief Director, Mathew is affiliated to a number of professional organisations and boards, including serving as the General Chair of the International Conference on Information Literacy (ICIL-Africa), which is a sister conference to the European Conference on Information Literacy (ECIL). He has presented papers at national and international conferences and appreciates collaborating with colleagues in similar research interests and area of expertise on both national and international levels.

## Dr. Mohamed Safy

### Lecturer of Information Science, Deraya University – Egypt

Dr. Mohamed Safy is currently a Lecturer of Information Science at Daraya University, al Minya, Egypt. He is Specialized in information technologies, and have scientific and professional experiences in the field of search engines and information retrieval systems, in addition to integrated automated systems in the management of information institutions, databases, systems analysis and design, and programming. I also have skills in modern teaching methods, and how to build the mentality of a student researcher. He has a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) of Information Science Minya University, al Minya, Egypt, a First-class honors Master of Information Science, and a Bachelor of Information Science. Currently, he is Information Science Lecturer at Daraya University, al Minya, Egypt. Previously, he has been Teaching information technology courses in the various faculties of the university. He has also been a Consultant to the Director of Library Management. As well as Training the Administrative Staff on electronic archiving and digital transformation.

Prior to that, he was assigned as Deputy Director of Academic Registration Management at Daraya University, Egypt. He was also in charge of overseeing daily student registration operations, monitoring academic systems, coordinating class schedules, resolving emergency student issues, and handling related administrative matters. Additionally, providing support to students regarding registration and academic transfers. He was also an Information Specialist at the Egyptian Armed Forces and a specialist of library, information and archives assigned with the task of cataloguing and classifying the collections of the battalion library and its archive.

# Meet the Speakers

## Dr. Brenda Van Wyk

**Senior Lecturer and Research Associate, Pretoria University and  
Co-Chair of ICIL-Africa's Standing Committee – South Africa**

Dr. Brenda Van Wyk holds a PhD in Information Science, and a M.Ed. in Education Technology. She is lecturing at the University of Pretoria in Information Science and Information Ethics. One of her previous positions was the Dean of Research and Postgraduate Studies at the Independent Institute of Education. She is the Managing Editor of the accredited journal: The Independent Journal of Teaching and Learning. Her research interests include, among others, metaliteracy, technology-assisted teaching and learning, digital scholarship, and information ethics



## Dr. Alice Olije Odu

**Information Science Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Pretoria –  
South Africa**

Dr. Alice Odu is a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Information Science, School of Information Technology, University of Pretoria. She is doing research on Bridging the grey digital divide for the African Centre of Excellence for Information Ethics (ACEIE). Before joining the department, Dr Alice was an academic librarian at the Federal University Lafia in Nasarawa State in Nigeria where she headed the e-service, reference service and the readers/customer service department of the University Library.

Her research interest include: user information studies, information behaviour using mobile social media, social media in libraries, user information seeking behaviour using mobile technologies, digital divide among users in libraries and other related information and communication technologies in libraries



# Meet the Speakers

## Dr. Mousin Omarsaib

### **Subject Librarian and Lecturer, Durban University of Technology DUT – South Africa**

Dr. Mousin Omarsaib is currently employed at the Durban University of Technology in South Africa as a Subject Librarian. He is also integrated into a 'Memorandum of Understanding' with the Information Systems Department - Library and Information Science as a Guest Lecturer at the Durban University of Technology. Within this context, he has designed cutting-edge content for modules he lectures in for the Library and Information Science programme. Mousin's niche areas include digital pedagogies, information literacy, knowledge management, indigenous knowledge, meta-literacies, assistive technologies, adaptive spaces, and emerging technologies in modern libraries, systematic reviews, and bibliometric analysis. He has more than twenty years of experience in the academic library environment. Within the context of his research focus areas, Mousin has six research outputs.

## Ms. Nontutuzelo Sogoni

### **Subject Librarian, Durban University of Technology DUT – South Africa**

Ms. Nontutuzelo Sogoni is currently employed at the Durban University of Technology in South Africa as a Subject Librarian. Nontutuzelo is currently pursuing a Master of Library and Information Science from the Department of Information Systems at the Durban University of Technology. Nontutuzelo's area of interest include information literacy, metaliteracy, generative artificial intelligence tools and game-based learning. She has more than twenty years of experience in the academic library environment. She stays in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa with her family.

# Meet the Speakers



## Dr. Carolyn Beckford

### Digital Product Trainer, Gale Cengage – UK

Carolyn Beckford, PhD is a Digital Product Trainer for Gale. Her role is to support customers in getting the best out of their Gale digital primary sources and aggregated content. She regularly visits universities and hold onsite roadshows in the library, does front of class sessions for the faculty, and undertake library staff training sessions to highlight the available Gale content.



## Prof. Thomas P. Mackey

### Professor of Arts and Media, Empire State College, State University of New York – USA

Dr. Thomas P. Mackey is Professor of Arts and Media and Program Coordinator for the Digital Media Arts (BA and BS) program at Empire State University. Dr. Mackey is the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Scholarship and Creative Activities (2022) and the Dr. Susan H Turben Chair in Mentoring (2021-22). He has an honorary appointment as Extraordinary Professor, Research Unit Self-Directed Learning, Faculty of Education, North-West University, South Africa.

