Membership of Council

2023-2024

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Ex Officio members

Pro-Chancellors

Jane Hamilton, BCom FRICS (Chair of Council)

Paul Jackson, BSc (Eng) CEng FIET FIMA

Dr Adam Wright, PhD

Vice-Chancellor

Professor Anthony Forster, FHEA FLF AMinstLM

Treasurer

Tim Porter, MA FCA

Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Professor Lorna Fox O'Mahony, LLB PhD PGCHET

President of the Students' Union

Kieran Phillips

Elected members from amongst the Academic Staff

Four academic staff members of the Senate elected by the Senate:

Dr Laurie James-Hawkins, BA MA PhD

Professor Shane Martin, BA (Mod) MBS PhD

Professor Onyeka Osuji, LLB BCL PhD

Professor Diana Presciutti, BA MA PhD
Elected staff members from amongst the Professional Services staff

Zoe Manning, BA MSc

External Members

Julie Bentley, MBA

Obum Ekeke, OBE MSc MBA

Simon Hall, MBE DL MA

Melanie Leech, CBE MA FRSA MIoD

Ajit Menon, DProf

Alan Newman MA FCA

Mickola Wilson, BSc
Julie Bentley, MBA

Pronoun: she, her, and hers

Biography

Julie has been a charity CEO for twenty years and has led some of the UK’s most well-known charities including Action for Children, Girlguiding, Family Planning Association and the Suzy Lamplugh Trust. She has been a Trustee and Vice Chair of the housing and homelessness charity Shelter and National Council for Voluntary Organisations. Julie is currently CEO of Samaritans. She is also a Trustee of the charity Action for Happiness.

Julie began her career as a youth worker and in the early 90’s worked in some of the most deprived parts of SE London, working with young drug users and those involved in crime. Through her career Julie has earned a reputation for her passionate advocacy of the voices of those with lived experience being at the heart of service provision and for her commitment to meaningful equity and inclusion.

In 2014, she was named as ‘Most Admired Charity CEO’ and in the same year was a castaway for BBC Radio 4’s Desert Island Discs. In 2019, she was awarded The Charity Times Awards for ‘Outstanding Individual Achievement’ and was voted by Charity Times readers as one of the charity sector’s Most Influential Leaders.

In 2020 Julie co-curated a book on experiences of sibling loss following the death of her brother. Julie grew up in rural Essex and has recently returned there after 26 years of living in SE London. She holds an MBA which she undertook as a mature student with Open University.

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Remunerated appointments

- CEO, Samaritans, (Company Number 757372/219432)

Other connections/appointments

- Anglia Ruskin University – In Partnership with Samaritans in delivery of a listening service from the University location.

Related Party Transactions Declaration

N/A

Obum Ekeke, OBE MSc MBA

Pronoun: he, him, and his

Biography

Obum has dedicated the vast majority of his 20+ years career to supporting students across the world develop the critical skills they need to thrive in the rapidly changing world. He’s committed to building a tech community where people from all backgrounds can contribute to using technology to solve humanity’s most pressing problems and for widespread society benefit.

Obum currently leads educational programmes and partnerships at DeepMind, aimed at building a stronger, diverse and more inclusive Artificial Intelligence community. Before joining DeepMind, Obum spent 12 years at Google, where he led international educational and technical skills development programmes in partnership with universities, NGOs and governments.
Obum Ekeke, OBE MSc MBA

Pronoun: he, him, and his

Obum is a trustee of UK Youth - a leading national charity committed to ensuring all young people are empowered to build bright futures, regardless of their background or circumstances.

In 2019, Obum was featured in FT’s top 10 most influential BAME leaders in the UK tech sector.

He received an OBE in 2022 for services to Computing and Artificial Intelligence education and to Championing Diversity and Inclusion in the tech sector.

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Remunerated appointments

- Head of Education Partnerships, DeepMind

Other connections/appointments

- Director and shareholder, KCO Properties Ltd (Company No 12509775)
- Director and Trustee, UK Youth (Company No 05402004) (Charity No 1110590)
- Director, Jifunz Ltd (Company No 14484979)

Related Party Transactions Declaration

I declare that I have no material related party transactions to disclose.

