



## Michael Gonzalez



### Institution

University of Technology Sydney

### Position

University Librarian

### Qualifications

Masters of Business Administration

### Current Affiliations

Australian Institute of Company Directors

### Key areas of expertise or strengths

I have extensive experience in the tertiary sector and have worked across several institutions in various roles. I have strong influencing skills and a reputation for being outcomes driven and relationship focussed which I believe will be of benefit in the current environment. I have experience working at a national level having been an active participant on various CAUL committees such as CEIRAC and more recently the CAUL strategic planning subcommittee but also through my own institution where I participate and lead national initiatives through the Libraries of the Australian Technology Network, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Data Archive (ATSIDA) and the UTS ePress. I have strong operational skills and am recognised for having an understanding of the impacts that strategy can have at a local level, a skill I hope to leverage if elected to ensure that all members are engaged and can realise the benefits of CAUL membership within their own institutions.

### Statement about you and why you are nominating

I have been contributing to CAUL in various roles for over 7 years. In this period I have actively provided feedback and worked through the various committees to assist in evolving CAUL to where it is now. I believe I bring a unique perspective to CAUL through my experience in various library roles, the leadership I provide as an Open Access publisher and through the work that I have done

within libraries on client experience. I am a strong advocate for my profession and actively seek opportunities to promote, build resilience and advance its standing within the sector. My nomination for the CAUL board is seeded in my desire to influence but also contribute to a professional body of which I will be a member of for the foreseeable future.

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## Gwenda Thomas



### Institution

University of Melbourne

### Position

Director Scholarly Services & University Librarian

### Qualifications

Master's in Library and Information Science

### Current Affiliations

PPRLA, Universitas21

### Key areas of expertise or strengths

Gwenda Thomas is Director: Scholarly Services and University Librarian at UoM. Her previous experience includes senior leadership positions in the South African academic library sector. Gwenda is keen to contribute to CAUL's future through a combination of knowledge, expertise and experience of academic libraries, archives and repositories gained over almost 40 years. A combination of international experience and proactive engagement and conference participation in the Australian academic library sector over the past 15 months, she gained insights and learnings that would contribute new perspectives at Board level.

### Statement about you and why you are nominating

I would bring to the CAUL Board a combination of knowledge, expertise and experience of academic libraries, archives and repositories gained across a professional career in academic libraries and

actively contributing to and participating in the international library and information services sector. My insights and experience would contribute knowledge of industry trends and thought leadership to the CAUL Board in developing strategic goals and priorities to deliver innovative and sustainable ways to address, nationally and internationally the challenges and opportunities facing the tertiary sector and university libraries. Expertise that I would bring to the Board is knowledge and experience in negotiations and procurement of multi-year database deals and open scholarship.

## Prashant Pandey



### Institution

Flinders University

### Position

Director of Library Services

### Qualifications

- Strategy in the Age of Digital Disruption, INSEAD, <in-progress>
- Certificate in Financial Management, Cornell University
- Certified Prince2 Practitioner Project Management
- Library Leadership Program, CAVAL
- M.Sc. (Computer & Information Science), University of South Australia
- Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Science), DR. Bhimrao Ambedkar University

### Current Affiliations

- Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD), Board Director, November 2017 – current.
- Standards Australia, Member IT-19 Subcommittee, April 2015 – current.
- ProQuest, Member Australia and New Zealand Advisory Board 2019 – current.
- Broadband for the Bush Alliance, Member forum committee, January 2018 – current.

- ETD 2020, Program Organising Committee

### Key areas of expertise or strengths

My expertise is from within Library environments at both an executive – policy, execution and strategic partnerships, digital transformation and at board level – strategy, financial oversight, risk management, and governance, having held these positions over multiple years. As a board director, I am committed to strong governance and the sustainability of the organisation and sector and see these as critical opportunities and challenges for boards. I am a proficient financial manager as well as a PRINCE2 certified project management practitioner with experience in leading change in complex fiscal environments. I am an experienced professional able to inspire, enable innovation and champion applications of emerging technologies in the rapidly changing financial, human and technology environments within the higher education sector. As a digital disruptor, I am obsessed about taking advantage of digital to create and drive fundamental shifts by design. I am very creative and skilled at developing partnerships within and beyond organisational boundaries. As a results-orientated individual, I am comfortable navigating complex, ambiguous and political environments in pursuit of sustainable results.

### Statement about you and why you are nominating

Having spent the majority of my career within the world of libraries I continue my passion for their future and by being on the CAUL board believe that I will have greater input and oversight of the strategic direction. The modern academic libraries globally are at the crossroads of a seismic shift within a broader evolving higher education landscape. My vision for the SMART; service-oriented, mission-critical, accessible, relevant and technologically enabled; academic library in the digital age is an incubator of ideas and creativity enabling exciting opportunities in co-creation of new knowledge and learning. The world is changing so rapidly in information and knowledge management that anything short of ambitious will only condemn our industry to a declining relevance. With excellent collaborative skills and the ability to link people together, I will be able to help negotiate commitments, not just agreements. I am also confident that my strong business acumen and diverse background will add to the Boards collective strength towards achieving its goals and strategic priorities.