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# AC RESEARCH

TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOODS AND NATIONS

## PhD scholarships

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In partnership with Mission Australia, AC is providing two fully-funded PhD scholarships for research on chaplaincy in Australia. The scholarships will cover full-time fees for three years, commencing in 2023. For more details, contact [Nigel Pegram](#).

## Research assistant job

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Paul Oslington is looking for a Sydney-based HDR candidate for a research assistant position. The work, funded by a grant from ARTFinc, involves preparing materials for a history of the Macquarie Christian Studies Institute. The research assistant will be paid \$50 per hour, up to a total of \$6000. Either archival or historical research experience is required. For details, contact [Paul Oslington](#).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Jacqui Grey** recently represented global Pentecostalism as a plenary speaker at the 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Karlsruhe, Germany.

**Jon Newton** was a plenary speaker at the European Pentecostal Theological Association (EPTA) Conference in Warsaw, Poland.

# HDR Milestones

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Congratulations to the following HDR candidates who have successfully completed a major milestone:

## CONFIRMATION OF CANDIDATURE

- Paul Asnicar (PhD) – "The Church as a Learning Community: Communal Learning and Inquiry as Locally Embodied Expression of the Gospel"
- Melanie Spencer (PhD) – "Bringing Clarity of Vision to the Integration of Positive Education and the Christian Ethos of an Australian Church School"
- Wolfgang Sue (PhD) – "Ancestral Practices and Biblical Principles in Northeast Thailand"
- Duane Van Vuuren (PhD) – "Current leadership influence processes within Australian Pentecostal congregations"
- Wayne Harrison (PhD) – "A case for continuity: A revisionist reading of Reformed theology on speaking in tongues at Pentecost and Corinth"

## THESIS EXAMINATIONS

- Peter Botross (DMin) – "Theological and pedagogical approaches to equipping disciplers in Baptist churches"
- Stephen Reid (DMin) – "The roles and functions of Christian sports chaplains in contemporary Australian society"
- Rog Hyeong Cho (PhD) – "A contextual reshaping of the theology of the cross: moving beyond prosperity theology in the Korean Australian diaspora"
- David Jones (PhD) – "Foundations for justice in knowledge work: An autoethnographic account of discovering the universal pattern beneath outcome-focused conversations"
- Makalofi Kakala (PhD) – "Reading Biblical Hebrew Poetry through the Lens of Heliaki, a Tongan Poetical Device"



## EXTERNAL GRANTS

**Paul Oslington** has received \$7500 in funding from the Australian Research Theology Foundation (ARTFInc). Paul's grant will fund research on the history of the Macquarie Christian Studies Institute.

**Robyn Wrigley-Carr** recently completed a pilot project on "Spiritual retreats for aged care pastoral care coordinators and chaplains", funded by a \$6000 grant from the Australian Research Theology Foundation (ARTFInc).

# Recent Events

## 3MT COMPETITION

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Congratulations to the six HDR candidates who were shortlisted in this year's 3 Minute Thesis competition. Duane Van Vuuren received first prize for his presentation on "Leadership influence in Australian Pentecostal Congregations". Emma Austin won the People's Choice Award for her presentation titled "A Walk Down Memory Lane: Mnemonatura and the Bible". The other finalists were Danielle Terceiro, Essa Hukkinen, Fai Aghamiri, and Ross Winchester.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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If you missed our latest Professional Development seminars, you can check out the recordings here:

- [Understanding the peer review process](#)
- [Promoting your research to different audiences](#)
- [The process of writing a book](#)
- [Preparing for thesis examination](#)

## MINISTRY WEBINAR

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In one of AC's recent public webinars, Jacqui Grey, Ally Cawthorn and David Parker had a panel discussion of the question, "Can Women Lead Today?" Watch the recording [here](#).



## RESEARCH TRAINING

The Australian Consortium for Social & Political Research (ASCPRI) has a range of upcoming masterclasses, workshops, and conferences. A notable event is the upcoming 8th Biennial ASCPRI Social Science Methodology Conference in November. Visit [here](#) to see the full list of upcoming ASCPRI events, and contact Ben Myers to find out if funding is available to support your research training.