Date: August 2023

Simon Hall, MBE DL MA

Pronoun: he, him, and his

Simon was educated at Ampleforth College, York and St Catherine's College Cambridge.

He qualified as a solicitor in 1979 and trained with the international law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and was a partner in the company from 1985 to 2014. He was head of their Finance Practice, sat on the Partnership Council and was head of their global corporate responsibility’s programmes.
Simon Hall, MBE DL MA

Pronoun: he, him, and his

Simon was a past trustee of a number of charities, including in the fields of education and social inclusion, including St Marys School, Career Academies UK; currently a trustee of Mistley Maltings Trust, Brentwood Cathedral Choral Trust, Colchester and Northeast Essex Building Preservation Trust, Caritas Anchor House, and an adviser to Ampleforth College. He has been invited to be a trustee of the Essex Community Foundation.

Simon was awarded an MBE in 2006.

He is Editor and a contributor of a number of editions of Aircraft Financing and a contributor to Leasing Finance, both published by Euromoney.

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Remunerated appointments

None

Other connections/appointments

- Director, University of Essex Knowledge Gateway Ltd (Company No. 04392361) and University of Essex Knowledge Gateway Holdings Ltd (Company No. 04344952)
- Chairman, Company Secretary, shareholder, Qualification Check Limited (Company No. 06097472)
- Director and shareholder, Rowley Fine Art Auctioneers and Valuers Limited (Company No. 04129726)
- Director and shareholder, Kudocs Limited (Company No. 09611371)
- Director and Trustee, Colchester and Northeast Essex Building Preservation Trust (Company No. 03020005, Charity No. 1044514)
- Trustee, Brentwood Diocesan Cathedral and Choral Trust Fund (Charity No. 1056374)
- Director and Trustee, Essex Community Foundation (Company No. 03062567, Charity No. 1052061)
- Chair, Your Place (London) Ltd (previously Caritas Anchor House) (Company No. 08075329, Charity No 1147794) and Director, Caritas Anchor House Learning and Development Academy Ltd (Company No 09160240)
- Shareholder, Data Discovery Solutions Limited (Company No. 06748735)
- Deputy Lieutenant of Essex
- Patron, Open Road Visions (Charity No 1019915), Wilderness Foundation (Charity No. 1118493), University of Essex Choir (Charity No 285079), Vice President CPRE Essex
- Son – Shareholder/Director, Qualification Check Limited (Company No. 06097472)

Related Party Transactions Declaration

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Date: August 2023
Jane Hamilton (Chair and Pro-Chancellor), BCom FRICS

Pronoun: she, her, and hers

Biography

Jane has over 30 years of experience in the property, education, and government sectors. Jane is currently the Chair of NHS Property Services Ltd and the Chair of Council of the University of Essex. She is a Non-Executive Director of the Government Property Agency and a previous member of the Board of Trustees at the Institute of Cancer Research. Jane is a trustee of the Committee of University Chairs (CUC) and chairs the CUC S10 Universities Group.

Prior to these appointments, she was the European Head of Corporate Real Estate for HSBC.

Before moving to the United Kingdom in 2009, Jane lived in Australia and held the roles of Global Head of Corporate Real Estate for ANZ Bank, Managing Director of Commercial and Industrial Management at AMP Henderson Global Investors as well as senior property leadership roles with Jones Lang LaSalle and Lend Lease Corporation.

Jane has a passionate interest in good design and its positive influence on business performance, staff engagement and the surrounding community. During her career, she has also been actively involved in managing: organisational change, talent development and environmental sustainability and the promotion of diversity in the workplace. She is a coach and mentor to developing executives.

Jane has a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of New South Wales and is Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (FRICS).
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#### Remunerated appointments

- Non-Executive Director and Chair of NHS Property Services Ltd (Company No. 078881100)
- Non-Executive Director, Government Property Agency

#### Other connections/appointments

- Director, Walberswick Car Parks Limited (Company No 03311680)
- Trustee, Committee of University Chairs (Charity No 1189481)
- Chair, Committee of University Chairs (CUC) S10 Group

#### Related Party Transactions Declaration

I declare that I have no material related party transactions to disclose.

