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QUALIFICATIONS

2022 - Present	**PhD Candidate – Doctor of Philosophy** (in progress)
	Curtin University
	[Thesis] Open knowledge diplomacy: The role of Australian university libraries in open practices for climate scholarship.
2025 - Present	**Company Directors Course** [expected completion Feb 2026]
	Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD)
2021	**Graduate Certificate of Arts and Social Science Research**
	Charles Sturt University
	[Thesis] Understanding soft power discourse in the National Library of Australia.
2020	**Master of Information Studies** (with distinction)
	Charles Sturt University
2017	**Bachelor of Arts** (International Relations & Art History)
	University of Queensland

DIRECTORSHIPS & COMMITTEES

2025 - Present	**Board Director, BWB**
	Ballet Without Borders (BWB)
	Appointed to the Board of Ballet Without Borders. BWB is a not-for-profit charity organisation that brings ballet education and ballet pathways to children who would otherwise not be able to access this art form.
2024 - Present	**Non-Executive Director, ALIA** (2024-27)
	Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)
	Elected to the Board of Directors for the peak industry body in the library and information profession. Member of the finance committee.

2023 – Present **President and Co-Founder, ANDPA**

Alliance for Neurodiversity and Disability in GLAMR Professions Australia Inc.

Co-founded and developed a member-based organisation with over 150 members, establishing an inaugural management committee and constitution, policies, position descriptions, digital strategy, and programs.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024 - Present **Manager (Research & Digital Services)**

Murdoch University, Library & Knowledge Services

As a member of Library Executive, my portfolio covers the Research Support and Digital Experience teams. This includes overseeing the strategic development of library research services, the institutional repository, discovery interfaces, library systems, and social media and communications.

2021 – 2024 **Coordinator (Evidence Based Practice)**

University of Southern Queensland, Library Services

As part of the Library Leadership Team, I lead a team responsible for data collection, analysis, and reporting. The role is focused on building a culture of evidence-based practice by developing staff capabilities in using evidence for strategic decision-making and service improvement.

2023 (May – Dec) **Manager (Research & Education Liaison)** (Acting)

University of Southern Queensland, Library Services

Co-leading a Library team of liaison librarians, senior research librarians, and a HDR Learning Advisor, I provided strategic planning and leadership for the design and delivery of Library services across teaching, learning, and research.

2023 (Sept – Dec) **Research Assistant**
University of Southern Queensland

2019 – 2021 **Library Assistant**
All Hallows' School

2020 (Nov) **Intern**, Library Collections and Databases Branch
Australian Parliamentary Library

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal publications

Bell, E. C. (2025). Open knowledge through soft power, diplomacy, and the library: A theoretical analysis and critique. *Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication, 12*(2). https://doi.org/10.31274/jlsc.18276

Bell, E. C., Piper, S., & O'Sullivan, C. (2023). Users' experiences in a regional academic library makerspace. *Journal of the Australian Library and Information Association*. https://doi.org/10.1080/24750158.2023.2202512

Bell, E. C. (2022). Values-Based Practice in EBLIP: A Review. *Evidence Based Library and Information Practice*, *17*(3), 119-134. https://doi.org/10.18438/eblip30176

Bell, E. C. (2022). Understanding soft power discourse in the National Library of Australia. *Journal of Documentation, 78*(6), 1457-1475. https://doi.org/10.1108/JD-11-2021-0231

Bell, E. C., & Kennan, M. A. (2022). The library as soft-power actor: A review. *IFLA Journal*, *48*(4), 706–716. https://doi.org/10.1177/03400352211054113

Bell, E. C., & Kennan, M. A. (2021). Partnering in knowledge production: Roles for librarians in the digital humanities. *Journal of the Australian Library and Information Association*, *70*(2), 157-176. https://doi.org/10.1080/24750158.2021.1907886

Media Publications

Scott, N. (2025, June 25). ***Emilia Bell*** *discusses academic publishing and research integrity [Interview]. Is academic publishing failing science?* 2SER. https://2ser.com/is-academic-publishing-failing-science/

Montgomery, L., **Bell, E. C.**, & Huang, K. (2025, March 25). Academic publishing is a multibillion-dollar industry. It's not always good for science. *The Conversation*. https://theconversation.com/academic-publishing-is-a-multibillion-dollar-industry-its-not-always-good-for-science-250056

