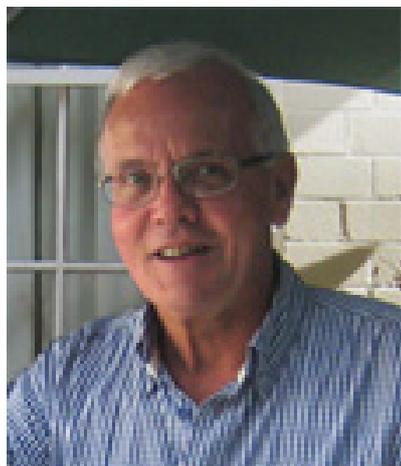


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A Changing of the Guard



Dr Raymond Nobbs, who has served as the foundation Executive Officer of ANZATS and the CDT since October 2013, has expressed his wish to step down from that position in 2016 following his 70th

birthday. Prior to coming to the post he had been, amongst other things, on the academic staff of Macquarie University; the foundation Dean, CEO and a Professor of the Sydney College of Divinity; at times the Chair of both ANZATS and the CDT; and, an officer for the Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA) and the Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency.

Studies (1993). He was an officer of the Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA) since 2004, and subsequently the Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA), and a member of the executive committee of the Council for Private Higher Education (COPHE).

He is the Associate Editor of the *Journal of Anglican Studies*, and a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, and the Society for the Study of Early Christianity. His publications include: *Tradition and Rhetoric in the Pastoral Epistles* (1998); *What are They Saying about the Pastoral Epistles* (2001); and, *Early Christian Life and Thought in Social Context: A Reader* (2003).

Mark brings to both ANZATS and the CDT remarkable skills. He has served the ACT for 20 years and in that time has led the ACT through a period of extraordinary change.

He brought skills for the ACT to meet the challenges of a new era in its 120-year history, its inclusion of colleges beyond its Anglican roots and in due course the securing of self-accrediting authority for the ACT's awards. He has developed a highly competent ACT team, commanding respect amongst the affiliated colleges teaching ACT's awards, and earning the esteem of the government agencies whose regulatory requirements have been at the core of his contribution.

Mark has epitomised the principles of Christian leadership, caring for the welfare of his staff and colleagues, and ever-willing to consider issues from various viewpoints whilst remaining candid and resourceful. ANZATS and the CDT are, therefore, fortunate in securing the services of such a person who will undoubtedly lead them to greater heights, and enable both to equip people for service to God and the community.



The announcement that the Rev. Dr Mark Harding BA(Hons), BD, ThSchol, BTh, MA(Hons), PhD, would become the next Executive Officer was received enthusiastically. He is ably qualified for the task as he has been Dean and CEO of the Australian

College of Theology, a member of the Council (formerly Committee) of Deans of Theology since 1996, and a long-standing Director of ANZATS.

He lectured in Biblical Studies at Moore Theological College (1985-1989) and at Macquarie University in Old and New Testament

Let us pray



of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility; that on the last day, when he comes again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen." [BCP, Advent 1]

"Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time

"God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever. Amen." [AAPB, Advent 2]

"Almighty Father, who commanded us to love you with all our mind; look with your gracious favour, we pray, on our Universities, Colleges, and Schools. Bless all who teach and all who learn; grant that they may seek and love the truth, grow in wisdom and knowledge, and in humility of heart ever look to you, the source of all wisdom and understanding. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." [AAPB, Prayers for Various Occasions]

A Report on New projects in research, graduate destinations, and threshold standards from the Council of Deans of Theology



By Professor Peter Sherlock, Vice-Chancellor, University of Divinity;

Treasurer, ANZATS; and

Chair, Council of Deans of Theology

The Council of Deans of Theology met on Friday 9 October 2015 at Pilgrim Theological College, University of Divinity, in Melbourne.

The Council discussed the challenges facing theological education in light of the changing place of religion in contemporary society and the continuing uncertainties in higher education policy settings. The next instalment of a long-term project to record the numbers of theology graduates in Australia was received, and it was agreed to extend the project to include equivalent full-time student load.

The Council agreed to initiate three new projects to promote better understanding and appreciation of the contribution of theological education to the Australian community. These will build on previous projects, including the *Uncovering Theology* and *Transforming Theology* projects completed in 2009 and 2013.

