

2018 MMIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

This is the slate of candidates for the 2018 MMIRA elections. Each candidate is a member of MMIRA, in good standing and was asked to provide a brief bio and contribution statement.

Ballots are in alphabetical order.

Voting will occur from June 1 to June 15. Each member who is in good standing (i.e., membership dues are current) will be able to vote using a personalized link. Please note we will also be inviting you to complete the MMIRA membership survey at the end of the ballot.

Please contact Jeff Andersen our MMIRA Executive Director with any errors or omissions no later than May 29, 2018 from what was submitted as part of the nomination process.

PRESIDENT-ELECT (1 position – vote for 1)

Candidate: *Kathleen M. T. Collins, Ph.D.*

Bio: Kathleen M. T. Collins, Ph.D. is a professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education & Health Professions, University of Arkansas–Fayetteville (USA). She has published over 80 articles, book chapters, and encyclopedia chapters and has co-edited a book on the application of mixed methods research to the study of stress and coping. Dr. Collins teaches graduate-level mixed methods research courses, and she has presented numerous workshops to faculty and students on topics related to mixed methods research. Currently, she serves on the Executive Board of MMIRA as the Conference Chair (2016–2018).

Contribution Statement: An inter-related focus of MMIRA is to promote integrative research and to support advanced and emerging scholars who identify as mixed methods researchers. As MMIRA's conference chair, I have worked closely with other board members to devise policy and to implement initiatives designed to address this interrelated focus, in particular, and to broaden and to strengthen MMIRA as an influential international organization, in general. I believe this experience has prepared me to serve as President-elect. In this leadership role, I can continue to contribute to MMIRA's focus and growth by fulfilling the position's responsibilities and by serving as a collaborative member of the Executive Board.

Candidate: *Dr. Vanessa Scherman*

Bio: Professor Vanessa Scherman at the University of South Africa (UNISA) is a member of various national and international research associations. Her fields of expertise lie in using mixed methods research in school effectiveness and exploring innovative ways in the field of psychometrics. She is an active researcher having obtained several international grants over recent years. She develops research modules at the Master's level and teaches modules at the Honours and Master's levels. Professor Scherman supervises Master's and doctoral students in the areas of assessment, quality assurance, school effectiveness research, psychometrics, and evaluation, making use of a variety of methodologies.

Contribution Statement: Professor Scherman has undertaken leadership positions in research associations—most recently as chairperson and secretary. She currently serves as Governance Chair on the MMIRA board and is therefore knowledgeable about the inner workings of the Association and well-positioned to make a valuable contribution as president elect. She is by nature a problem solver and relational leader; a believer in efficient and effective communication, and drawing on the collaborative strengths of board members. She sees a meaningful contribution as President through marketing strategies to increase MMIRA's membership base and building ongoing initiatives, consolidating efforts and suggesting further initiatives.

Board Member (2 positions – vote for 2)

Candidate: *Associate Professor Roslyn Cameron*

Bio: Ros Cameron is Head of HRM/Management and Head of Research at the Australian Institute of Business.

She is a Fellow of the Australian Human Resources Institute (FAHRI) and is a Co-Convenor of the Mixed Methods Research Special Interest Group of ANZAM. Ros's 2009 PhD utilised a sequential MMR design. She has since supervised several DBA and PhD candidates to completion and continues to supervise and conduct MMR workshops in Australia and overseas. She has worked on several large scale HRM research projects which have utilised mixed methods, with multidisciplinary teams. She has written over 10 book chapters and 13 journal articles.

Contribution Statement: Ros Cameron has extensive experience in using and teaching MM through workshops, large scale research projects and supervising MMR. She can bring an international perspective to the Board, having been Track Chair of MMR streams at international conferences. She can also provide a business and management discipline perspective to broaden the reach of the association. Ros is designing a new postgraduate online course in mixed methods research for Term 1 of 2019. With a background in instructional design and professional education, she is interested in teaching mixed methods research and in how MMIRA might be able to adopt an accrediting role for MMR training and education.

