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Her research is in multiagent systems, with a focus on strategic reasoning and how game-theory and mechanism design can be used to model and design multiagent systems. For example, she has studied how computational limitations can influence strategic behaviour of bidding agents in auctions, as well as in other negotiation protocols, has studied coalition formation and other cooperative game models, and has looked at how to characterise and model strategic behaviour in argumentation.

Kate has been involved in the AAMAS community since her time as a graduate student and has attended every conference since 2002, and many of her publications have appeared at the conference. She has served on the AAMAS PC from 2002-2005, and 2009-2010, served on the Senior PC in 2006 and 2008, and has been a member of the Organizing Committee in 2007 (Doctoral Mentoring Co-Chair) and 2010 (Tutorials Chair).

In addition to her work with AAMAS, she has also served as a program committee or senior program committee member for several other related conferences including AAAI, IJCAI and the ACM Conference on Electronic Commerce (ACM EC), is a member, since 2009, of the Board of Directors for the Association for Trading Agent Research, and is involved in organizing several workshops and events both at the international level, and inside Canada. Finally, Kate has long had an interest in, and has been actively involved in outreach and mentoring activities focussed on encouraging and supporting female students who are both broadly interested in computer science, and multiagent systems in particular.

In summary, Kate has been, and continues to be, an active member of the agents and multiagent systems community, and would, we believe, be a valuable member on the IFAAMAS board.