Dr. Mackey's research focuses on metaliteracy – a pedagogical model he developed with Prof Trudi E. Jacobson –that prepares individuals as self-directed learners in collaborative information environments. He is interested in the intersections among metaliteracy, self-directed learning and multimodality, to develop metaliterate learners as reflective producers of information in multiple modes, including digital narratives. Dr. Mackey has published four books with Prof. Jacobson on metaliteracy, including the first co-authored manuscript on this topic entitled *Metaliteracy: Reinventing Information Literacy as a Metaliteracy* (2014). They also co-edited two volumes *Metaliteracy in Practice* (2016) and *Metaliterate Learning for a Post-Truth World* (2019). Their most recent co-authored book *Metaliteracy in a Connected World: Developing Learners as Producers* (2022) is the recipient of the 2024 Divergent Publication Award for Excellence in Literacy in a Digital Age Research. They have published numerous peer-reviewed articles and book chapters about metaliteracy and have been invited to keynote on this topic both nationally and internationally. Dr. Mackey's latest book is a co-edited volume with Dr. Sheila Marie Aird entitled *Teaching Digital Storytelling: Inspiring Voices through Online Narratives* (2024). At Empire State University, he designs and teaches courses in Digital Storytelling, Information Design, Ethics of Digital Art and Design, and History and Theory of New Media.

# Meet the Speakers

## Mr. Ahmed Ghazi

### Chief Events Specialist, Bibliotheca Alexandrina – Egypt

Mr. Ahmed has a Master Degree in Quality Management. 2014 from the Arab academy for science technology & maritime transport, PQI. Institute.  
Thesis Title: The Role of Information Literacy Instruction's Quality in Delivering User Satisfaction.

He is currently an Event Organizer where he plans, manages, and executes various types of events for clients in the cultural sector.

He is also a Reference librarian to Provide in-person, telephone, and email reference services to library patrons "2006 – Current".

Previously he worked on Collection Development aiming at Developing and managing library collections; printed and electronic, particularly the united nations, European Union and the OECD collection (2012- 2019).

He is also an Instructor giving library instruction sessions, including introductory and subject-specific sessions for the United Nations Electronic Resources (2009- Current).

He worked on developing community partnership in support of outreach activities and represents the organization at meetings to further outreach services (2010- 2016).

He led Youth Projects as a Coordinator targeting youth community, in collaboration with United Nations organizations (2012- 2016).

He supervised the Electronic databases team from (2009-2014).

He also worked as Arabic Voiceover performer at Bibliotheca Alexandrina Studio.



## Mr. Mohamed Sayed Ibrahim

### Senior Library Specialist, Galala University – Egypt

Mr. Mohamed is Senior Library Specialist at Galala University. He Has 15 years of experience in library Science. A hands-on professional experience in Open-Source Software for 5 years. He Achieved more than 5 projects in educational systems. His field of Interest is technology & professional training in library science.

He published previously two papers as follows:

-The first is entitled An exploratory study on the use of AI tools managing the scientific research, ChatGPT, ChatPDF, Grammarly& ResearchRabbit in Galala University at the 4th Scientific Conference on Information Sciences Faculty of Arts, Bani Swaif University.

-Second is entitled Open Source Software in Academic Libraries: Benefits & Service : (Galala University) Case Study at the Forum for Open Research in MENA 2022.



# Meet the Speakers



## Dr. Clara Chu

### **Director and Distinguished Professor, Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign – USA**

Dr. Clara M. Chu is Director of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs and Mortenson Distinguished Professor at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. A leading voice in international and multicultural library and information science (LIS) education, research, and practice, she publishes, presents, and consults in English and Spanish on LIS education; diversity, equity and inclusion; strategic planning; and emerging technologies and trends; among other topics. She is a Research Associate in the Department of Information Science at the University of Pretoria and past Coeditor-in-Chief of Library Trends.

An active association leader, she is Past-President of the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) and the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), was an American Library Association (ALA) representative on the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO, and co-chairs the Building Strong LIS Education (BSLISE), a working group of IFLA. She is the recipient of numerous honors and awards in research, education, and professional contributions, including the 2018 ALA Beta Phi Mu Award for distinguished service to education for librarianship.



## Mr. Mohamed Elzalabany

### **CEO of Egyptian Prime Vision – Egypt**

With nearly two decades of expertise in library automation endeavors, Dr. Mohamed's career has been a dynamic journey spanning various roles such as libraries' capacity building, strategic planning, system implementation, training, and data migration across diverse information institutions. As the CEO of Egyptian Prime Vision and a seasoned library technology specialist, he leads initiatives focused on enhancing information preservation and accessibility through innovative solutions.

His ongoing pursuit of knowledge includes pursuing a Ph.D. at Cairo University, where he is dedicated to researching research data repositories. This academic journey enriched his understanding of cutting-edge technologies and their practical applications in information management..