Candidate: *Assistant Professor Amir Hossain*

Bio: Mr. Hossain did his BA (Hons) and MA in English at The People's University of Bangladesh. He is an M. Phil Researcher in English at Jahangirnagar University. As an Assistant Professor, he is teaching English Literature and Language at IBAIS University. He served as a Research Associate at Uttara University, Lecturer of English at America Bangladesh University, & BGIFT-Institute of Science & Technology (BIST). He authored a book on **Ibsen Studies**. He published 40 articles. He is a reviewer and editorial board globally. He has presented 10 papers in the International Conferences. He is a member of 40 International Research Associations.

Contribution Statement: If I am nominated as a Senior Board Member, I will be responsible for taking an active part in any timely meeting of the MMIRA Board of Directors. My plan is to receive leadership responsibility for the short-term special projects. I will try to reflect the initiatives and priorities of the organization. I will raise regular issues to the concerned authority in the round table. Moreover, I will contribute to the conference, symposium, and mini talks to provide a forum at different organizations around the globe for scholars, students, academicians, policymakers, citizens, and other stakeholders so that they can meet together through sharing the international and interdisciplinary questions, contexts, findings, and responses.

Candidate: *Dr. Adekunle Oke*

Bio: Adekunle has recently completed his PhD research in Management. In that period, he was a research assistant on different research projects as well as a fixed-term/part-time lecturer at Aberdeen Business School. He is as an academic reviewer, has authored/co-authored different academic papers, and presented research papers at many (national and international) conferences. Adekunle's research outputs include the award (Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2016) winning paper in entrepreneurship research. Adekunle has been a MMIRA student board member since 2016 where he is contributing to the advancement of MMR. For instance, Adekunle in collaboration with other board members have successfully co-ordinated the formation and establishment of MMIRA student chapter (MMIRASC).

Contribution Statement: Adekunle is determined to further the advancement of MMR by building on the good structure and ethos of MMIRA. This includes the facilitation of a platform for dialogue/discussion on MMR across disciplines. Adekunle will also encourage a professional relationship between students, especially research students and the established researchers, particularly supervisors and reviewers. The intention is to share ideas, inspiration, and practical advice for the benefit of upcoming researchers that are yet to be grounded in the MMR approach. This is expected to foster the use of common terminologies/nomenclatures and reduce the level of confusion by uniting both the early career and seasoned researchers.

Candidate: *Dr. Brigitte Smit*

Bio/ Contribution Statement: Research Professor; Department of Educational Leadership and Management; College of Education; UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA. To be nominated as a senior board member is indeed an honor and should I be elected, I will contribute to the association by collaborating with international

and local scholars to promote mixed methods research on the continent. I have been involved in research methodology training across Southern Africa, including Ethiopia, Namibia and Kenya, and realise that on the African continent a great deal needs to be done regarding research training and accompanying master's and doctoral research supervision. To this end, I plan to make scholarly inroads with the support of an international association. My experience since 2000 of teaching research workshops has demonstrated that research methodology, specifically mixed methods, is not well understood by many students as well as some staff. Therefore, I plan to promote mixed methods for students and staff, to actively advertise the association on the continent through my network, and to coordinate mixed methods research workshops at universities in the SADC region.

Candidate: *Assistant Professor Charlotte Wilson*

Bio: I am a clinical psychologist and assistant professor. I have worked in the UK and am now in Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. Most of my own research is mixed methods and I encourage my students to explore mixed methods approaches in their own work. I offer mixed methods teaching to psychology and social sciences students and colleagues, and have taught a 2 day workshop on mixed methods in Denmark. I believe that mixed methods approaches are perhaps the best ways of addressing the complex real-world problems that applied psychologists, other applied scientists, and practitioners are interested in answering.