# Researcher Spotlight

*Stephen Reid has just successfully completed his DMin thesis on the role of Christian sports chaplains in contemporary Australia. We caught up with Stephen for a chat about his research.*



## **Your doctoral thesis was on sports chaplaincy in Australia. What sparked your interest in this area of research?**

As a researcher with the Christian Research Association, I was involved in a pilot study investigating the benefits of sports chaplaincy. The findings of that research convinced me that sports chaplaincy is a unique and effective ministry for churches in Australia. Yet there had been very little research about it. That provided me with a suitable enough excuse to think about further studies.

## **What was the biggest surprise from your findings?**

My research found that chaplains provide a significant 'prophetic' benefit to sporting clubs by fostering positive values and a sense of justice and integrity, as well as contributing to club morale and culture. People in the clubs highlighted this aspect of the chaplain's role more than the chaplains themselves did.

## **What difference will your research make to chaplaincy in Australia?**

At a time when identification with Christianity is at an all-time low, I think there are great ministry opportunities for Christians to 'be Jesus' to people in their local community through sporting clubs. Demand for Christian sports chaplains highlights a contemporary Australian spirituality which shows that people want care and community, but do not necessarily want it connected with doctrines or institutional structures in which they no longer have confidence.

## **What's next for you? Do you have more research planned for the future?**

I hope to summarise and publish my DMin research for a more general audience. Sports chaplaincy in Australia has huge potential for churches, but I think much more empirical research is required to provide evidence of its effectiveness and benefits for society more broadly.

# Recent Publications

Check out the bumper crop of new research publications from our faculty and HDR candidates!

Aernie, Jeffrey. "Abraham's Paternity and God's Promise: Another Look at the Context and Syntax of Romans 4.1," *Journal for the Study of the New Testament*

Arasaratnam-Smith, Lily A. and Darla K. Deardorff. *Developing Intercultural Competence in Higher Education: International Students' Stories and Self-Reflection* (Routledge, 2022)



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Lily A. Arasaratnam-Smith and Darla K. Deardorff

Austin, Emma, and Jacqueline Grey. "The Spirit in 1-2 Chronicles, Ezra-Nehemiah, and Esther: Transforming the Spirit Traditions for New Contexts," *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies*



Callista, Sarah, and Qianwen Deng. "I'm not a virus: A Critical Reading of 'the Woman with the Issue of Blood' through the Eyes of Asian Women in Australia," *Australasian Pentecostal Studies*

Carpenter, Alex; Wilson, Rachel. "A Systematic Review Looking at the Effect of Entrepreneurship Education on Higher Education Students," *The International Journal of Management Education*

Chan, Kenelm Ka Lun. "Mediating through Translations from Hillsong Megachurch to the Hills Chinese Community," *Journal of Contemporary Ministry*

Choi, Yung Hun. "The Future of the Church in Ezekiel and Revelation," *Text and Context*

Coetzee, Narelle, and Emma Austin. "To Build or to Be: An Intertextual Exploration of Sarai's Scheme," *Australasian Pentecostal Studies*

Dodds, Adam. "Theological Anthropology in the Quranic Narratives of the Fall: A Contrastive Study," *Journal of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*

Durga, Pratima, Caffery, Lisa A., Murrlink, Olav, Taylor-Robinson, Andrew. "Under the Regulatory Radar: Unregulated Rural Healthcare in Bangladesh and Australia," *Health & Social Care in the Community*

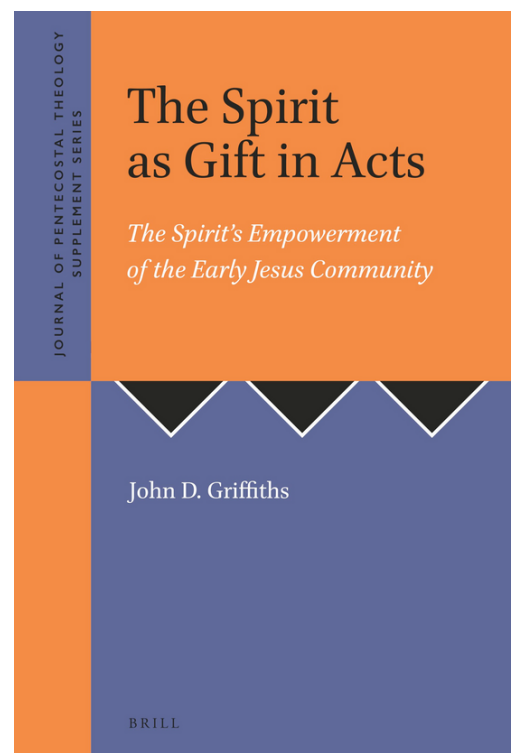
Durga, Pratima, Olav Muurlink, et al. "Success and Its Consequences: Bangladesh's Health Report Card at 50," in *The Emergence of Bangladesh* (Palgrave)