Date: August 2023
Biography

Paul Jackson is currently a non-executive director at the Infrastructure Intelligence Unit and Executive Director of Jasia Education Ltd where he is developing themes for industrial strategy and education policy and supporting charities in strategy reviews and fundraising.

As part of this work, Paul has recently led a study into the skills need for engineering in the future called Talent 2050 on behalf of the National Centre for Universities and Business.

Paul was previously Chief Executive of EngineeringUK (formerly The Engineering and Technology Board). Paul led the organisation through the development of The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair and Tomorrow’s Engineers, a careers engagement programme in schools and colleges. He has been an active commentator on education and skills in the media.

Paul has held a variety of roles in technology-based business, encompassing contract R&D, the media, the charity sector and local government. Paul spent the early part of his career at ERA Technology before moving into technology media. After a series of progressive roles within United Business Media, he moved to the Institution of Engineering and Technology, later becoming Director of Professional Operations. He subsequently established JASIA as a company to support membership and media organisations in their strategic development.

Non-executive roles have included the International Broadcasting Convention Partnerships Board, Board of CIRED, the Advisory Committee for the Electricity Distribution Community, and Technical Director of EUREL. He is currently a Council member of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee All-Party Group, Chair of Governors at Kingsford Community School in Newham and Chair of the Corporation at Newham College. Paul is a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology and a Fellow of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications.
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**Remunerated appointments**

- Director and shareholder, Jasia Education Ltd (Company No. 10956900)
- Director, Infrastructure Intelligence Unit Ltd (Company No. 08808671)

**Other connections/appointments**

- Corporation Chair – Newham College
- Newham Corporation Chair – London City Institute of Technology
- Chair, Wivenhoe House Hotel Ltd (Company No 07075571)
- Chair, University of Essex Campus Services Ltd (Company No 02534817)
- Co-chair residents’ forum – City University London
- Spouse – Chair of Governors – Southwark College
- Spouse – Chairs of Trustees – Stratford Academy School

**Related Party Transactions Declaration**

I declare that I have no material related party transactions to disclose.

Date: August 2023
Melanie Leech, CBE MA FRSA MioD

Pronoun: she, her, and hers

Biography

Melanie joined the British Property Federation as Chief Executive in January 2015. Her role is to represent and support a diverse, successful and sustainable real estate industry. She is also a Trustee of the property industry charity LandAid.

Prior to joining the BPF, Melanie spent nine years as Director General of the Food and Drink Federation. She began her working life as a Police Constable in the Metropolitan Police Service. She joined the civil service (HM Customs and Excise) in 1988 and subsequently held senior roles in a number of departments including the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, the Office of the Rail Regulator and the Cabinet Office.

She was awarded the CBE in 2015 for services to the food and drink industry.

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Remunerated appointments

- Chief Executive and Director, British Property Federation (Company No. 00778293) and British Property Federation Commercial (Company No. 03672922)

Other connections/appointments

- Director and Trustee, LandAid Charitable Trust Limited (Company number 02049135) (Charity No 295157)

Related Party Transactions Declaration

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Date: August 2023

Ajit Menon, DProf

Pronoun: he, him, and his

Biography

Ajit is an established business leader working at senior levels in diverse industries and organisations. With a specialisation in the financial services sector, he has driven large scale change in several big and small businesses. With expert competence in developing people strategy, leadership, and organisation development, and working with change and culture, Ajit brings a combination of strategic thinking and implementation excellence. He is well versed with the regulatory landscape and contributes to the FCA’s thinking on culture.

Having founded and built a business, Ajit brings strong entrepreneurial skills and business acumen. He is adept at working with the C-Suite to translate their strategic goals into key people objectives that deliver business results. He can make quick decisions and facilitate, challenge and influence at all levels by bringing commercial insights and spotting opportunities for targeted people solutions.

