

1) Communications Officer



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Vision for IGALA:

I hope to see IGALA grow as a globally connected community that welcomes diverse voices and pushes the boundaries of language and gender studies. I genuinely believe that it is essential to open space for new ideas, contexts, and approaches so our work keeps expanding and inspiring. By embracing diverse perspectives and contexts, IGALA can expand its reach and remain at the forefront of innovative, interdisciplinary research.

Statement of willingness:

If given the chance to serve as IGALA's Communication Officer, I would love to help make our community's voice clearer, more engaging, and more visible. My experience with editing, organising conferences, and managing digital platforms has taught me how to keep communication timely and accessible. Being based in Southeast Asia, I also hope to help connect IGALA with regions not yet strongly linked to its activities, encouraging wider participation. I approach my work with consistency and accountability, but more than that, I'm eager to learn and to grow as part of IGALA's vibrant and inspiring community.

2) Secretary



Robert Phillips

Ball State University

Anthropology

Associate Professor of Anthropology

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Vision for IGALA:

My vision for IGALA is to strengthen its role as an inclusive, global community where research on language, gender, and sexuality is shared widely. I want to support clear communication and foster connections that help members at all career stages feel engaged and valued.

Statement of willingness:

As a candidate for IGALA secretary, I bring strong organizational skills, clear communication, and a deep commitment to advancing gender and language research. I will ensure accurate record-keeping, timely dissemination of information, smooth coordination of elections, and, if needed, help facilitate biennial conferences. I'm adept at managing digital platforms to boost member engagement and promote IGALA's global mission. With meticulous attention to detail and a passion for equity and inclusion, I'll support IGALA's goals of fostering dialogue and scholarship, ensuring efficient operations to help the Association thrive as a global community of scholars.



Scott Burnett

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Vision for IGALA:

IGALA has an important role to play as the world grapples with the rise of the far right and anti-gender movements around the world. We will play a crucial role in supporting critical scholars of language and gender across national borders, and in communicating our research and advocacy to broader audiences. The next two years will be a time of profound growth and development for the association.

Statement of willingness:

I have been working as Secretary of IGALA for the past two years and have overseen the transition from a membership database managed by Equinox to one managed by University of Toronto Press (UTP). I see many opportunities to build stronger connections between members within the new system, which has room for improved communications and more solid organisational processes. My particular areas of focus will be on improved knowledge management, responsive member services, and a better working relationship with UTP.

3) Treasurer



Brian King

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Associate Professor

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Vision for IGALA:

We need to build a financial relationship with University of Toronto Press as our financial intermediary and keep the conference bursary program healthy.

Statement of willingness:

I would bring many years of experience with financial matters, having served as a treasurer a couple of times before for other organisations. I am also intimately familiar with how IGALA operates because I was on the executive committee from 2012-2017 and coordinated IGALA 9 here in Hong Kong. I have been an active member of IGALA for 17 years.

4) President-Elect



Iran Melo

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Vision for IGALA:

- Decolonização dos conhecimentos e dos grupos representativos da IGALA / Decolonization of IGALA's knowledge and representative groups
- Ampliação das estratégias comunicacionais digitais da IGALA / Expansion of IGALA's digital communication strategies
- Intensificação do plurilinguismo na IGALA (promoção das línguas não coloniais) / Intensification of plurilingualism in IGALA (promotion of non-colonial languages)

Statement of willingness:

Eu pretendo contribuir com a IGALA:

1. promovendo articulação com grupos acadêmicos e não acadêmicos;
2. buscando que conhecimentos linguísticos de várias culturas dialoguem com a associação;
3. construindo novas redes de vínculo entre pesquisadores de países periféricos;
4. colaborando com o desenvolvimento de mais estratégias de comunicação e divulgação;
5. possibilitando que a associação fique à disposição de práticas de impacto social na educação e em outros setores.



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Vision for IGALA:

To thrive as a bold, inspired and nourishing community for scholars at all career stages - one that supports its members to conduct and communicate research that contributes to safer, kinder and more just societies.

Statement of willingness:

I will work alongside the IGALA Board to help shape the association's direction and strategies to meet the changing needs and challenges of our field, while staying true to our shared aims and values. I will listen with care to members, have honest conversations, and consider your ideas thoughtfully. I will strive to understand your needs within the specific contexts you face, so that IGALA continues to be a supportive and inclusive community.