



### Biography

Andrew MacFarlane is a Reader in Information Retrieval at City University London, and is heavily involved in teaching information science and information systems students. He got his PhD in Information Science from the same Department under the supervision of Prof Stephen Robertson and Dr J.A. McCann (now at Imperial College London). His research interests currently focus on a number of areas including disabilities and Information Retrieval (dyslexia in particular), image retrieval (in the creative industries) and journalist information seeking behaviour in social media. He is a committee member of the BCS Information Retrieval Specialist Group and is a long standing member of that SG. He is the principle investigator for a project funded by the TSB entitled "PhotoBrief" and is also a co-investigator for the SocialSensor project.

### Information Management

My interest in information management stems largely from my interest in information retrieval specifically and information seeking and use in general. I teach a module which focuses on both information and knowledge management, in a wide range of topics including understanding knowledge and information and their differences, information in organisations, information strategies, communication of information etc. I am seeking to develop the module in new areas such as evaluating information risk, and dealing with ROT (Redundant, Obsolete and Trivial data). It is therefore essential that I engage with the practitioner community to constantly keep updated with new development in the field, whilst also imparting theoretical developments from the academic community to ensure that there is good communication between both communities – to the benefit of both.