# Meet the Speakers

## Mr. Abdelrahman Sayed

### Assistant Librarian, The British University in Egypt – Egypt

Academic Librarian with demonstrated experience in information literacy skills training, reference services, online information services, inter library loans, and circulation Services. Currently serving as Assistant Librarian for Academic Services and Subject Librarian for the faculty of Arts and Design in the BUE Library. With a passion for knowledge dissemination and a commitment to fostering academic excellence, he supports scholarly pursuits within the British University in Egypt's community. Dedicated to facilitating access to information resources and promoting information literacy, he actively collaborates with faculty, researchers, and students to provide tailored library services, research assistance, and instructional sessions to enhance their academic endeavors. This dedication manifests in his collaborative approach, where he works closely with faculty, researchers, and students to tailor workshops, online subject guides and Information Literacy sessions that empower them to achieve their academic goals.

## Ms. Suzan Ashmawy

### Library Supervisor, The British University in Egypt – Egypt

Library professional with expertise in both library service management and health sciences librarianship. She holds both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from Cairo University. Currently holding the position of Library Supervisor for Inquiry & Circulation Services at the BUE Library in Cairo, Egypt. In this role, she supervises staff and operations related to information retrieval and circulation services. Additionally, she serves as the Subject Librarian for Health Sciences. This role involves curating the library's collection of health sciences resources, ensuring access to relevant databases and publications for students and faculty, and providing subject-specific research assistance and information literacy programs. Leveraging her combined experience in library management and health sciences librarianship, she plays a vital role in facilitating research and learning at the British University in Egypt.

# Meet the Speakers

## Ms. Shaimaa Ali Telbany

### Senior Library Specialist, The British University in Egypt – Egypt

Academic Librarian with demonstrated experience in information literacy skills training, reference services, online information services, inter library loans, and circulation Services. Currently serving as Assistant Librarian for Academic Services and Subject Librarian for the faculty of Arts and Design in the BUE Library. With a passion for knowledge dissemination and a commitment to fostering academic excellence, she supports scholarly pursuits within the British University in Egypt's community. Dedicated to facilitating access to information resources and promoting information literacy, she actively collaborates with faculty, researchers, and students to provide tailored library services, research assistance, and instructional sessions to enhance their academic endeavors. This dedication manifests in my collaborative approach, where I work closely with faculty, researchers, and students to tailor workshops, online subject guides and Information Literacy sessions that empower them to achieve their academic goals.

## Dr. Ahmed Bassiouni

### Senior Library Specialist, Bibliotheca Alexandrina – Egypt

Dr. Ahmed Bassiouny has been working and still working since 2001 in the field of libraries at the Library of Alexandria, moving between serving the public, cataloging, and classification. Which gave the researcher accumulated experiences that combined work and studies

In 2014 he had his PhD. Degree from Libraries & Information Science Department, Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University, Egypt. Thesis title: Islamic History in Dewey Decimal Classification & the Classification of Library of Congress: A comparative study. With the recommendation to print thesis and exchanges between universities.

In 2016, he had his Master Degree - MBA - Master of Business Administration from the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport.

In 2008, he had an equivalent Master Degree, Supplementary hours doctoral (Ph.D. Preliminary) Libraries & Information Science Department, Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University, Egypt, Excellence.

He Also had Master Degree in Islamic Civilization from Institute of Mediterranean Studies, Andalusia History and Islamic Civilization Department, Alexandria University, Egypt, Post Graduate Diploma in Islamic Studies, from the Higher Institute of Islamic Studies and Research , Cairo and the Preliminary Master (with distinction) from Department of Libraries, University of Alexandria. He graduated from Faculty of Arts Alexandria University with a Bachelor Degree in Library & Information science.

Currently, he is Preparing to upgrade for research assistant professor.

He has worked on hundreds of researches on various branches of library science, Islamic history and Administration.



## Dr. Rasha Ismail

### Acting Associate Dean CoB, American University of Iraq-Baghdad – Iraq

Dr. Rasha Ismail holds a Ph.D. in Business Process Management from the University of the West of England, in 2010 and an MBA in MIS/E-payment from the Arab Academy for Science and Technology and Maritime Transport, Egypt. From August 1996 to September 2012, she worked in career teaching until she got promoted to Assistant Professor at the Arab Academy for Science and Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT), Egypt. Rasha is currently working at the University of Hertfordshire as an Associate Dean of the School of Business and a Program Leader of Business Administration.