The first project will create agreed minimum threshold standards for a Bachelor of Theology

degree, to promote quality outcomes for undergraduate theology students, and to assist in peer review and benchmarking.

A second project will look at graduate destinations. How are theology graduates using the knowledge and skills gained in their studies? For example, what proportion of theology graduates are entering into ministry roles in the churches, or vocations in fields such as education, health, and community services?

The third project will examine trends in doctoral research in theology over the last decade. This will include analysis of the titles and abstracts of all completed doctoral qualifications in theology in Australia over the past ten years, and lay the foundations for a future project on entry qualifications and graduate destinations.

The Council of Deans of Theology is a peak body for theological education and scholarship in Australia. Formally established in 1997, the Council acts as a representative body for the theological education sector, and its members represent Australian higher education providers that offer academic awards in theology. These include public and private institutions; universities, self-accrediting colleges, and non-self-accrediting institutions. The Council aims to develop and maintain standards in theological education, to promote best practice in learning, teaching, research, and research training. The Council sponsors projects of shared interest and facilitates benchmarking across its membership.

Around our Member Institutions



Information for this section is largely an edited version of the reports brought to the last meeting of the Council of Deans of Theology. Many Member Institutions of ANZATS are represented either in their own right or through affiliation on this Council. Following the last Newsletter a couple of institutions asked that their particular news be included.

The following institutional abbreviations are used in this section:

AC (Alphacrucis College), **ACD** (Adelaide College of Divinity), **ACT** (Australian College of Theology), **ACU** (Australian Catholic University), **ACHE** (Avondale College of Higher Education), **CHC** (Christian Heritage College), **CSU** (Charles Sturt University), **ECA** (Eastern College Australia [formerly Tabor Victoria]), **HBC** (Harvest Bible College), **MTC** (Moore Theological College), **MU** (Murdoch University), **PBC** (Perth Bible College), **RC** (Ridley College see ACT), **SCD** (Sydney College of Divinity), **SMNTC** (St Mark's National Theological Centre see CSU), **TA** (Tabor Adelaide), **TT** (Tabor Tasmania), **UD** (University of Dvinity), **UNDA** (University of Notre Dame Australia).

1. Institutional: e.g. registration, renewal or change of status, TEQSA audits or regulatory matters; structural changes, e.g. constitution, governance, organisational structure, consortium membership); partnerships; major reviews; new initiatives; restructures; campus/property developments; funding; strategic planning)

ACD

Now has a new Executive Officer: Dr Kathryn Powell.

A new logo has been adopted and the website is being redeveloped

ACT

TEQSA has renewed the college's registration for seven years, 2015-2022.

It is about to embark on an external review of its academic governance.

CHC

Its institutional registration as a higher education provider continues until 16th January 2021.

TESQA has granted accreditation of four new Courses of Study – Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts (Standard); Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts (Accelerated); Diploma of Liberal Arts: Foundations of Wisdom; and, Diploma of Liberal Arts: Foundations of Learning for a period of seven (7) years. Theology is one of the majors in the bachelor courses.

CSU

St Mark's Registered Training Organisation achieved self-delegation status in September 2015.

ECA

Tabor Victoria has changed its name and logo to Eastern College Australia in light of its evolving mission and vision as a Christian higher Education provider. With national accreditation and students throughout Australia and globally it has moved away from a State-based identity.

HBC

TEQSA Risk Assessment was received without any responses or action required.

It has implemented a new digital marketing plan, including a revised website and continues to explore partnership possibilities.

MU

The Uniting Church is currently conducting a review of theological education, in which the UCA-part of the faculty participates.

PBC

It has built an additional number of units to house students.

SCD

Implementation of the 2014 External Academic Governance Review is now complete. The main structural change is an overall reduction in the number of committees of Academic Board for

streamlining operations. The implementation has involved minor changes to the Constitution, and new TORs have been approved for all SCD committees.

The President of Kosin University signed a new agreement between itself and SCD.

TA

On 1st July 1 it incorporated Tabor Perth into a single organisational structure.

It has been awarded CRICOS registration for five years, without conditions.

It has notified TEQSA of two new single-discipline campuses (Teacher Education) being developed in partnerships with Christian school systems in Perth and Geelong.

TT

It is developing a new strategic plan for 2016 and onwards, and is looking at partnerships, especially so as to deliver courses at levels both beneath AQF7 and above AQF8.