Contribution Statement: There appears to be a small but growing interest in mixed methods approaches in Europe and I would love to be part of that movement; promoting and teaching mixed methods research here. I have experience organising conferences, sit as an assistant editor for two journals and have extensive experience reviewing academic papers for a wide range of journals. As well as a commitment to the development of mixed methods research approaches I would hope I could bring teaching expertise, research expertise, and energy and enthusiasm to a role on the committee.

SECRETARY (1 position – vote for 1)

Candidate: *Dr. Lisbeth M Brevik*

Bio/Contribution Statement: Lisbeth M Brevik is associate professor at the University of Oslo, Norway. She is running for MMIRA secretary to contribute to MMIRA's mission, work, and international relations. Lisbeth is an advocate of MMR, having used it in her doctoral work and now as a faculty member at the University of Oslo. Lisbeth is responsible for MMR doctoral courses at UiO, has conducted workshops on MMR with professor Burke Johnson as guest lecturer, she designs MMR projects, and she finds writing MMR an especially important topic. Lisbeth has published empirical MMR papers, and will be contributing to the forthcoming Routledge Handbook for Advancing Integration in Mixed Methods Research.

Candidate: *Cherie D Edwards, PhD*

Bio: Dr. Cherie D. Edwards is a Postdoctoral Associate in Engineering Education at Virginia Tech. She earned her Ph.D. in Educational Research and Evaluation from Virginia Tech. Her research and scholarship focus include exploring the implementation of mixed methods research, or more specifically, mixed methods approaches to arts-informed research and visual methods in studies that examine issues of social justice and educational equity. Currently, Cherie works on a research team examining the impacts of an out-of-school STEM summer program for racially underrepresented youth. Additionally, she teaches graduate level mixed methods and qualitative research courses at Virginia Tech.

Contribution Statement: My desire is to bring my passion for progressing the field of mixed methods research to the position of the MMIRA Secretary. Additionally, if elected, I will bring my training and skills for facilitating, coordination, and organization to this role. My overarching goal is to contribute to, and assist in maximizing the success of the Mixed Methods International Research Association.

Candidate: *Dr. Sophia Johnson*

Bio: Dr. Sophia Johnson graduated with her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Illinois-College of Pharmacy, completed two pharmacy residencies and has an extensive work history in clinical pharmacy. She

received her Masters of Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Minnesota; earned her PhD in Population Health Sciences from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine & Public Health, and completed a certificate in Clinical and Community Outcomes Research from UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. Her research focuses on chronic disease self-management and related barriers and facilitators, particularly for patients with complicated pharmacotherapy regimens from low-resourced communities.

Contribution Statement: *Sophia* will contribute the perspective of someone who has spent a significant portion of their career in clinical practice and writing drug policy and only recently returned to study for a research degree. She has significant time management skills as she was working in a professional role while completing her PhD. Sophia is an early stage investigator who is excited to start her research career engaging a mixed methods approach and is looking for ways to contribute to the MMIRA community of scholars.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER (1 position - *acclaimed*)

Candidate: *Delyth Wyndham*

Bio: Delyth Wyndham is undertaking her PhD in the Faculty of Health and Social Care at the University of Chester, England. Her thesis is considering how the introduction of flexible shared parental leave may shape infant feeding decisions in the UK. She was awarded the Tom Mason Memorial Scholarship, which has enabled her to take the time needed to conduct a longitudinal explanatory sequential internet-mediated mixed methods study. Her current research interests include: data transformation (particularly qualitisng); mixed methods in practice; internet-mediated research; infant feeding; parental leave; policy and cascading policy failure; and the impact of legislative change on decision making.

Contribution Statement: As Student Board Member I will endeavour to: be approachable, and liaise with and represent MMIRA student members; feedback developments and give regular updates to student members; investigate ways of bringing together and extending the resources/knowledge base available to student members; provide insight into and support the Board's understanding of diverse student perspectives and key student issues; identify areas where student engagement can be further enhanced or developed; and show potential student members how MMIRA activities relate to and can facilitate their research.

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