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Celeste Feather is the Senior Director of the Content & Scholarly Communication Initiatives (CSCI) team. Over the course of her career, she has served in senior leadership positions at the Georgetown University Law Library, the University of Connecticut Law Library, and The Ohio State University Libraries. She has held elected leadership positions in library professional organizations, presented at conferences in the US and Europe, served on publisher advisory boards, and authored a variety of publications. Her first position with a library consortium was as the Assistant Director for Licensing at OhioLINK where she managed a $50 million content portfolio for libraries in the state, and from there she moved to Lyrasis shortly after it was formed in 2009. During her years with Lyrasis she has led a transformation of the e-resource licensing unit to the current expanded CSCI program with a strategic emphasis on new models, infrastructure services, and open access. She currently serves on the Coordinating Committee of the International Coalition of Library Consortia and is the US national coordinator for the SCOAP3 open access program in high energy physics. Learn more at https://orcid.org/0000-0002-5907-7606.

Jill E. Grogg is the Senior Strategist for Communities & Scholarly Communication Initiatives at Lyrasis. Prior to joining LYRASIS in 2015, Jill was the electronic resources coordinator for the University of Alabama (UA) for over a decade and attained the rank of full professor. At UA, Jill negotiated million-dollar contracts directly with publishers and content providers as well as worked closely with state, regional, and national consortia for group purchasing. Jill has published and presented internationally about scholarly communication, including issues such as e-resources management, link resolvers and the OpenURL, negotiation for librarians, and copyright. In 2012, she co-authored "The Librarian's Guide to Negotiation" (Information Today), and she continues to apply her theoretical and practical licensing and negotiation knowledge through community-building with variegated LYRASIS subscriber groups. As a former columnist for the Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship, associate editor of Serials Review, advisory board member for American Libraries, among other scholarly pursuits, Jill is well-versed in the economic models of publishing and the publication life-cycle. Since 2005, Jill has been an adjunct faculty member for the School of Library and Information Studies at UA, and she remains committed to the future of librarianship through her interactions with emerging information professionals. A more complete list of her activities and publications can be found in her ORCID profile, https://orcid.org/0000-0001-5136-4507.

Paolo P. Gujuilde joined Lyrasis in 2021 and is the ORCID US Community Specialist. Previously, he was an academic librarian in the areas of Acquisitions, Collection Development, and Scholarly Communication including working as the Assistant Head of Acquisitions at Northwestern University and Coordinator of Collection Development at Georgia Southern University. In addition to his current work in open infrastructure and persistent identifiers such as ORCID, he is passionate about diversity and inclusion in libraries and librarianship. His recent book chapter titled Moving Beyond Buzzwords: Belonging in Library Collections (2021) explores shifting demographics in higher education and the concept of "belongingness" on campus. Paolo is a former President of the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) and is a Steering Committee member of the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color 2022. Learn more about Paolo at https://orcid.org/0000-0002-9758-5740.

Sharla Lair is the Senior Strategist of Open Access and Scholarly Communication Initiatives at Lyrasis. On her journey as an information professional, Sharla has gained experience in coordinating initiatives at local, consortial, national, and international levels. Prior to her role at Lyrasis, Sharla developed a statewide ereader petting zoo and training program as the Continuing Education Consultant for the Missouri State Library. She then worked for the MOBIUS consortium where she significantly expanded their eresource program, including coordinating one of the first consortia-wide ebook programs in the US. Since 2015, Sharla's role at Lyrasis has been to negotiate the best pricing and licensing terms for the products and services available to Lyrasis members, as well as seek out new open access programs that demonstrate transformative influence across the scholarly communication landscape. She is particularly interested in better understanding the dynamics around making scholarly publishing more sustainable through explorations in community building, open access publishing, and building more equitable revenue models and funding infrastructures. Sharla has published and presented internationally. She also engages with the broader scholarly communication community through participation in certain communities and boards. She is Chair of the Board of Trustees for the OA Ebook Usage Data Trust (OAeBU DT) and serves on the inaugural MIT Press Library Advisory Board. She is an active member of the Diamond OA Community, an international community facilitated by Science Europe, cOAlition S, OPERAS, and the French National Research Agency. She also participates in the OPERAS OA Books Network Specialty Interest Group, the Subscribe to Open Community of Practice, as well as the CrossRef Books Interest Group. You can learn more about her activities at https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4847-0469.

Jennifer McGovern began her employment with Lyrasis in February 2015 as a Member Support Representative. In 2017, Jennifer became the lead Lyrasis contact for the Consortia Licensing Program. In her role as Community Programs Coordinator, Jennifer works closely with statewide academic library consortia in Indiana and Maryland to provide e-resource acquisition services, licensing, and administrative support for the consortia and their member libraries. Jennifer's path to Lyrasis was a natural fit, having served as the Associate Acquisitions Manager in Miller Library at Washington College for eight years. During her tenure at Miller Library, she was a member of the technical services team and worked closely with vendors and consortia to manage the library's resources.