Ajit is an EMCC certified executive coach with extensive experience coaching at CXO levels. He also has experience of leading teams of professionals and SMEs. Ajit was the talent and wellbeing Governor for Riverside School, a specialist SEN school in London. He is currently external member of Council and Trustee of the University of Essex. He is widely published as an expert in the field and
Ajit Menon, DProf
Pronoun: he, him, and his

Teaches as visiting faculty in various universities such as University College London, London School of Economics and the Tavistock and NHS Portman Trust.

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Remunerated appointments

- Head of People and Organisation, Investec PLC
- Visiting Faculty Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust

Other connections/appointments

- AVJ Limited, 5 The Chambers, Vineyard, Abingdon, England, OX14 3PX

Related Party Transactions Declaration

N/A
Alan Newman, MA FCA

Pronoun: he, him, and his

Biography

Alan is a chartered accountant with wide experience in commercial management and as a business adviser. He is a NED and audit committee chair of Future plc, a leading UK media group, listed in FTSE 250.

Alan was formerly Chief Financial Officer of Ebiquity plc, a media investment consultancy (2019-23) and of YouGov plc, the global market research and data analytics group (2008-2017) both listed on AIM. He is also a former Chair of Freud Museum London. Before joining YouGov, Alan was a partner at EY and previously at KPMG Consulting, where he advised businesses in the media, technology and telecoms sector. Alan studied Modern Languages (French and Spanish) at Cambridge University and served a year as sabbatical Deputy President of the Cambridge University Students Union.

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Remunerated appointments

- NED / ARC Chair, Future plc (Company No 03757874)

Other connections/appointments

- Director Newlawns Ltd (Company No. 04693439)

Related Party Transactions Declaration

N/A

Kieran Phillips

Pronoun: he, him, and his

Biography

Kieran is the elected President of the University of Essex Students’ Union for the academic year 2023-24. Kieran’s main responsibilities include the strategic direction of the Students’ Union, alongside the rest of the sabbatical officer team, being the highest representative of the University of Essex students. Kieran is also the chair of the Trustee Board and line manages the rest of the elected sabbatical officers, and Chief Executive Officer.

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## Remunerated appointments

- President, University of Essex Students’ Union

## Other connections/appointments

None

## Related Party Transactions Declaration

N/A

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## Tim Porter (Treasurer), MA FCA

**Pronoun: he, him, and his**

![Tim Porter](image)

## Biography

Tim is a chartered accountant and was a tax partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for 24 years. He was senior tax partner for East Midlands, Middle Market Division, London and Mid Cap plc Market Division, London.

Tim has been a Trustee of the Blue Cross, animal welfare charity since 2011, Chairman of the Finance, Investment and Remuneration Committees and appointed Chairman since 2015.

Tim has been a member of the University Council since 2014 and appointed Treasurer and Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee from August 2016.

Tim read Modern History at St Catherine’s College, Oxford.
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**Declaration of interests**

**Remunerated appointments**

None

**Other connections/appointments**

- Trustee & Chairman, Blue Cross (Company No 00363197, Charity No. 224392)
- Director, Blue Cross (D&B) Company Limited (Company No. 04879277)

**Related Party Transactions Declaration**

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Date: August 2023
**Biography**

Mickola Wilson is a highly experienced real estate fund and asset manager, formerly CEO of Teesland plc and MD of Guardian Properties, she is a Director and joint owner of Seven Dials Financial an investment advisory business specialising in real estate fund management and research-based investment strategy. She also has a wide portfolio of roles including, a Non-Executive Director of the Mailbox REIT, Member of the Mercers Company Property Committee and NED at KMPT, the provider of adult mental health services for Kent, and she is a non-executive director of Kalmars Commercial a South London estate agency. Formerly she was a NED at the GPA (Government Property Agency) and Palace Capital plc Real Estate REIT and a member of the investment committee of the Health Foundation. She is also an active member of the Chartered Surveyors Livery company, a Past Master and currently responsible for the Livery’s programme of Student Bursaries for students studying Real Estate, from disadvantaged backgrounds, who are sponsored by members of the Real Estate industry.