She has published research about business process modeling, the transition to e-business, and process improvements in education and industry. Rasha Ismail received an award of high-rank publication (Q1) from AUM in 2019, she was also awarded certificates for attending conferences and presenting papers, as well as a certificate of appreciation as a reviewer from IBIMA, in addition to certificates of appreciation from AUM for her efforts for leading and directing students' Academic Activities and lately in 2021, she received an excellent certificate of appreciation as an invited speaker from 4th International Conference on Machine Learning and Machine Intelligence (MLMI 2021)



## Dr. Hala El Sedafy

### Assistant Professor of Business Administration, University of Hertfordshire (GAF) – Egypt

- Doctorate of Business Administration, Faculty of Commerce: Business Administration Department; Ain-Shams University.
- Masters of Business Administration (Human Resources Management Track) (Arab Academy)
- Bachelor: Faculty of Commerce (Ain-Shams University) (English Section-Accounting Major). (High Honors)

List of Publications:

- Investigating the moderating role of employees' leadership style expectations on the relationship between actual leadership style used and performance levels. An Empirical study on the Egyptian Private Sector Pre and During Covid pandemic. (Journal of Business and Environmental studies, Volume 13, Issue 3, Pages 645-683) [https://jces.journals.ekb.eg/article\\_267351\\_e79b83dc94c1593b8e40f9723983c8d0.pdf](https://jces.journals.ekb.eg/article_267351_e79b83dc94c1593b8e40f9723983c8d0.pdf)
- The Impact of Reverse Management Practices on Corporate Performance Levels: An Empirical Study for the Egyptian Chemical Sector During Covid Pandemic. Journal of Alexandria University for Administrative Sciences. Volume 59- No.2- March 2022.

# Meet the Speakers

## Ms. Ramune Petuchovaite

### Public Library Innovation Programme Manager, Electronic Information for Libraries, EIFL – Lithuania

She is Public Library Innovation Programme manager at EIFL, the non-for-profit organization which partners with libraries to enable access to knowledge in developing and transition economy countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Since joining EIFL in 2012, she has worked with over 30 public library projects aimed at ICT-based services to address crucial community development needs in more than 20 developing and transition economy countries. She managed and contributed to the development of a framework for capacity building of public librarians in Africa, and an international leadership programme for young African librarians.

Prior to joining the EIFL team, she served at the Ministry of Culture of Republic of Lithuania, as Chief Specialist at the Division of Information Society Development. Among many things, she was responsible for coordination of the nationwide project, 'Libraries for Innovation', co-funded with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, that supported over 1,300 public libraries in Lithuania to launch and improve services offering public access to computers and the internet, and to provide ICT training in communities. She also lectured library and information students on library management, project management and other subjects at the Faculty of Communication, Vilnius University. She holds a library postgraduate degree from Vilnius University, Lithuania



## Ms. Jennifer Antwi

### Assistant Librarian, Accra Technical University – Ghana

Jennifer Kyerewaa Antwi is a PhD Student in Information Studies at University of Ghana-Legon-2023/24

She holds Mphil degree (2019), MA degree (2015), Bachelor Of Arts in Information Studies and Political Science (2012), Diploma in Librarianship (2018), all from University of Ghana, Legon. She is currently working with Accra Technical University, Accra and has worked with Central University, Mountcrest University College, Presbyterian University Libraries. She has been an intern at Central University, University of Ghana Business School, Koforidua Technical University and Accra Technical University Libraries. She attended S.D.A College of Education at Asokore-Koforidua and taught at Oda S,D.A Basic school as her first station from 2001 to 2003 then she moved to Awukugua S.D.A Basic school from 2003 to 2009.



# Meet the Speakers

## Dr. Karen F. Kaufmann

### Assistant Professor of Instruction, University of South Florida – USA

Dr. Karen F. Kaufmann is an educator, scholar, academic, and researcher with a focus on information literacy, user relevance, user information experience, and the intersection of theory and practice in information science. The intersection of research informing practice, and practice informing research is a space that is especially poignant for information literacy and related information studies. This extends to the complex nature of information literacy as transdisciplinary and evidenced across disciplines. She is currently co-leader with colleague Dr. Clarence Maybee, of the ILIAD (Information Literacy is a Discipline) and co-editor of the Information Literacy Handbook: Charting the Discipline (Facet Publishing), with an anticipated publication date in 2025. Kaufmann is a 2017 Beta Phi Mu Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship recipient and co-author of the book "Supporting Transfer Student Success: The Essential Role of College and University Libraries", published in 2021 by Libraries Unlimited, ABC-CLIO.

## Prof. Serap Kurbanoglu

### Professor of Information Management, Hacettepe University – Turkey

Serap Kurbanoglu, received her PhD in Information Studies in 1992 from Sheffield University, UK. She is a full-time professor at the Department of Information Management of Hacettepe University, publishing and lecturing on information/digital/media/news literacy, research data management, cultural heritage and libraries as well as information behaviour. She has numerous publications mainly on information literacy. She is the national coordinator and the organizer of the UNESCO "Training-the-Trainers in Information Literacy" regional workshop held in Ankara in 2008. She is the project manager and content developer of the web-based information literacy instruction package (HUBO) developed for Hacettepe University. She is involved in numerous national and international projects and initiatives regarding information literacy, including Moscow Declaration on Media and Information Literacy and UNESCO's expert meeting on MIL Indicators. She has a good experience in organizing professional conferences both on national and international levels. She is the co-initiator and co-organizer of ECIL (European Conference on Information Literacy) and the chair of the editorial board of ECIL Proceedings Book. She is the member of program committees of numerous conferences and also serves as a referee for several scientific journals. She was the chair of the Department of Information Management of Hacettepe University (2012-2015). She was the president of EUCLID (European Association for Library and Information Education and Research, now known as BOBCATSSS). (2014-2016). She has given keynote addresses and invited talks at several international conferences, and has supervised about a dozen research students.