Books and Chapters

Bell, E. C., Andersen, N., & Stagg, A. (2024) Values based approaches to evidence for OER Advocacy. *Open Education Down UndOER: Australasian Case Studies*. https://doi.org/10.70802/6931-b0p0

Andersen, N., King, D., Stagg, A., & **Bell, E. C**. (2023). *Open publishing guide for authors*. Library Services, University of Southern Queensland. https://usq.pressbooks.pub/openpublishingguideforauthors

Bell, E. C., McGregor, R., Andersen, N., Piper, S., Derrington, K., Bella, T., ... & Salisbury, F. (2022). *UniSQ Library Stories of 2022*. Library Services, University of Southern Queensland. https://usq.pressbooks.pub/librarystories2022/

Invited industry publications

O'Sullivan, C., & **Bell, E. C.** (2022, December). Mapping library activities to the UN SDGs. *IFLA Environment, Sustainability and Libraries (ENSULIB) Section Newsletter, 2*(2). https://repository.ifla.org/handle/123456789/2453

Bell, E. C. (2021, November 19). Visualising usage analytics: An evidence base for open texts. *CAUL Enabling a Modern Curriculum.*

Other non-refereed publications

Bell, E. C., Andersen, N., & Stagg, A. (2023, May 7). [Evidence and values-based approaches in OER](#). ALIA LARK.

Bell, E. C. (2022, December 20). [Webinar 'Reflections on research in practice': follow-up](#). ALIA LARK.

Bell, E. C. (2022, October 5). [Users' experiences in a regional university library makerspace](#). ALIA LARK.

Bell, E. C. (2022, September 1). [Are we a profession? Emilia Bell answers](#). ALIA LARK.

Bell, E. C., & Kennan, M. A. (2021, July 8). [Partnering in knowledge production: Roles for librarians in the digital humanities](#). *Charles Sturt University – Library Research Group Blog.*

INVITED / KEYNOTE SPEAKER

2025

Invited speaker, Wilson, D. (2025, June 22). *[Episode 22 - With Emilia Bell](#)* [audio podcast episode]. Let's talk libraries!

Keynote speaker. **Beyond provocation: Reimagining systems through care, critique, and community**. (2025, June). *ANZREG 2025 Conference.*

2024

Invited speaker. **Digital social justice panel.** (2024, October 1). [Panel]. *IFLA Information Summit.* Brisbane, Australia.

Invited speaker. **Launch of the CAUL 2023 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Survey Report.** (2024, September 26). [Webinar]. *CAUL.*

Keynote speaker. **[Critical Librarianship: Agency and action in the library](#)**. (2024, August). *Deakin University Library*.

Invited speaker. **Measuring the impact of your OER.** (2024). [Webinar]. *Council of Australian University Librarians*, Open Educational Resources Professional Development Program.

Invited panel member. **[Getting the latest on Library diplomacy](#).** (2024, March). [Webinar]. Libraries in Response webinar series. *Gigabit Libraries Network.*

2023

Invited speaker, **Measuring the impact of your OER.** (2023, November 14). [Webinar]. *Council of Australian University Librarians*, Open Educational Resources Professional Development Program.

Invited talk, **[Tools for evidence-based storytelling: Reflective practice and the UN Sustainable Development Goals in libraries](#)**. (2023, February 16). [Webinar]. *International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Section (ENSULIB).*

2022

Invited speaker, **Measuring the impact of your OER**. (2022, December 15 & 16). [Webinar]. Council of Australian University Librarians, Open Educational Resources Professional Development Program.

Invited speaker, [User experiences in a regional university library makerspace](). (2022, December 1). [Conference presentation]. Arlis/ANZ Biennial Conference: Winging it: Art libraries on the winds of change.

Invited talk, [Use of reflective practice as a tool for storytelling and demonstrating impact through the framework of the UN Sustainable Development Goals](). (2022, October 12). [Webinar]. American Library Association (ALA) International Relations Round Table (IRRT).

Invited panellist, **Tools for reporting impact**. (2022). Office Hours panel. [Webinar]. Open Education Network & Rebus Community.

CONFERENCE, SYMPOSIUM, & WEBINAR PRESENTATIONS

2025

Panel Faciliator, (2025, August). **New Generation Stories of Early LIS Career Experiences Across Australia**. [Symposium]. *New Librarians' Symposium XI*.

