



JUNE 2022

AC RESEARCH

TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOODS AND NATIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANZATS IN SYDNEY

Alpha Crucis will be hosting the annual Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Studies (ANZATS) conference in Sydney this year from 3-6 July. Many of our faculty and HDR candidates will be presenting their research – so come along to support them if you're in the area. The theme of the conference is Future Theology, with keynote addresses by Victoria Lorrimar (Trinity Theological College) and Willie James Jennings (Yale Divinity School).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to Jacqui Grey who recently received the Award of Excellence at the Society for Pentecostal Studies annual meeting in California.

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Oslington, who has been awarded a fellowship at the Australian National University's Humanities Research Centre.

HDR NEWS

Welcome, Johannes!

NEW DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

This year we welcomed Associate Professor Johannes Leutz to his new role as Director of Research Development. Johannes is working to stimulate research activity across AC. He also oversees admissions and changes to supervision in the Graduate Research School. Johannes is a social scientist with a wealth of expertise in human research. He is available to meet with any faculty or HDR candidates who need advice on research methodologies, especially in human research.

Recent Events

- The Evangelical History Association (EHA) Conference was hosted by AC in Sydney. One of our HDR candidates, John Ramm, presented a paper on the evangelist John Ridley and his legacy as a nation builder.
- AC recently hosted a webinar on Reconstruction in an Age of Deconstruction, with the leading American Pentecostal theologian A. J. Swoboda. The recording is available [here](#).
- AC also hosted a webinar with Jon Newton on the topic of Conspiracy Theories and the Book of Revelation – see the recording [here](#).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to Philip Hughes on receiving the 2022 Award for Excellence in HDR Supervision. Philip has supervised more HDR candidates to completion than any other current AC faculty. His candidates have published their research, presented at international conferences, and made substantial contributions to the study of the sociology of religion in Australia. Philip's commitment to the success of his candidates has been exemplary. We are blessed to have a colleague of Philip's calibre!

HDR MILESTONES

Confirmations and Examinations

Congratulations to our HDR candidates who have successfully completed a major milestone!

CONFIRMATIONS

- John Lenga (PhD) – Exploring challenges of refugees with disabilities when accessing NDIS funding
- Hiwee Leng Toh (PhD) - The correlation between documented and sung doctrines
- Seong Min An (PhD) – A study of diaspora theology for the Korean church in Australia
- Sun-Ja Kim Jo (PhD) – The correlation between Calvin’s covenant thought and double grace
- James Rengger (PhD) – The theological foundations of CPE praxis in dialogue with the theology of Jürgen Moltmann

EXAMINATIONS

- Fleur Creed (PhD) – The church as a place for connection: building social capital across boundaries in Australian communities
- Bhupendra Gurung (MPhil) – The restrictions of female leadership in Nepalese Pentecostal churches
- Eudora Hammer (Honours) – The purpose of violence in Joshua



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

ACSPRI

(Australian Consortium for Social and Political Research Incorporated) has new master-classes and workshops available for the coming months.

Topics centre on developing research skills (e.g. Applied Qualitative Interviewing Methods, Questionnaire Design, Literature Review, Mixed Methods Research Design, and more). For information visit their [website](#), and contact [Ben Myers](#) to find out if funding is available to support your research training.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

ARTF INC GRANTS

The Australian Research Theology Foundation (ARTFinc) is currently accepting grant applications for up to \$10,000 to support research in the area of Religion and/or Education in Australia. Projects can be either pure research or applied. Applications are due by 30 June 2022. For more details, visit their [website](#) or contact our grants and fellowships administrator, [Ingrid Ryan](#).

AUSTRALIAN RELIGIOUS HISTORY FELLOWSHIP

The State Library of New South Wales is calling for applicants for the 2022 Australian Religious History Fellowship. This fellowship provides \$20,000 to support a high-quality project relating to any aspect of religious history in Australia. Applications are due 15 July. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

INTERNAL AC RESEARCH FUNDING

Internal funding is available to support research projects by faculty and HDR candidates. If you are presenting work at a conference, or if your research involves other financial costs, contact [Ben Myers](#) to find out if you are eligible for support.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Check out some of the exciting new research publications from our talented faculty and HDR candidates

Aghamiri, Fai, Johannes Luetz, and Karenne Hills. "Impacts of Sexual Addition on Intimate Female Partners," *Sexual Health and Compulsivity*

Austin, Emma. "Biblical Field Experience as Experiential Pedagogy: Jerusalem University College as a Case Study," *International Journal of Christianity and Education*

Coetzee, Narelle. "Moses' Embodied Encounter: Bare Feet Grounded in the Wilderness (Exodus 3.1-4.17)," *Journal of Pentecostal Theology*

Fogarty, Stephen. French translation of the book Allume la flamme: comment motiver efficacement les bénévoles dans votre église

Fyson, Stephen. "What Evidence for What Impact?" in *Revealing Jesus in the Learning Environment: Evidence and Impact* (Avondale Academic Press)

Fyson, Stephen. "Conceptualising Thinking as a Spiritual Discipline," *Journal of Christianity and Psychology*

Hughes, Philip. "The Future of Faith Communities in Australia," *Pointers: The Bulletin of the Christian Research Association*

Hughes, Philip. "The Impact of Religion in Australian Society through Individual Lives," *Christian Research Association*

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Luetz, Johannes, Walter Leal Filho, et al. "Deploying Artificial Intelligence for Climate Change Adaptation," *Technological Forecasting and Social Change*

Perry, David, Stephen Fogarty, and Denise Austin. "Politics and Pentecostalism in Australia: Prime Minister Morrison as the 'Miracle Man'," *Pneuma*

Riches, Tanya, Andrew Davies, and U-Wen Low. Editors of a special journal issue on Worship and the Megachurch, in *Journal of Contemporary Ministry*

Riches, Tanya. "Hillsong", in *The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology*

Terceiro, Danielle. "Containing Epidemics through Metaphor," *Journal of World Literature*

Terceiro, Danielle. "Jesus's Parables: Stories for Teaching and Learning", *Christian Teachers Journal*

Wrigley-Carr, Robyn. "Evelyn Underhill: An Anglican 'Spiritual Ecumenist'", *Anglican Theological Review*

Wrigley-Carr, Robyn. "A Practitioner's Reflections Upon the Spiritual Formation of Teachers: The Wisdom of Evelyn Underhill", *Journal of Religious Education*

OTHER NEWS

UNDERSTANDING THE PEER REVIEW PROCESS

If you missed our recent professional development session on understanding the peer review process, a video recording is available [here](#). We explain how the peer review process works from the perspective of a journal's editor, a reviewer, and an author.

UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Stay tuned for announcements about our upcoming Professional Development sessions on topics including:

- Publishing your research: making the best choices
- Promoting your research to different audiences
- Research collaboration and co-publishing

THREE MINUTE THESIS

If you're an HDR candidate, it's not too soon to start preparing for this year's 3MT competition, to be held on 8 September.



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