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## Research Staff Association

The [University of Liverpool Research Staff Association](#) was set up in 2018, supported by The Academy. The UoL RSA is **run on a voluntary basis by researchers for researchers**

**Represent** – provide a collective voice for research staff on matters affecting researchers

**Network** – provide a platform for communication and networking for research staff across the University

**Develop** – provide training opportunities for research staff and coordinate central support for researcher development provided locally

**Community** – create a borderless community so researchers can make the most of their time at Liverpool

### *Inclusivity Statement*

The Academy is committed to providing an environment which recognises and values people's differences, capitalises on the strengths that those differences bring to the institution and supports all staff and students in maximising their potential to succeed. In line with the Academy's firm commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion, we offer all postdoctoral and research-related staff opportunities to develop and network irrespective of a researcher's gender, ethnicity, age, self-identification, disability, religious affiliation, or any other criteria used to separate and define **code of conduct**

## Want to get involved? RSA Liaison Committee 2020/21

We're currently looking for individuals to take on the role of liaison committee members representing the interests of researchers across their department so co-chairs can relay these issues to University management. **If you are interested in helping shape research culture at the University this is a great opportunity to get involved!**

[Here you can find a list of each departmental representative](#) to contact if you have an issue you would like us to hear about (or get involved and become a department representative yourself!)



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## Images of Research Competition: Research in the Time of Coronavirus



All research staff at the University of Liverpool are invited to submit an **image of their research** along with a **150-word abstract** describing your research project and **how coronavirus has changed the way you work.**

This is a **fantastic opportunity** to showcase your research to a wide audience and show us what goes on **'behind the scenes'**: whether it's a messy home desk or a socially-distanced lab!

Applications  
are  
open!

30<sup>th</sup>

November

2020

The lucky winner(s) will be announced at the **end of the day** and be eligible to receive a **retail voucher of up to £50**

Our **panel of judges** will shortlist entries to be exhibited online, which will be open for **public vote** during the conference

**Submit here!**

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## PROGRAM

09:45

### Introduction

*These are the days of our lives*

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#### Keynote – Prof Anthony Hollander, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research & Impact

10:00-11:00

The Research in an Inclusive and Sustainable Environment (RISE) project aims to co-develop approaches to support all colleagues and to enable the University to maximise its research contributions in light of the pandemic. In this Keynote session, Prof Anthony Hollander will discuss the progress made to date via the RISE Project as not only has the pandemic necessitated a rapid pivot in research to tackle the crisis, it has simultaneously created new challenges in the research environment, whilst turning a spotlight on issues that already exist.

11:00-11.30

Break [listen to our Spotify playlist](#)

11:15-11:30

**Bingo!** with prizes Join us on [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: 952 7125 1849 Passcode: 123!jhtau)

*We are the champions*

[Register here](#)

#### Panel discussion: Inclusivity in Academia

11:30-13:00

- **Chaired by Prof Georgina Endfield** APVC for Research & Impact in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Liverpool
- **Dr Emmanuel Adukwu** Deputy Head of Science in the Department of Applied Science & Employability Leader at the University of the West of England
- **Dr Shaima Hassan** Postdoctoral Researcher in Health Services Research at the University of Liverpool and representative of the UoL BAME Network
- **Dr Angela Obasi** Senior Clinical Lecturer at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and author of Lancet paper
- **Dr Diego Baptista** Diversity and Inclusion Policy Adviser on Research Culture at Wellcome Trust
- **Dr Clara Barker** Engineer and Material Scientist at Oxford University and Chair of the University's LGBT+ Advisory group

13:00-14:00

Lunch Break [listen to our Spotify playlist](#)

*I want to break free... from barriers to career development*

[Register here](#)

This interactive session explains what Prosper means by democratising access before opening the floor to you. It also launches our recruitment for Prosper's first postdoc career development cohort, starting April 2021.

Benefits of attending:

14:00-15:00

- Share and discuss barriers to participating in development activities you and your peers have encountered
- Reflect on what democratising access means to you, your identity and how you currently engage with career development, and compare this with current studies around barriers to postdoc development
- Be the first to hear about the opportunity to join Prosper's first postdoc career development cohort – recruitment for which opens at this event!

If you'd like to read more about Prosper before the session, please [visit our pages here](#) and follow us on Twitter - [@ProsperPostdoc](#)

15:00-15:15

Break [listen to our Spotify playlist](#)

*Friends Will Be Friends*

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#### Networking activity - Join us on [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: 952 7125 1849 Passcode: 123!jhtau)

15:15 -16:00

The day will come to an end with a networking session, open to researchers nationally which will allow researchers from different schools and institutions to share experiences. The session will also include the opportunity to chat with colleagues from the Prosper team, the Research, Partnerships and Innovation (RPI) team and the Conference sponsors. RPI provides support at every stage of the research, impact and knowledge exchange process, they help academics to apply their expertise to the external environment through effective engagement with collaborators, partners and funders.

16:00

End of day and announcement of Images of Research Prize winner! [Vote here before 4pm](#)

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## SPEAKERS



### Professor Anthony Hollander

**Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research & Impact and Professor of Stem Cell Biology.** He provides strategic leadership for the development of research policy and for ensuring impact of the University's research programmes in Liverpool and around the world. He is also responsible for commercialisation of research, for developing partnerships with companies and other external stakeholders and for the training of postgraduate research students.