Bell, E.C. (2025, April). **The social and symbolic: Situating libraries and legitimacy in open knowledge diplomacy**. [Webinar]. *ReSource International Seminar Series.*

2024

Bell, E.C. (2024, May). **Open to Diplomacy? Libraries, Knowledge, and Global Challenges**. (2024, May). [Lightning talk]. *ALIA National 2024*, Adelaide, Australia.

Sayyad Abdi, E., Kennan, M. A., Luca, E., Bhuva, N., **Bell, E. C**., Du, T., Howard, K., & Walkley Hall, L. (2024, May). **Research in Practice: From Discovery to Impact**. [Conference workshop]. *ALIA National 2024*, Adelaide, Australia.

Bell, E.C., & Mariano, R. (2024, February) **ALIA Research Seminar: Library diplomacy.** [Webinar]. *Australian Library and Information Association.*

2023

Bell, E.C. (2023, July). **Doing things differently: Resilience is relational**. [Conference presentation]. *ALIA New Librarians Symposium 2023 (NLSX).*

Larobina, O., & **Bell, E.C.** (2023, July). **Building professional networks with ALIA NGAC**. [Lightning talk]. *ALIA New Librarians Symposium (NLSX).*

Bell, E.C., & Bella, T. (2023, July). **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Finding an authentic approach to an academic library's best practice.** [Paper presentation]. *International Conference on Performance Measurement in Libraries (LibPMC).*

Bell, E.C., Andersen, N., Stagg, A. (2023, April 4). **Access and agency: Evidence and values-based approaches to OER value and impact.** *Northeast Regional OER Summit.* https://scholarworks.umass.edu/neoer/2023/evaluation/3/

2022

Bell, E.C. (2022, September 28). **User experiences in a regional university library makerspace**. *Library Applied Research Kollective (LARK) Symposium,* University of Technology Sydney.

HONOURS & AWARDS

2024	**ALIA Metcalfe Award**
	Australian Library and Information Association
	The Metcalfe Award recognises high achievement by an ALIA Personal Member in their first five years of practice in libraries and information services, and includes initiative, a commitment to innovation in practice, and leadership.
2023	**Nominee** for CAUL Awards – Emerging Leader Category
	Council of Australian University Librarians
"	**Disability Leadership Program scholarship**
	Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD)
	Selected as a recipient of a national governance scholarship for leaders with disability, evaluated on criteria that included potential for leadership and impact on community, to undertake the AICD Foundations of Directorship program.
2022	**Executive Dean's Award**
	GradCertArtsSocScResearch; *Charles Sturt University*

WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES

2024 - Present	**Member - Advisory Group**
	LGBTIQA+ Advisory Group
	Disability and Neurodiversity Advisory Group
	Murdoch University
2023 - 2024	**Committee member**
	Library Applied Research Kollective (LARK)
	Australian Library and Information Association
"	**Co-Convenor**
	UniSQ Disability Network
	University of Southern Queensland
"	**Co-Chair & Founder**
	Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Advisory Committee

Library Services, University of Southern Queensland

2022 - 2023   **Co-Chair** (May - July 2023)
Member (Sept 2022 – April 2023)
New Generation Advisory Committee
Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

2023 - Present   **Reviewer**
Globalizations
Journal of the Australian Library and Information Association (JALIA)
IFLA Journal

2023 - Present   **Co-Host & Founder**, Podcast
GLAMR Disability in Dialogue

2023   **Co-Facilitator**
LARK Circle, Library Applied Research Kollective (LARK)

2022   **Lead - Working Group**
Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion working group
Library Services, University of Southern Queensland

"   **Working Group member**
Analytics Portfolio Review
Council of Australian University Librarians

TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS [SELECTED]

2024   **Aurora Leadership Institute**
Aurora Foundation Pty Ltd

2023   **Foundations of Directorship**, Certificate
Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD)

"   **Policy and impact futures: Understanding contemporary policy making in practice**, Certificate
Australian Technology Network of Universities (ATN Universities)

"   **High Performing Leaders Coaching Program**
University of Southern Queensland

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

ALIA Certified Professional (AALIA CP)
Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)

Affiliate member – AAICD
Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD)