

New position for long-serving employee

Burleigh Dodds Science (BDS) Publishing are delighted to announce that Amanda Renwick, who was previously the Content Delivery Specialist, has received a promotion and will now work alongside Francis Dodds (Editorial Director) as a new Commissioning Editor.

Katherine Lister – Marketing Executive at BDS – sat down with Amanda to learn a bit more about her new role.

KL: Did you have an idea of the role and area of publishing you'd like to work in when you first started?

AR: I did work experience in a few areas to get a feel of what I wanted during my studies. I did Marketing and PR at Penguin Random House, Editorial at Bloomsbury and even did a day or two at London Metro. Out of those three, the Editorial Department at Bloomsbury was my favourite, so I knew I wanted to be involved in that area.



Pictured: Amanda Renwick

KL: How did you become involved with BDS – was it your first position in publishing?

AR: I found BDS through their work experience opportunity that they offered back in 2017, I was halfway through my MA at Anglia Ruskin University when the placement came up. I'd always thought I'd end up in trade publishing, but after working with BDS for a month I realised that this area wasn't for me and I wanted to be in the academic sector. After my placement was over, they offered me a position as Editorial Assistant – six and a half years later and I'm still here!

KL: You've recently received a promotion at BDS – tell us more about that.

AR: I've been promoted to Commissioning Editor, which is great news. It's been something I've been doing in the background whilst doing my role as Content Delivery Specialist, but now I've got the opportunity to focus on it full time which is really exciting. I've already commissioned a few titles – *Energy-smart farming: Efficiency, renewable energy and sustainability* (2020), *Achieving sustainable turfgrass management* (2023) and a new title *Women and smallholder farming: Addressing global inequities in agriculture* (with the help of you on this one, of course), but it'll be great to be able to focus on doing this fully now.





Pictured: Amanda working at her desk

KL: What are you most looking forward to in your new role?

AR: For me, I think it would be seeing how the process actually starts. Up until this point I've always had projects from where the Contents lists are already established, so being able to research topics myself and expand my knowledge is what I'm most looking forward to. Since I manage the projects I am a bit familiar with what the topics are, but actually being able to put something together myself will be a great experience.

KL: What do you hope to bring to BDS' unique commissioning approach/model?

AR: I think being able to expand on what we've already got is what I hope to be able to do, we've got a lot on livestock but already I can see where we can take our current list. Whether it be publishing new editions of books we've already got or something completely different, I hope to be able to use what we've already got established as a basis for my own titles.

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KL: Can you share with us any possible commissioning topics you're currently working on or areas you're excited to get stuck into?

AR: There's a lot of buzz about automation and livestock right now, we've previously touched on this area in some of our other titles but I really would like us to expand on this. Naturally, I think there's more for us to do in terms of reducing the impact livestock has on climate change emissions. There's a lot out there so I think just generally getting stuck into the research will be the most exciting part!

About Burleigh Dodds Science Publishing

Burleigh Dodds Science Publishing is an award-winning independent publisher of content in agricultural and food science.

Through our innovative publishing model, we bridge the knowledge gap between science and its application, enabling and empowering you to make a positive impact on sustainable agriculture, climate change and the UN Sustainable Development Goals as a result.

Based in the UK, we pride ourselves on our ability to facilitate international collaboration between scientists, researchers and professionals from different fields, scopes and sectors. We have worked with – and are connected to – over 4000 agricultural professionals from 1500+ worldwide organisations working out of more than 100 countries.