UD

It will shortly adopt its new ten-year strategic plan, with a set of three-year goals for the 2016-2018 triennium.

It completed regular five-yearly reviews, this year of Yarra Theological Union and Australian Lutheran College.

2. Academic: e.g. accreditation/reaccreditation of courses; course reviews, developments, major changes; teaching and learning developments, e.g. online, distance, etc.; academic quality processes, e.g. moderation; student and graduate numbers

AC

It has had the following awards recently accredited:

Master of Philosophy

Doctor of Philosophy

Diploma of Arts (*HE Diploma*)

Bachelor of Education (*Primary*)

Master of Teaching (*Secondary*)

Instead of pursuing reaccreditation of the Bachelor of Applied Theology (Korean), it has been approved to offer the existing Bachelor of Ministry, Bachelor of Theology, and Doctor of Ministry in Korean LOTE.

ACD

The college forms the Department of Theology at Flinders University and its programs were the subject of a 5-year review (August 2015).

ACT

A major report on retention and attrition rates will be submitted shortly to the college's Academic Quality Committee.

Three new courses were accredited in mid-2015:

Diploma of Christian Studies (AQF level 5);

Associate Degree of Ministry (AQF level 6); and,

Master of Ministry (AQF level 9 extended).

Accreditation is also being sought for a new AQF level 9 degree, viz. Master of Missional Leadership.

CHC

The School of Ministries has submitted its application for the renewal of accreditation for:

Master of Ministry Leadership;

Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies;

Graduate Certificate in Ministry Studies;

Bachelor of Ministry; and,

Diploma of Ministry Studies.

CSU

The School of Theology has recently completed major course reviews of the Master of Ministry and the Master of Theology. The MTh will increase in duration to 1.5 FTE and includes the possibility of a

dissertation component. The MMin has been rationalised to reduce discipline specialisations and yet broaden the possibilities for subject content within the program.

ECA

A new Masters in Practical Theology will begin in 2016
Several other non-theological awards have been accredited.

HBC

The college plans to transition from offering a Bachelor of Arts (Biblical Studies) to a Bachelor of Theology and (pending TEQSA endorsement) offering a 4-year Double Degree: Bachelor of Arts (Ministry)/Bachelor of Theology.

MC

In April the College received official notification that its application for self-accrediting authority to AQF Level 10 was successful.

The BTh and BD courses are being reviewed in 2015.

The College has established an early exit point from the BTh and BD after two years of study and these students are awarded the Associate Degree of Theology.

Ninety-six per cent of degree graduates (seeking full time employment) were in vocational ministry within three months of completing their degree.

MU

Students in the new postgraduate courses (Master of Divinity, Graduate Diploma/Certificate in Theology and Graduate Diploma in Chaplaincy) have completed their first year.

PBC

The college has embarked on some VET courses with a view to forming a bridge to its Higher Education programs.

SCD

Institutional Moderations for 2015 are taking place at the Broken Bay Institute, the Catholic Institute of Sydney, and the NSW College of Clinical Pastoral Education.

The Discipline being moderated in 2015 is Theology.

Nazarene Theological College has now become a distance/online provider as well as face-to-face.

TA

A Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction has been accredited and will begin in semester 1, 2016.

A Graduate Certificate in Divinity has been accredited.

The college has been accepted into the SA Tertiary Admissions Centre (in partnership with the 3 universities and TAFE) and will have a number of undergraduate awards (including the BTh) offered through SATAC for enrolment in 2016.

UD

A regular five-yearly course review of all Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas has been completed. This has included a tailored review of the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education, and the likely removal of several redundant programs.

A full revision will be completed shortly of all regulations and policies governing HDR awards.

3. Research: e.g. research developments, research centres; recent publications; grants; awards; HDRs; visiting research scholars

AC

On 6th July 2016 the college held the official opening and launch of the Australasian Pentecostal Studies Centre. The APSC has gathered one of the largest collections of Pentecostal and charismatic materials in Australia, including an extensive living repository of oral sources and collections of early literary materials.

Selected publications since last reporting:

Austin, D. and Davaadar, T. (current). Brill Global Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies series volume, "*What has been done for Mongolia?: Origins and development of the Mongolian Assemblies of God*". Leiden: Brill.