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Remunerated appointments

- BBRC Homes Ltd, Director (Company No. 14640420)
- University Of Essex Knowledge Gateway Ltd, Director (Company No. 04392361)
- Seven Dials Fund Management Ltd, Director (Company No. 04519655)
- Seven Dials Financials Ltd, Director (Company No. 04961999)
- Seven Dials Light Industrial Ltd, Director ((Company No. 13149488)
- Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust, Non-executive Director
- Mailbox Investment Holdings Plc, Non-Executive Director (Company No. 12524041)
- The Mercers Company-property Committee, Consultant
Other connections/appointments

Trustee of The Company of Chartered Surveyors Charitable Trust Fund (1992)
Charity Number 1012227

Husband – employed by Thurrock Council

Daughter in Law – employed by Writtle University College

Related Party Transactions Declaration

N/A

Dr Adam Wright, (Pro-Chancellor) PhD

Pronoun: he, him, and his

Biography

Adam is Head of Public Policy at the British Academy, the UK’s national academy for the humanities and social sciences. He and his team lead the Academy’s work bringing together humanities and social science evidence and insights to governments, business, and civil society across a range of public policy areas, including technology and innovation, environmental sustainability, communities and social infrastructure, and public health. Adam has previously worked in senior policy roles at the Royal Society and the National Union of Students, and he has chaired and sat on many advisory committees and strategic groups on research and education policy within the UK higher education sector. He obtained his PhD in Government from the University of Essex in 2013 and has continued...
Dr Adam Wright, (Pro-Chancellor) PhD

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To research and publish on a variety of topics within the fields of political philosophy and public policy. He also chairs the governing body of nearby Hazelmere Junior School.

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### Remunerated appointments

- British Academy, Head of Public Policy

### Other connections/appointments

- Chair of Governors, Hazelmere Junior School, Colchester
- Connections to Government departments: Department for Education, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
- Connections to HE institutions: UKRI, Royal Society, Nuffield Foundation (member of Understanding Communities Collaboration Steering Group), Royal Academy of Engineering, Academy of Medical Sciences, ESRC (partnership with LPIP hub).

## Related Party Transactions Declaration

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Date: August 2023
Biography

Anthony has been the Vice-Chancellor since 2012 and is a Professor of Politics and International Relations. He earned his master's degree and doctorate from the University of Oxford. His research focused on European and British foreign and security policy, and for four years Anthony was the Specialist Adviser to the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Union. He also chaired the independent government review of the Defence Advisory Notice (D Notice) System, a voluntary system established to limit the inadvertent media disclosure of information where release would pose a risk to life or to national security (2014-15).

Anthony is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences, a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and a Fellow of the Leadership Foundation in Higher Education. Anthony is also a qualified executive coach and mentor. He has wide experience of non-executive positions within the Higher Education sector, having served as a board member of the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education, the Higher Education Academy, the Equality Challenge Unit and the Joint Information Systems Committee. He was a founding board member of the Young European Research Universities Network and is board member of the Young Universities for the Future of Europe, European University Alliance. Alongside this service to the Higher Education sector, Anthony has longstanding interests in engaging with business and the charity sector. For three years he was a board member of the Strategic Board of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership, promoting public and private sector led growth and job creation. For a number of years Anthony served as a board member and Audit Committee Chair of the Blue Cross, an animal charity which provides nationwide support for pet owners who cannot afford private veterinary treatment, helps to find homes for unwanted animals, and educates the public in the responsibilities of animal ownership.

Anthony has 24 years of experience in academic leadership positions in five universities. Under his leadership, the University has re-positioned itself as a values-led organisation, focused on giving
equal priority to excellence in education and excellence in research, benefitting individuals and communities. During this time, the University has increased student numbers by 50% and doubled the number of research staff. The achievements of the University have been publicly recognised through the award of a Regius Professorship in Political Science in 2014, the Queen’s Anniversary Prize for authoritative social and economic research in 2017, and the Times Higher Education ‘University of the Year’ award in 2018 – the latter widely referred to as the Oscars of UK higher education. Anthony has also championed the creation of a 43 acre business and science innovation park, Knowledge Gateway, which has received prestigious UKRI and government recognition as a University Enterprise Zone, one of only 14 in the UK.

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**Related Party Transactions Declaration**

I declare that I have no material related party transactions to disclose.