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## Dr. Sara Mahmoud Bondoka

### Library and Information Science Lecturer, Alexandria University – Egypt

Dr. Sara is currently an Instructor at the library and information science department with 14 years of experience at library and information science, faculty of arts, Alexandria university.

She Graduated from library and information science faculty of arts, Alexandria university 2009.

She had her Master degree in 2015 and her PHD in 2018.

She delivered several Workshops & sessions on using the AI in libraries in 2024.

She has several certificates, some of which are; Certification of conferences organization, Certification of morals of the scientific research and Certification of quality standards in the educational process.



## Mr. Kgaogelo Samson Shai

### Librarian, University of Limpopo – South Africa

Kgaogelo Shai, currently serving as a Librarian at the University Of Limpopo Library, where I have been dedicated to managing library resources and services for the past 1 year and 5 months. With over 7 years of experience in the field, I have honed my expertise in library services, marketing, and library science. In my role, I utilize my knowledge to optimize user experience and engage in marketing activities to promote our library services effectively. Prior to my current position, I served as an Assistant Librarian for 3 years and 10 months, supporting the Head Librarian in various functions including program development and providing guidance to library users. Before that, I held the position of Library Supervisor for 2 years and 9 months, where I oversaw the daily operations of the library and implemented strategies to improve efficiency. Additionally, I have experience as a General Computer Lab Supervisor at University Of Limpopo ICT Labs, where I administered computer labs and provided technical support to students and staff. I hold a degree from the University of Limpopo, and my skills include proficiency in English, administration, and the Microsoft Office Suite. I am also a member of the professional body LIASA, contributing to the advancement of library and information services.



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## Dr. Cécile Ouattara-Coulibaly

### Director of Scientific Commissions, Virtual University (UVCI) – Côte d'Ivoire

Dr. Cécile is Coordinator of the activities of the Virtual Library of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Côte d'Ivoire, Cécile is in charge of scientific commissions at the Virtual University in Côte d'Ivoire. A passionate trainer for more than twenty years, information literacy, Cecile's professional practices and research's area, constitutes a key to success for learners, teachers and researchers. It is a dynamic engine for lifelong learning, creativity, openness and networking. The information literacy skills have completely immersed me in the world of research, open access and open science materialized since 2018 with the Open Access Week Côte d'Ivoire initiative established.

Information literacy skills are essential for survival in a digitalized academic and research world, and for the implementation of the UNESCO open science recommendation signed since 2021.



## Ms. Shoroma Moritidi Abigail

### Acting Senior Librarian, University of Limpopo – South Africa

Ms. Shoroma is currently working as an Acting Senior Librarian at the University of Limpopo Library. She obtained her B.Inf degree (2000), Honours (2001) and Master's degree (2021) in the same institution whilst also having a BTech: BIS (Business Information Systems) (2012).

She has over 15 years' experience in the Librarianship profession, spanning public, special and academic libraries. She worked at TUT- Nelspruit Campus as a Training Librarian from 2004- 2005, Nelspruit Public Library as an Assistant Librarian from 2005-2006, Tompi Seleka Agricultural College as a Librarian from 2006-2009, University of Limpopo- Medunsa Campus as an Assistant Librarian – Cataloguing 2009-2010, University of Limpopo -Turfloop Campus from 2010 to date as a Librarian for the Faculty of Management and Law and from 2022 as an Acting Senior Librarian: Information Services.

Her areas of interest includes Social Media, Information Literacy, Artificial Intelligence and Open Science.