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ACD

The Centre for Theology, Science and Culture (ACD and Flinders University centre) is being reinvigorated. It is planned to hold 3-4 seminars during 2016 and to include a small number of open public discussion events.

The Visiting Scholar, Rev. Prof. Steve Walton, Cambridge University, was also the invited speaker for the ACD Annual Lecture (26 August 2015)

Selected publications since last reporting:

Babalanski, V 2015 "Where is Philemon? The case for a logical fallacy in the correlation of the data in Philemon and Colossians 1.1-2; 4.7-18", in *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* [in press]. Forthcoming collected papers from a recent conference in Adelaide provisionally titled *The Nature of Things: Rediscovering the Spiritual in God's Creation*, Wipf & Stock Publishers.

ACT

For many years the ACT has conducted an annual self-assessment of its research output according to the HERDC criteria. It achieved 130 points in 2012; 155 points in 2013; and 161 points in 2014. The academic staff EFT stands at 140, though a number of these are teaching in colleges approved to deliver AQF level 5 diplomas and who are not required to be research active. The ratio of HERDC points to total EFT staff is 1.15.

The ACT's Board set aside funds for 3 full-time HDR scholarships in 2014, and followed this up with funds to support 3 half-time scholarships in 2015. There has been an increase in HDR EFT to 45 (i.e. 3% of total ACT EFT).

The second volume in the ACT Monograph Series has been published, with several more volumes progressing through the editing and formatting stage.

The third volume in its series with Eerdmans on the New Testament is nearing the final stages of editing.

Three books by faculty from RC (a Member Institution of the ACT) were shortlisted for the Sparklit Christian Book of the year:

- Tim Foster, *The Suburban Captivity of the Church: Contextualising the Gospel for Post-Christian Australia*;
- Mike Bird, *The Gospel of the Lord: How the Early Church Wrote the Story of Jesus*; and,

- Rhys Bezzant, *Jonathan Edwards and the Church*.

CHC

Dr Sam Hey presented a paper to the British Sociological Association (BSA) Sociology of Religion study group.

CSU

The university has recently introduced part-time RTS places for HDR students. These will be made available to applicants on a competitive basis.

Three books by faculty from **SMNTC** (a Member CSU) were recently launched:

- Geoff Broughton, *Restorative Justice: Jesus, Justice and Discipleship*
- Michael Gladwin, *Anglican Clergy in Australia 1788-1850: building a British World*
- Michael Gladwin, *Captains of the Soul: A History of Australian Army Chaplains*. (This was named the 2015 winner of the Christian book of the year in August)
- Jane Foulcher, *Reclaiming Humility: Four Studies in the Monastic Tradition*

Seven 2015 HDR graduands supervised by St Mark's academic staff

EAC

Dr Tom Edwards has been recently appointed as the Director of Research

HBC

The first issue of Harvest's *Journal of Contemporary Ministry* was published online in May 2015.

Harvest has 10 active DMin students, from which the first research proposal has been fully approved.

Dr Jon Newton presented three papers during June/July this year at the following conferences:

EPTA Conference, Florence, Italy

BIAPT Conference, Cardiff, Wales

SBL International Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dr Brendan Roach presented a paper at the EPTA Conference, Florence, Italy and gave an opening address at the 2015 Eurolead Symposium, Istanbul, Turkey.

Three visiting research scholars have participated in the first year HDR training:

Dr Darren Cronshaw (SCD, UD and BUV)

Dr Graham Hill (Morling College)

Dr Peter Thein (MEGST, Myanmar)

MC

Selected publications since last reporting:

Bale, Colin R, *Crowd of Witnesses – Epitaphs on First world War Australian War Graves*. Longueville Media, 2015.

Orr, Peter C. *Christ Absent and Present: A Study in Pauline Christology*. Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament. 2. Reihe, 354. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014.

MU

The Murdoch International Theologian this year was Prof. Brad Gregory of Notre Dame University, III. He presented a series of lectures on the topic 'Embodied Souls and their Rivals: Human Nature since the Reformation'.

PBC

Dr Andre van Oudtshoorn's book *Christ the Reconciler* has been republished under the title *Jesus the Reconciler*.

Dr Peter Elliot delivered a paper at the Evangelical History Society in Sydney in August.