Date: August 2023
Professor Lorna Fox O’Mahony, LLB PhD PGCHET

Pronoun: she, her and hers

Biography

Lorna Fox O’Mahony is Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Law at the University of Essex. With a research specialism in property law, housing and home, Lorna has published widely in leading peer-reviewed journals, and is author or editor of ten books, including, Conceptualising Home: Theories, Laws and Policies (2006, Hart Publishing; awarded First Prize in the Society of Legal Scholars Birks Prizes for Outstanding Legal Scholarship (2007), and short-listed for the Socio-Legal Studies Association Book Prize (2008)). Her most recent books are Squatting and the State: Resilient Property in an Age of Crisis (with Prof Marc Roark, Cambridge University Press, 2022) and Great Debates in Land Law (with Prof Dave Cowan and Neil Cobb, Palgrave) will be published in 2023.

Lorna is a Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and past-President (2018) of the Association of Law, Property and Society (http://www.alps-law.org/). She has served as a representative of the Joint Academic Standards Board of the Law Society for England and Wales and the Bar Standards Board, and was a member of the Law sub-panel for REF 2014 (Research Excellence Framework). Lorna was founding Chair of the Creative Colchester Partnership Board and co-Chair (Essex) of the South East Creative Economy Network and she serves as a trustee of the Mercury Theatre, Colchester. She held academic appointments at Queens University Belfast and Durham University, and was Executive Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Essex from 2013-17. Lorna is married to David and has two sons, born in 2009 and 2012.

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## Declaration of interests

### Remunerated appointments

- Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Law, University of Essex
- Adviser, Funding for Housing (Company No. 130503306)

### Other connections/appointments

- Director and Trustee, Colchester Mercury Theatre Ltd (Company No. 441035) (Charity No. 232387), Colchester Mercury Productions Ltd (Company No. 0914431), and Colchester Mercury Trading Ltd (Company No. 09144550)
- Research Associate, University of Pretoria
- Spouse – Employed by the University of Essex; Governor of Tavistock and Portman NHS Hospital Trust

### Related Party Transactions Declaration

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Date: August 2023
**Biography**

Professor Shane Martin is Dean of Postgraduate Research and Education at the University of Essex where he also holds the Anthony King Chair in Comparative Government. Between August 2019 and December 2022, he served as Head of the Department of Government.

Shane is passionate about the transformational power of education, having himself been a first-in-family University student. Educated at Trinity College Dublin and Dublin City University, he then moved to the United States for his first academic job. Shane came to Essex in 2017, having previously taught at the University of Leicester, Dublin City University, the Pennsylvania State University, and the University of California, San Diego.

Shane is an internationally recognised expert on parliaments, executive-legislative relations and legislative oversight of public policy. In addition to his academic writing, he has advised parliaments around the world on how to be more effective. At Essex, his first initiative as Head of Department was to establish a Department of Government First Generation Programme.

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**Declaration of interests**

**Remunerated appointments**

- Dean of Postgraduate Research and Education, University of Essex

**Other connections/appointments**

- Trustee and Executive Committee Member, European Consortium for Political Research (Charity No. 1167403)

**Related Party Transactions Declaration**

I declare that I have no material related party transactions to disclose.

Date: August 2023

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**Dr Laurie James-Hawkins, BA MA PhD**

**Pronoun: she, her, and hers**

Dr Laurie James-Hawkins is the Social Science Faculty Dean for Undergraduate Education, a Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Sociology, and Deputy Director for the Centre for Intimate and Sexual Citizenship (CISC) at the University of Essex. She is a Sociologist of health and gender, and her research interests include sexual consent, reproductive health, contraception, abortion, gender, sexuality, and hookup culture among emerging adults. Educated in the United States, Dr James-Hawkins holds a BA in psychology from Mills College, an MA in social psychology and a PhD in Sociology with a concentration in health from the University of Colorado Boulder, and was a postdoctoral fellow in Gender, Family and Global Health at Emory University Rollins School of Public Health. Dr James-Hawkins came to Essex in 2017 and currently serves on the University Senate. Dr
Dr Laurie James-Hawkins, BA MA PhD

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James-Hawkins has a background and training in executive management, research ethics, retirement plans, and finance.