Grey, Jacqueline. "Trouble in Paradise: Exploring Gender Roles and Violence Against Women in Song of Songs 5:2-8," in *Sisters, Mothers, Daughters: Pentecostal Perspectives on Violence Against Women* (Brill)

Griffiths, John D. *The Spirit as Gift in Acts: The Spirit's Empowerment of the Early Jesus Community* (Brill)

Hepplewhite, Glenda. "Contributions of Pentecostal Women in Higher Education," *Australasian Pentecostal Studies*

Hughes, Philip. "Voluntary Contributions to Society: The Impact of School Systems," *Journal of Research on Christian Education*



Kim, Kyoung-Jin. *A Commentary on the Gospel of Luke: A New Perspective on the Gospel of Luke* (CLC)

Luetz, Johannes and Nahid Sultana. *“Adopting the Local Knowledge of Coastal Communities for Climate Change Adaptation: A Case Study from Bangladesh,”* *Frontiers in Climate*

Luetz, Johannes and Debra Ayling. *“Student Voices on the COVID-19 Crisis: An Australian Christian Higher Education Study,”* *Christian Higher Education*

Manzo, Wendy. *“Towards an Understanding of the Spontaneous Prophetic Artist in the Pentecostal Church,”* *Australasian Pentecostal Studies*

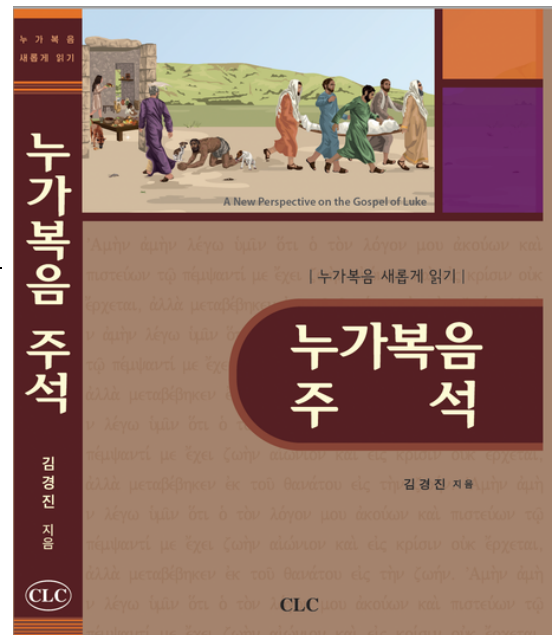
O'Keefe, Dean, and Jacqueline Grey. *“Fear God, and Keep His Commandments”*: Models for a Pentecostal Pedagogy from Exilic and Post-Exilic Texts of the Old Testament". In *Pentecostal Theological Education in the Majority World*, Volume 1

Oslington, Paul and Hengstmengel, Joost. *“The Curious Tale of Libanius, Grotius and Jacob Viner’s Universal Economy Doctrine,”* *History of Economics Review*

Oslington, Paul. *“Australian Secularism, Religious Not-for-Profits and Higher Education: Connections and Gaps,”* *Lucas: An Evangelical History Review*

Ramm, John. *“John Gotch 'Jack' Ridley MC: Australia's Beloved Evangelist, Beloved Soldier (1897–1976),”* *Lucas: An Evangelical History Review*

Wrigley-Carr, Robyn. *“Glimpsing Eternity humbles us: Visions and Women Mystics,”* *St Mark's Review*



# Other News

## MISSION AUSTRALIA CHAPLAINCY PROJECT

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At the start of 2022, AC began a major new funded research project in partnership with Mission Australia. Led by Nigel Pegram, the project aims to develop an effective model of chaplaincy for disadvantaged communities. The partnership will continue for five years, from 2022-2026. The conclusions will also be shared with the wider church to help inform Christian mission among some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

## WEBINAR WITH REV TIM COSTELLO

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AC is hosting a free webinar with Rev Tim Costello. Join us on October 20th 12-1pm AEST to hear Rev Tim Costello address the topic "Leading Publicly in a Hostile Environment". Book online [here](#).

## AC RESEARCH FUNDING

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



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