

Curriculum Vitae: Paul Ayris

Personal details

Name: Paul Ayris
Date of birth: 27.iv.1957
Nationality: English

Education

1968-75 Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire
9 O-levels, 1 AO-level, 3 A-levels (French, Latin, German)
1975-78 Selwyn College, Cambridge
BA in Theological and Religious Studies. First Class
Prizes: Senior Scholarship in Theology, Darbyshire Prize, Haworth Prize for Theology, Lightfoot Prize for Ecclesiastical History under the J.B. Lightfoot Foundation
1982 MA
1979-82 Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge
Ph.D. in Ecclesiastical History. Title: *Thomas Cranmer's Register: A Record of Archbishopial Administration in Diocese and Province*
1984-85 University of Sheffield
MA in Information Studies

Professional Career

1978-79 SCONUL Trainee, Cambridge University Library
1982-84 Research Fellow, University of Sheffield, under the Sir Henry Stephenson Foundation
1985-1997 Cambridge University Library
Assistant Library Officer, Scientific Periodicals Library
Assistant Under-Librarian and Under-Librarian, Automation Division

Major responsibilities: Founded and became Head of the IT Services Department within Cambridge University Library; co-ordinator of the Union Catalogue Project, whose aim was to install the Library's library management system in 100 libraries across Cambridge; instigator of an IT training programme, a week-long series of staff development and training events for all librarians within the University and Colleges; introduced World-Wide Web technology to Cambridge's libraries; Co-ordinator of the Exhibition *Cranmer: Primate of All England* held by Cambridge University Library in the King's Library of The British Library, 1989-90

1997 Deputy Librarian, UCL (University College London)
1997-2018 Director of UCL Library Services and, from 2002, UCL Copyright Officer

Major responsibilities: management of the 17 libraries in UCL Library Services which make up the UCL family of libraries. Management of 250 staff and an annual budget of £25,000,000.

Honorary Lecturer, UCL School of Librarianship, Archives and Information Studies

Major developments as Director of UCL Library Services
Leader of a change management programme, which has resulted in Strategy production for UCL Library Services in an institutional and international context – available at <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/library/about/strategy/>

Lead on major building refurbishments across UCL Library Services, including creation of a new 1,000-seat Student Centre to be run by the Library (£67 million capital); and for the creation of an 600-seat Learning Hub on UCL's new campus at Olympic Park (Stratford, East London).

HE lead on the construction of an SLA between UCL and all its associated NHS Trusts and funders.

Strategy lead on the development of UCL's Open Access mandate and UCL champion for the new UCL Publications system and development of UCL Press as the UK's first fully Open Access University Press; UCL lead on the development of the UCL Research Data policy, available at <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/isd/services/research-it/documents/uclresearchdatapolicy.pdf>.

Major developments as UCL Copyright Officer

Building on my predecessor's work, chair of a 1-year project team, which produced a UCL Copyright Policy for student work – which is a model of good practice for UK HE. Copyright tutorials for Graduate Students now run by the Library on behalf of the UCL Graduate School

Led the international Working Group which published The Hague Declaration (see <http://thehaguedeclaration.com/>); active lobbyist for EU copyright reform and for a mandatory Exception for Text and Data Mining, addressing policy officers in a number of Directorates General and MEPs in the European Parliament, working closely with Julia Reda as the Parliamentary rapporteur on this issue.

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Pro-Vice-Provost (UCL Library Services) in the Office of the Vice-Provost (Research). Alongside responsibilities for running UCL Library Services, the portfolio has been extended to be Open Science champion for UCL. Developments in this role: extension of UCL Press to cover research monographs, journals and a new megajournal platform; inclusion of Open Science as a core requirement in the UCL [academic promotions framework](#); senior sponsor for the new [UCL Research Data](#) repository

Current Committee memberships

President of LIBER [Association of European Research Libraries] and chair of the LIBER Board (2010-14). The website is at <http://www.libereurope.eu/>. Currently Adviser to the LIBER Board on EU matters and Horizon 2020

Chair of the Organizing Committee for the OAI4-OAI11 (2005-2019) meetings on [Innovations in Scholarly Communication](#) at Geneva;

Co-Ordinator of the Organizing Committee for the UNICA (Universities in Capital Cities of Europe) Scholarly Communications Seminar, Helsinki (2006), Prague (2008) and Lisbon (2010);

President, SPARC Europe Board (2012-13);

Chair, JISC Content Strategy Group (2012-);

Co-Chair for LERU [League of European Research Universities] of the LERU INFO Community. Chaired the Working Groups on the LERU Roadmaps for Open Access, Research Data and Open Science;

Chair of Nereus – a European Economics consortium (2012-14);

Key Speaking engagements for Librarianship and Information Studies

I have given keynote papers on digital libraries and Open Science across Europe, in the USA and in Australia. I am regularly invited to address the LERU Rectors (League of European Research Universities) on Open Science issues as they affect universities. I also co-organise a series of 11 Workshops, *Focus on Open Science*, each year across Europe. See

<https://www.knowledge.services/events/>.

Publications: History

20 peer reviewed publications on English Reformation Studies. List available on request.

Publications: Library and Information Studies (peer reviewed)

Ayris, P. (1998). Guidance for selecting materials for digitisation. In Joint RLG and NPO Conference, University of Warwick. Available at http://eprints.ucl.ac.uk/492/1/paul_ayris3.pdf.

Ayris, P. (1985). *The Stimulation of Creativity: a Review of the Literature concerning the concept of Browsing, 1970-85*. Sheffield: Consultancy and Research Unit, Department of Information Studies, University of Sheffield.

Further papers and presentations in librarianship and information science are being made available in Open Access at <http://eprints.ucl.ac.uk/> and in the LIBER Quarterly at <http://liber.library.uu.nl/>.

Project leadership (major projects)

HE joint lead in DART-Europe, a European research service (2005-) for the construction of an E-Theses portal, which is live at <http://www.dart-europe.eu;>

LIFE (Lifecycle Information for E-Literature), a JISC- and RIN-funded digital preservation programme, in collaboration with the British Library (2005-10), The website is at <http://www.life.ac.uk;>

Partnership co-ordinator for Europeana *Travel*, an EU-funded digitisation project under the e-content Plus Programme. The website is live at <http://www.europeanatravel.eu/>.

Member of the NSF-funded Blue Ribbon Task Force (2007-10) on economically-sustainable digital preservation [US and UK], which produced two Reports available at <http://brtf.sdsc.edu/>.

Scientific Advisor for Europeana Libraries (2011-13), an EU-funded project under the ICT PSP 4th call for proposals (2010) for Best Practice Networks. The project harvested metadata for over 5,000,000 full-text objects from Europe's research libraries and make it available in Europeana. The website is live at <http://www.europeana-libraries.eu/>.

Member of the European Commission's High Level Expert Group on the European Open Science Cloud (2015-17), which produced a Report on [Realising the Open Science Cloud](#).

Principal Investigator for the LEARN project (<http://learn-rdm.eu>) on identifying and documenting Best Practice in Research Data Management

Awards

Elected Fellow of the Royal Historical Society (2019)