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Declaration of interests

Remunerated appointments

- Faculty Dean of Undergraduate Social Sciences, University of Essex

Other connections/appointments

None

Related Party Transactions Declaration

N/A
Biography

Zoe has been employed at the University of Essex for 18 years and has been the Southend Campus Manager for 11 years previously responsible for European and regional development funds as Funding Manager. As Campus Manager she is a member of a number of University-wide groups covering student experience, conduct and complaint investigation, health and safety, space management, project coordination, climate and ecological emergency, critical incident planning and management etc. Zoe is also one of two University Directors on the board of Southend-on-Sea Forum Management Limited, the management company for The Forum in Southend as well as representing the University on a number of external stakeholder groups in Southend.

Zoe has prior experience in economic development in the local authority, European and external funding with both the Royal National Institute of Blind People and Anglia Ruskin University.

Zoe has a MSc in Management and a BSc in Modern Languages and European Studies.

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Declaration of interests

Remunerated appointments

- Campus Manager, Southend Campus, University of Essex

Other connections/appointments

- Director, Southend-on-Sea Forum Management Limited (Company No. - 07830172)

Related Party Transactions Declaration

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Date: August 2023

Professor Onyeka Osuji, LLB BCL PhD

Pronoun: he, him, and his

Biography

Professor Onyeka Osuji (PhD (Manchester), BCL (Oxon), LLB (Nigeria), BL, FHEA, FAcSS) is a Professor of Law and Dean of Essex Law School, University of Essex which is ranked 3rd in the UK for research power in law (THE research power measure, REF2021) and global 47th/ UK 9th in THE World University Rankings 2023. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences and, after obtaining a Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice, have been a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy since 2008.

Professor Osuji holds law degrees from the University of Manchester (as a School of Law Scholar), University of Oxford (as a Shell Centenary/FCO Chevening Scholar) and University of Nigeria. He previously practised in corporate and commercial law before becoming an academic. He is qualified
Professor Onyeka Osuji, LLB BCL PhD

Pronoun: he, him, and his

as a barrister and solicitor of Nigeria and a (non-practising) solicitor of England and Wales and has advised individuals, corporations, and national and international governmental and non-governmental organisations.

Focusing on business and governance, Professor Osuji has led research projects, presented papers in several international conferences and published extensively in books and reputable international journals in the areas of corporate governance, corporate regulation, corporate responsibility, consumer protection, non-financial reporting, contract law, commercial law, commercial conflict of laws and multinational enterprises. He has taught postgraduate and undergraduate students at various UK institutions and has successfully supervised several PhD students in those areas.


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Remunerated appointments

- Dean of Essex Law School, University of Essex

Other connections/appointments

- Academic Advisory Board Member, Kuwait International Law School

Related Party Transactions Declaration

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Date: August 2023

Professor Diana Presciutti, BA MA PhD

Pronoun: she, her, and hers

Biography

Diana Bullen Presciutti is Head of the School of Philosophical, Historical, and Interdisciplinary Studies (PHAIS) and Professor of Art History at the University of Essex. Trained in the American educational system, she taught at four American universities (the University of Michigan, Rice University, Berea College, and the College of Wooster) before her arrival at Essex in 2015.

Diana’s primary research addresses the visual culture of social problems in late medieval and early modern Italy, focusing on popular piety, civic ideology, urban ritual, and intersections of class, gender, and cultural production. She is the author of two books: Visual Cultures of Foundling Care in Renaissance Italy (Ashgate/Routledge, 2015) and Saints, Miracles, and Social Problems in Italian Renaissance Art (Cambridge University Press, 2023).
Diana has published research articles in *Art History, Artibus et Historiae*, the *Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies*, *Renaissance Quarterly* and *Renaissance Studies*, as well as several chapters in edited collections. She is also the editor of *Space, Place, and Motion: Locating Confraternities in the Late Medieval and Early Modern City* (Brill Press, 2017). Her research has been supported by fellowships and grants from Villa I Tatti: The Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Renaissance Society of America, the Samuel H. Kress Foundation, the American Philosophical Society, the Italian Art Society, and the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation.

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