## Dr. Ukashatu Hamza Musa

### University Librarian, Federal University Dutsinma – Nigeria




I am an academic Doctor in the field of Library and Information Science in the Federal University Dutsinma Library Complex, Katsina State-Nigeria. I am from Matazu Local Government Area of Katsina State-Nigeria. Currently, I am a University Librarian, Federal University Dutsinma from 23rd June, 2021 to Date, before my appointment as a University Librarian, I joined the service of Ahmadu Bello University as Assistant Librarian in 2012 and rose to the rank of Principal Librarian (Senior Lecturer). I was a primary school teacher under Matazu Local Government Education Authority (LEA) where I taught between 2006 and 2012. I served my National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) scheme in Kaduna State where I taught in the Prospect School, ITN Model Secondary School between 2011 and 2012. I possessed the following academic qualifications: Teacher Grade II (2002), Nigerian Certificate in Education (2006), Bachelor of Library and Information Science (2011), Master of Library Science (2014), Doctor of Philosophy in Library and Information Science (2018), and Master of Business Administration (In view). I have to my credit 28 peer reviewed journal publications; Eith (8) published conference proceedings; a chapter in book; Five (5) Seminar papers and Twenty (2) workshop. In the same vein, I am an e-library consultant Serving Katsina State Ministry of Education, SUBEB, Bauchi State University Gadau, Federal College of Education Zaria, Federal University Gusau, Airforce Institute of Technology Kaduna, Alqalam University Katsina, Federal polytechnic Daura Library, National Universities Commissions Library Abuja, Al-Istiqama University Library, Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria Kano and Niger Republic. In the University systems, I served as Head of Units (Internet Training and CD-Room Search) under ICT Division, also held some administrative positions such as: University Librarian (Principal Officer and Council Member), Head ICT in the University Library Complex, Ag. Head of Bindery Division and other committee includes Sub-Committee Chairman of the University Management, Federal University Dutsinma on Security Services, Director, FUDUTSIN-MA CONSULT LTD, Board Member, School of Continue Education, Member of University Management Sub-committee on affiliation pending issues and structure of programs from sister Universities, Chairman of Departmental A&PC, Department of Library and Information Science, Federal University Dutsinma, Member of Faculty A&PC, Faculty of Education and Faculty of Law, Federal University, Dutsinma, Member of University Governing Council (In-attendance), Chairman, Library management committee (LMC) Federal University, Dutsinma, Committee Chairman on Verification of Staff Employed with Diplomas Obtained from Institutions other than those from Federal, State Polytechnics and FUDMA, Elected Senate Member Ahamdu Bello University Zaria, Senate Member in-attendance, Federal University, Dutsinma, Ag. University Librarian, Maryam Abacha American University Kano, Member of the University Management Committee on key Requirements for the Establishment of Centre for Open and Distance Learning in the University, Member of the Committee for Public Opening of Financial Technical Bid, Federal University, Dutsinma, Member of University Tenders Board, Federal University Dutsinma, Member of the Committee for Public Opening of Financial Technical Bid for IGR and TETFUND.

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## Dr. Oluwayemi IbukunOluwa ODULARU


### Senior Lecturer, Walter Sisulu University (WSU) – South Africa



My name is Dr Oluwayemi IbukunOluwa Odularu, and I possess a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Fort Hare. I am currently a Senior Lecturer at Walter Sisulu University (WSU), Zamukulungisa Campus, Mthatha, Province of the Eastern Cape, South Africa, where I am responsible for lecturing content modules, supervising undergraduate/postgraduate students in Library and Information Science, ICT Literacy, and Information Literacy applications in Teaching and Learning. I have cultivated extensive skills in Library and Information Science, information retrieval, knowledge management, teaching and learning, ICT, and education generally. I am presently the Chairperson of the Postgraduate Research Committee in the Department of Social Sciences, and I am motivated by mentoring young researchers and postgraduate students. In doing justice to this, I pioneer multidisciplinary research webinars, where resource persons are invited from the higher education sector worldwide to impart their knowledge on significant topics in multidisciplinary research. My career has been dedicated to harnessing research to support educational endeavours. I also develop high-quality curriculum content and conduct comprehensive research in librarianship, higher education institutions, and ICT literacy. Furthermore, I have published articles in the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) -accredited journals that address various facets of librarianship, knowledge management, education and technology in higher educational institutions, including their impact on sustainable development goals. My commitment to staying abreast of methodological and community developments is reflected in my active participation in conferences, community projects, workshops, and webinars related to information management and education.

## Mr. Ahmed Elsharkawy

### Senior Map Specialist, Bibliotheca Alexandrina – Egypt



I've honed my expertise in geographic information systems, focusing on curating and enhancing our map collections. Our team leverages cutting-edge GIS software to provide comprehensive library services that support environmental and social initiatives. As a Senior Map Specialist, I've been instrumental in integrating spatial analysis and data visualization to enrich users' research experiences.

Concurrently serving on IFLA's Board of Advisors, I advocate for the strategic use of library statistics to demonstrate the intrinsic value of libraries. My advisory role enables us to shape policies that foster library innovation and development. Guided by a commitment to sustainable development, my contributions to international forums, like COP27, underscore my dedication to global collaboration and knowledge sharing

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## Mr. Maropene Ramabina

### Information Services Manager, North-West University – South Africa

Mr. MAROPENE TOMMY RAMABINA is currently the Manager of Information Services at (North West University, RSA). He has a Bachelor degree in Law from (University of Cape Town, RSA), a Postgraduate Diploma in LIS from (University of Cape Town, RSA), an Honours in LIS from (University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, RSA) and a Masters in LIS from (University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, RSA). He has a great work experience as he worked a Cataloguer at the University of Venda, RSA, a Serials Librarian at the Constitutional Court, Johannesburg, RSA, an Audio Visual Archivist at news channel and a Law Librarian at the University of Venda, RSA. He attended several conferences, some of which are; IFLA Conferences (Durban, Cape Town, Poland 2017), Zimbabwe Library Association conferences (ZIMLA) 2013 and 2018, International Conference on Information Literacy (ICIL) - North West University 2019, International Conference on Information Literacy (ICIL) - North West University 2022, Artificial Intelligence Symposium: NWU 3rd IFLA Satellite Symposium on Artificial Intelligence 2023 and Library and Information Association conference (LIASA), Cape Town, RSA 2023. He is a member in Carnegie Library Leadership academy 2011, LIASA Limpopo Branch Chairperson 2012-2014, LIASA Limpopo Branch PRO 2014-2016, LIASA Limpopo Additional Member 2016-2021, Member of LIASA Temporary Board 2024 and Chairperson of Organisation of South African Law Librarians (OSALL) 2023-2025. He obtained several awards such as Bitner Research Fellow, Cornell Law Library, New York, USA 2014. He was Awarded Vice Chancellor's Excellence in Community Engagement Awards Certificate by Director of Community Engagement at the University of Venda in July 2016 and he got the award of LIASA Limpopo Branch Librarian of the year in August 2016.