Stephanie Moreland joined Lyrasis as a Member Services (MS) Representative in April 2008. In recognition of her distinguished experience and proven track-record in MS, she transitioned to the Content & Scholarly Communication Initiatives (CSCI) team at Lyrasis in 2021 as the Account Coordinator. Working at Lyrasis for more than 14 years in a variety of roles with increasing responsibilities, Stephanie brings a wealth of institutional knowledge that provides a critical bridge between Lyrasis members and content vendors in an evolving publishing ecosystem. She has been instrumental in Lyrasis' continued success through periods of chaotic change in the consortial landscape, and her attention to detail and commitment to the highest-quality service has resulted in her status as a trusted partner for Lyrasis members of all sizes, shapes, and missions. Before joining Lyrasis, Stephanie worked as an office administrator for more than 10 years, and her energy and professionalism has guaranteed her success on the MS and CSCI teams. Stephanie is a graduate of American Intercontinental University (AIU), where she majored in Business Administration. The skills mastered at AIU have led to her demonstrated ability to interact with all people and provide unquestionable customer service, which leaves a positive and lasting effect. Her capacity to multi-task, simultaneously working on projects for the organization while maintaining a cheerful disposition, is what drives her ambition to always go beyond the call of duty. As the Account Coordinator on the CSCI team, Stephanie negotiates with vendors and content providers so that Lyrasis member libraries and partners reach the best possible outcomes for the acquisition and delivery of electronic resources and services. She also works with a variety of Open Access (OA) initiatives and programs which create inclusive opportunities for diverse institutions to engage with established and emerging publishing models, thus ensuring cultural heritage organizations remain relevant, sustainable, and progressive. More information about Stephanie is available at https://orcid.org/0000-0002-5266-8630.

Sheila Rabun joined Lyrasis in 2018 as the founding community manager for the ORCID US Community, an inter-consortial partnership between Lyrasis, the Big Ten Academic Alliance, the Northeast Research Libraries (NERL), and the Greater Western Library Alliance (GWLA) to form the first nation-wide ORCID consortium in the United States. As the ORCID US program has grown to include over 180 non-profit organizations, Sheila now serves as the Program Leader for Persistent Identifier Communities at Lyrasis, managing both the ORCID US Community and the Lyrasis DataCite US Community for DOIs, which launched in 2021. Prior to her time at Lyrasis, Sheila worked on digital projects at the University of Oregon Libraries and was the inaugural Community & Communications Officer for the International Image Interoperability Framework (IIIF) consortium. With over 10 years of experience in the digital library and scholarly communication ecosystem, Sheila is passionate about communicating technical information to diverse audiences, and advocating for open research infrastructure (such as persistent identifiers) to make research and scholarly content more FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable). Learn more about Sheila at https://orcid.org/0000-0002-1196-6279.

Michael Rodriguez serves as Content & Scholarly Communication Strategist at Lyrasis. He joined Lyrasis in June 2022 to negotiate consortial license agreements and advance open scholarship, ensuring that member libraries gain maximum value on investment and are empowered to participate in the shift to Open. He previously served as Collections Strategist and as Licensing & Acquisitions Librarian at the University of Connecticut, where he coordinated library collection development, served on the NERL Program Council, and helped kickstart the Boston Library Consortium's controlled digital lending initiatives. A past president of the Association of College and Research Libraries' New England Chapter, Michael has published and presented widely and received the Library Journal Reviewer of the Year Award, NASIG Horizon Award, and Charleston Conference Up & Comer Award. He keynoted the ExLibris Northeast Users Group Conference in October. https://orcid.org/0000-0003-2919-5588

Hannah Rosen serves as a Strategist for the Content & Scholarly Communication Initiatives team. She is responsible for managing vendor and not-for-profit partnerships, including, but not limited to, digitization vendors, open access (OA) initiatives, and scholarly communication services. Hannah spearheaded the Lyrasis Research publishing initiative, surveying Lyrasis community members about important trends affecting the industry, such as accessibility, open access publishing, electronic resource acquisitions, open source software and research information management. The resulting reports allow community members to learn about new practices and benchmark against their peers, while also allowing Lyrasis to make more strategic decisions about how best to serve our community. Hannah is also an integral member of the International Council of Library Consortia, or ICOLC. She administers the website and listserv and is also the head of the Consortial Awareness Group, which creates resources demonstrating the value of library consortia to different stakeholders including members, funders, and library students entering the field. Serving with ICOLC provides a powerful opportunity to engage with consortial staff serving cultural heritage institutions across the globe. More about Hannah at https://orcid.org/0000-0001-6804-7073.

The values of the Content & Scholarly Communication Initiatives team are informed by a commitment to the following core principles:

Authenticity
We prioritize causes that benefit the communities we serve, and believe that we can accomplish more together than alone.

Sustainability
We build sustainable communities by respecting the evolving landscape of scholarly communication and developing new models for emerging needs.

Integrity
We cultivate trusted relationships with our members and partners through consistent, open, and honest dialogue.

Connectivity
we strengthen connections within and across communities to foster collaboration for broad and meaningful impact.

Inclusivity
We recognize that diverse perspectives create empowered and influential communities.

Innovation
We actively seek diverse opportunities to affect positive change.