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I am a Senior Lecturer in the School of Education, Macquarie University. I am currently serving as the co-convenor with Richard Smith and Naoko Aoki. My doctoral thesis and publications in the field of Learner Autonomy focused on the use of narratives to investigate how young learners develop their individual differences and autonomy over the years. Recently, I am interested in how young people use technology to develop their learner autonomy. I am especially intrigued by the ways video gamers use gameplay and online gaming communities and resources to develop their out-of-class learning skills. I am also investigating the use of social media in the classroom to enhance interaction and L2 literacy learning.

In the last few years, the Learner Autonomy ReN has been thriving and has provided an excellent platform for members to exchange information and views. The ReN has also provided generous support for researchers to get connected and informed, and I see this as its greatest strength. As co-convenor, I have been managing the AUTO-L and membership list. In 2012, I had also run a discussion forum on future research agendas, and the discussion was further disseminated at the AILA 2014 Congress Symposium. Recently we have also applied for the continuation of the ReN with the AILA committee. To take the ReN further, I'd like to continue my contribution to this good work and serve other members.