## Mr. Atman Mamadou Bouba

### Information and Communication Technology Historian, and Cultural Heritage Management Auditor, Senghor University – Egypt

A historian of ICTs (information and communication technologies), I have a rich background in digital communication, journalism, etc. Currently, I am an auditor in Cultural Heritage Management at the University of Senghor in Alexandria.

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## Dr. Ntombizonke Sizeni Makhathini

### Branch Librarian, University of South Africa – South Africa

Dr. Makhathini was born in the deep rural area of KwaMaphumulo, where she started her primary education at Maqumbi Primary and completed her Matric at Isibanisezwe High School. She started her tertiary education at M L Sultan Technikon (DUT) where she obtained her National Diploma in Library and Information Studies, B-Tech and Master's Degree in Library and Information Science. She furthered her studies at the University of South Africa where she completed her PhD in Information Science. Dr Sizeni Makhathini is a Branch Librarian at Unisa in Kwa-Zulu Natal region, Pietermaritzburg Campus. She is a seasoned librarian with more than 23 years of experience in librarianship in an academic sector. Her focus area in librarianship is client services and quality in service provision. She is passionate about knowledge sharing.



## Dr. Abdelrahman Saber Abdelrahman Ammar

### Library and Information Science Lecturer, Minia University – Egypt

Dr. Abdel Rahman Saber Abdel Rahman Ammar is a Lecturer in the Department of Library and Information Science, Faculty of Arts, Minya University.

In 2008, He had Bachelor's degree in Libraries and Information Science from Faculty of Arts, Minya University.

In 2016, he had his Master's degree in the subject of Arabic databases available on the World Wide Web: A field study from Minya University.

He then had his PhD degree in the subject of electronic availability of university theses in Arabic databases: A study of the reality and planning for the future in Egyptian universities.



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## Mr. Mahmoud Shaban

### Library Specialist, Galala University – Egypt

Mr. Mahmoud's path to becoming a library specialist at Galala University wasn't entirely traditional. For five years, he delved into the world of web development, building and maintaining websites. This experience equipped him with a strong foundation in technology, a skillset that proves valuable in today's information landscape.

A desire to bridge the gap between technology and information preservation led him to a digitization specialist role for a year. Here, he focused on making historical and cultural materials accessible in digital formats. This experience solidified his passion for ensuring information is not only available but also endures for future generations.

His academic background also fuels his commitment to knowledge. He graduated with honors (fourth in his class!) from the Faculty of Arts at Ain Shams University. That competitive spirit and thirst for learning continue to drive him in his current role.

Outside of work, he is fascinated by artificial intelligence (AI), virtual reality (VR), and video games. These rapidly evolving fields hold immense potential for the future of libraries. He is excited to see how these technologies can revolutionize information access and engagement.

## Ms. Hend Kamel

### Subject Librarian, New Giza University – Egypt

Hend Kamel, Subject Librarian at New Giza University, researches the impact of information technology on academic research practices. The current work focuses on information literacy skills needed to evaluate AI-generated information.

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## Mr. Mahmoud Mohamed Abd Allalem

### **Records and Information Researcher, Juma Al Majid Center for Culture and Heritage – UAE**

He was born and raised in the village of Manqatin in Minya Governorate in Upper Egypt in 1992 AD. He graduated from Minya University, Department of Document Sciences, Library and Information Technology, with a very good grade with first class honors. The researcher obtained a master's degree in Arabic Document Management and Electronic Archiving Systems. Thesis title: Arabic Document Management and Electronic Archiving Systems: Al-Majid System for Document Management and Archiving as a Model. He is currently a doctoral researcher on the subject: Methods of Dealing with Document Management Systems with Retention Period Schedules "A Comparative Analytical Study". He is a member of the International Council on Archives (ICA) in Paris. He has been working at the Juma Al Majid Center for Culture and Heritage in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, since 2017 and still is. He has a number of current and future Arab and international projects and initiatives in the field of documents, heritage, and electronic archiving, with a total of 10 years of practical and research experience in the field of documents, documentation, and electronic archiving. He has published scientific research in international peer-reviewed journals.



## Dr. Laila Moustafa

### **Associate Professor and Middle East and North African Studies Librarian, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign-International and Area Studies Library – USA**

Dr. Laila Hussein Moustafa is an Associate Professor and Middle East and North Africa specialist at the University of Illinois (U of I). She serves as an adjunct faculty member at the iSchool, focusing. Laila's interdisciplinary research concentrates on preserving print culture in the Middle East and Africa. Recently, she has integrated artificial intelligence into her curriculum, training students to use AI tools to enhance their learning and adapt to new preservation technologies. Laila's contributions significantly advance the understanding and preservation of Middle Eastern and Islamic cultural heritage. Laila presents in ALA, UNESCO, IFLA, MESA, Library of Alexandria, National Library of Qatar, and 4S/EASST.

