

**Core Staff Team**

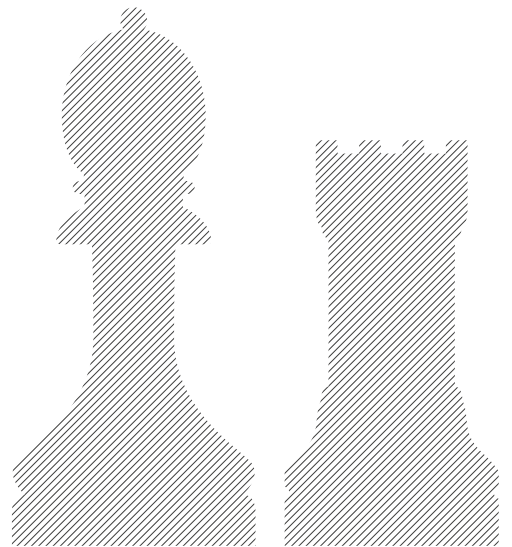
- Director
  - Principal Research Associate
  - Research Associates
  - Administration/  
communications support
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**Associated Staff:**

- Junior Research Fellow
- Seconded staff from  
University of Roehampton  
departments
- Shared station
- Connexional/Network post
- PhD students



———— The Susanna Wesley Foundation exists to help faith communities and religious institutions to flourish by equipping them to understand and to develop their practice.

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The SWF will serve the needs of the Methodist Church in Britain, while nurturing partnerships and sharing its learning and expertise with ecumenical, international and inter-faith communities.

The SWF will achieve its purposes through enabling research in aspects of organizational practice and development which:

- Applies a breadth of academic disciplines to questions of relevance to faith communities
- Enables faith communities to learn from a range of non-religious organizations
- Results in resources which will be accessible and directly beneficial to faith communities

In doing this it will aim also to:

- Contribute to academic discourses in disciplines relevant to the interests of the Foundation and the needs of the Methodist Church
- Facilitate partnerships, conversations and networks of communication, becoming a focal point for a community of scholarship and practice
- Offer development and learning opportunities for communities and organizations
- Enable a range of non-religious organizations to learn from faith communities and to develop new ways of thinking and being

The Foundation will be committed to the mission of the Church, to placing God at the heart of all its work, and to upholding the values of the University of Roehampton and the Methodist ethos of Southlands College

The Foundation will be alert in developing its work to the practical needs of the Methodist Church, and in particular the needs of its local communities.

The Foundation will work with and alongside the academic departments of the University of Roehampton.

The Foundation will work with other organizations and networks, being conscious always of the need to think globally, ecumenically and with reference to other faiths.

The Foundation will model professional and academic excellence and best practice.

In order to achieve this, the SWF will encompass:

- An in-house staff team, directly recruited by the SMT with responsibility for the core research and activities of the Foundation
- Shared staff appointments with partner institutions, managing specific areas and projects and enabling a broader reach of the work and activities of the Foundation
- Honorary Research Fellowships, Junior Research Fellowships and sabbatical placements, providing resources for scholars to work with the Foundation for limited periods to complete relevant research projects
- The award of significant grants to partners and associates for the design and delivery of major research projects and resource production
- The sponsorship of PhD students of subjects relevant to the Foundation's aims
- A body of trustees who are equipped and encouraged to engage in the activities of the Foundation and to promote its work