### Professor Georgina Endfield

**APVC for Research & Impact in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.** Georgina studied for both my BSc in Geography and my MSc in Archaeology at the University of Liverpool before completing a PhD in Geography at the University of Sheffield. She has held various roles including Honorary Secretary for Research and Higher Education for the Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers, 2008-2014). In 2017, Georgina joined the University of Liverpool as APVC for Research and Impact in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.



### Dr Emmanuel Adukwu

**Deputy Head of Science in the Department of Applied Science & Employability Leader at the University of the West of England (UWE) Bristol, and Co-Founder of Aspiring Professionals Hub.** Emmanuel is passionate about research to address issues in antimicrobial research, development and evaluation of antimicrobial compound, clinical transport systems and diseases of global health importance particularly in Africa. He has held the widening participation lead role for the department working closely with faculty colleagues to address issues of attainment, retention and student success for BAME students and LPN background alongside championing the need for staff diversity in the applied sciences and STEM. He is also one of the coordinators of the BME forum and the creator/co-coordinator of the Africa Staff Network at UWE.



### Dr Shaima Hassan

**Postdoctoral Researcher in Health Services Research at the University of Liverpool and representative of the UoL BAME Network.** Shaima is a research associate at NIHR CLAHRC North West Coast, the University of Liverpool. Currently involved in the Partner priority programme (PPP) as a facilitator and evaluator for both PPP and CLAHCR internal evaluation. Her research interest centres around health services research and the factors that influence individuals experiences, decision-making and more specifically health seeking behaviours and health inequalities. Both her masters and PhD research focused on religion, exploring its impact on individual perceptions of health/wellbeing and experiences.



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## SPEAKERS



### [Dr Angela Obasi](#)

Senior Clinical Lecturer at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. Having completed her medical training at the Kings College Hospital in London and a Masters in Social Anthropology at University College London, Angela continued her training in Tropical Medicine, HIV and Genito-urinary Medicine at UCL and the Hospital for Tropical Diseases before securing an MRC Training Fellowship in Clinical Epidemiology. Angela's PhD focused on the Epidemiology of Herpes Simplex and her leadership of the design and implementation of the Mema kwa Vijana (MkV) adolescent sexual health intervention in Tanzania, where she lived for four years. She is an Honorary Consultant at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, and has a strong interest in Research Ethics and chaired the LSTM Research Ethics Committee from 2008 – 2019. Angela is the author of [Equity in excellence or just another tax on Black skin?](#)



### [Dr Diego Baptista](#)

**Diversity and Inclusion Policy Adviser on Research Culture at Wellcome Trust.** Diego works between the Policy and Advocacy team and the Diversity and Inclusion team at Wellcome Trust. He is making sure our efforts to Reimagine Research are inclusive in how they are developed and implemented. He has previously held a role at Wellcome in the Open Research team and holds a PhD in Biochemistry and Biophysics from Harvard University.



### [Dr Clara Barker](#)

**Engineer and Material Scientist at Oxford and Chair of the University's LGBT+ Advisory group.** Clara manages the Centre for Applied Superconductivity, in the materials department at Oxford University. Prior to this, she completed a PhD and various post-docs as a thin-film material scientist, and her main areas of research have been transparent conductive oxides, hardness coatings and, currently, high temperature superconductors. Clara is also the vice chair of the LGBT+ advisory group at Oxford University, and in 2018 she won the first diversity role model award from the University. She runs a youth group for LGBTI+ people, with a support group for their parents. Clara vocally campaigns for trans rights, reminding people that the fight for LGBTI+ equality is not yet won. Clara is the recipient of the Points of Light Award from the UK Prime Minister in 2017, was invited to a reception to celebrate London Pride at 10 Downing Street with the UK Prime Minister in 2018, has written for [the Huffington Post](#) and delivered several talks about LGBT+ issues, including a [TEDx talk about the importance of creating diversity in academia](#)

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The **Facebook Reality Labs (FRL)** Team brings together a world-class team of researchers, developers, and engineers to create the future of virtual and augmented reality, which together will become as universal and essential as smartphones and personal computers are today. And just as personal computers have done over the past 45 years, AR and VR will ultimately change everything about how we work, play, and connect.

We are developing all the technologies needed to enable breakthrough AR glasses and VR headsets, including optics and displays, computer vision, audio, graphics, brain-computer interfaces, haptic interaction, eye/hand/face/body tracking, perception science, and true telepresence. Some of those will advance much faster than others, but they all need to happen to enable AR and VR that are so compelling that they become an integral part of our lives.

**Scrintal** is a fully GDPR-compliant automated transcription and analysis tool that is designed for academic researchers to simplify their research process. The idea was born when one of the team members struggled greatly with transcribing interviews for her PhD thesis. So she decided to develop a platform that could help thousands of others in the same field.

The Scrintal logo, featuring the word "Scrintal" in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font, set against a dark blue background with a faint grid pattern.

As it is developed by researchers with the help of the Stockholm University Innovation Office, **Scrintal** not only helps you spend your limited time on more productive tasks instead of manual transcription, but it also has the highest security standards to ensure all sensitive data is encrypted and stored securely within the EU. **Scrintal** is currently developing its analysis capabilities as a member of the Stockholm School of Economics Business Lab.

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