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## Dr. Juliet Chinedu Alex-Nmecha

### **Library and Information Science Lecturer, University of Port Harcourt – Nigeria**

Dr. Juliet C. Alex-Nmecha is a lecturer in the Department of Library and Information Science at University of Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria. She has published articles in local and international journals, attended and presented papers in Library and Information

Science conferences and other conferences related to Education. Dr. Alex-Nmecha is a member of some professional associations such as Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Librarian Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN), Association of Women Librarians of

Nigeria (AWLIN) where she currently serves as the National Treasurer of the Nigerian Library Association. She is an award winner on the Best Practicing Librarian in Rivers State, Nigeria and Library Services Promotion award winner in Nigerian Library Association, Nigeria. She was the chairperson, Nigerian Library Association, Rivers State Chapter. she took the chapter to an enviable height by winning the best state chapter award for three consecutive years which crowned the state with an ever-green chapter award.



## Dr. Al-Shaimaa Fawzi Khattab

### **Information Specialist, Alexandria University – Egypt**

Dr. Shaimaa had her PhD in security information in 2021.

In 2015, she had her Master of Arts from the Department of libraries and information science.

She graduated in 2008 from the Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University with a Bachelor of Arts from the Library and Information department.

Currently, she is a Library and Information Technology Specialist at Alexandria University.

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## Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Ali

### Lecturer of Library and Information Science, Minia University – Egypt

Dr. Ahmed is a Lecturer of Library and Information Sciences at Minia University (Egypt). Winner of the Arab Federation for Libraries and Information Award for the Best Master's Thesis for the year 2019 at the Arab world level. He obtained his Master's degree from Minia University in Egypt in 2019 with an excellent grade, and obtained his PhD in 2021 with first class honors. He obtained many training courses in the fields of technology and information technology, and participated in many specialized local and international scientific conferences. Interested and a researcher in the fields of information measurements, the Internet of Things, and data science.



## Ms. Live Rasmussen

### Head of Library Services, VID Specialized University – Norway

Ms. Live Ramussen is Library Director, Division for Library, Research Data Management and Historical Archive at VID vitenskapelige høyskole, Norway. She is an Experienced leader/manager with a demonstrated history of working in higher education and libraries in diverse roles. she is Skilled in human resource development, change management and strategic/organizational development. Her MBA from UCL focused on Higher Education & Higher Education Administration



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## Eng. Ayman Elsayed

**Head of Learning and Outreach Programs, Legacy Co. Operator of the Grand Egyptian Museum – Egypt**

Eng. Ayman Elsayed, is Head of Learning and Outreach Programs at Legacy Co., Operator of the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM).

He got his Bachelor degree of Communication Engineering from Alexandria University, and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Arab Academy of Science and Technology. His experience in managing informal educational programs has developed over 20 years through leading the Planetarium Science Center, supervising educational activities, dedicated to children and the public at large. He moved to the GEM in 2022 to establish and supervise the educational component of this great national project.

Plus, his duties, Ayman is an advisory board member of the Smithsonian Science Education Center. He served as a member of the National Council of Culture and Knowledge from 2018-2021, advisory board member of the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC) magazine "Dimensions", plus multiple national committees related to the informal education field. He is the founding chair of Compete NGO, an Egyptian foundation dedicated to youth development.

## Dr. Rania Mohell

**IT Specialist and Informatics Lecturer, Alexandria Regional Blood Transfusion Center – Egypt**

Dr. Rania has a Ph.D. in health informatics and M.Sc. in information technology from Alexandria University. Studied Information Technology and Information Science in the faculty of Arts – Alexandria University as an undergraduate. and have maintained a career in the IT field. Current role is IT Specialist at the Alexandria regional transfusion blood center. In addition, to my work as specialist IT services at Alexandria plasma fractionation center in Egypt.

Work background as IT Specialist with over 6 years of experience at Egyptian ministry of health projects. Lead several IT transformation projects throughout my career. Most recently, I led commissioning of the IT infrastructure, Data center and systems for entirely ancillary clinical departments such as Blood banks, Therapeutic unit, electronic health records for hematology patients and secure supply chain in pharmaceutical. Moreover, works for software's development as a back-end developer that enables service to provide to efficiently deliver high quality in digital health.

This is in addition to my academic role in postgraduate programs Lecturer in health Informatics at Sadat Academy for Management Science in Egypt. I am also having a several scientific publications in health informatics and health IT.

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## Mr. Abobakr Ahmed Eldaker

**Associate Professor in Library and Information Science, Minia University – Egypt**

Mr. Abu Bakr is currently an associate professor in library and information science department, Faculty of Arts, Minia University. In 2021, he applied for his Masters degree from Minia University. He participated in several capacity building trainings on library automation and the integration of AI. He is a member in the Egyptian Libraries, Information and Archives Association (ELA). His fields of expertise vary from library automation, library programing and library management systems.



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