SCD

Selected publications since last reporting:

Doru Costache, Philip Kariatlis and Mario Baghos (eds), *Alexandrian Legacy: A Critical Appraisal* (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars, 2015)

Darren Cronshaw and Darrell Jackson (eds), *Congregational Transformation in Australian Baptist Church Life* (Sydney: Morling Press, 2015)

Darren Cronshaw and Rosemary Dewerse (eds), *We are Pilgrims: Mission from, in and with the Margins of our Diverse World*, Australian Association of Mission Studies Third National triennial Conference Papers (Melbourne: UNOH, 2015)
David McEwan, *The Life of God in the Soul: The Integration of Love, Holiness and Happiness in the Thought of John Wesley* (Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2015)
Glen O'Brien and Hilary Carey (eds.), *Methodism in Australia: A History* (Farnham: Ashgate, 2015).
James R. Harrison and L. L. Welborn (eds.), *The First Urban Churches. Volume 1: Methodology* (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2015)

TA

The College has restructured its research management away from a single umbrella research centre to a number of discipline specific Centres of Applied Scholarship: this includes a Centre for the Promotion of Church Health and a Centre for Contemporary Spirituality. This is intended to better capture, promote, and focus the research of the college while also recognising the importance of community and industry engagement.

TT

Dr Brendan Triffett has presented a number of papers at the newly formed Christopher Dawson Centre for Cultural Studies. He also presented "In What Sort of Darkness? A Clarification of the Christian Understanding of the Act of Faith in Response to Atheist Misunderstandings" at its annual colloquium, *Ideas Dangerous to Atheism*, held in Hobart 29th August.

4. Benchmarking: details of exercises undertaken with other institutions re courses, teaching and learning, assessment, student data, staff data, policies, governance, etc.

AC

In May 2015 the college completed the second round of Inter-Institutional Moderation Panels with Tabor Adelaide.

AC is also participating in The National Study of the Student Experience being run by Professor Hamish Coates through University of Melbourne.

ACD

The postgraduate research policy has been revised and updated following benchmarking with the University of Adelaide and Flinders University.

ACT

The college continues to value highly the data and processes shared with its counterparts in the UD and SCD.

It recently approved a major review of its Academic Qualifications Policy. The Policy also includes criteria for assessing the equivalence of professional experience to academic qualifications.

The Director of Learning and Teaching, has completed a major project on generating unit learning outcomes for each ACT unit of study.

CHC

External moderation of student assessment and unit outlines has consistently been undertaken for up to two units per semester during the current reaccreditation period with a variety of Universities (include University of Queensland, Australian Catholic University) and with other Higher Education Providers. Representatives from other Higher Education Providers are members on the School of Ministries, School Advisory Committee and Course Development Committee.

ECA

There is ongoing collaboration with other colleges and faculty involved in research, doctoral supervision at other institutions.

HBC

The college continues to work with Tabor Adelaide on benchmarking activities.

PBC

Post-graduate studies are benchmarked through SCD.

SCD

Regular benchmarking occurs with ACT and UD.

TA

The college and Alphacrucis completed another iteration of its moderation by calibration exercise: Avondale and Harvest have expressed an interest in participating in the next round. It is also working with Sara Booth (UTas, COPHE) on trialling software for managing the moderation processes.

The College is an active member of the newly established Higher Education Private Provider – Quality Network (HEPPQN) (the lead institution for this network is Avondale).

TT

A benchmarking agreement was signed with COPHE in May 2015. An agreement has also been established with the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family in Melbourne.

UD

As with a number of other members UD is participating in the HEPPQN established through Avondale for quality assurance purposes.

5. Staff: changes in both office bearers and faculty**AC**

Assoc. Prof. Matthew del Nevo has been appointed Director of Learning and Teaching.

ACD.

Rev. Prof Andrew Dutney will be returning to the role of Principal, Uniting College in February 2016. Recently approved (August 2016) faculty members are:

- Dr Nicola Creegan
- Amelia Koh Butler
- Dr Mark Worthing
- Fr Joseph Lee (to be a scholar in residence and he may supervise postgraduate research)
- Rev Helen Richmond

ACT

The Rev. Dr Mark announced his retirement to his Board in late May and will leave the office at Easter time 2016.

ACT staff numbers stand at 10.4 EFT. This will rise to 11.0 in 2016.

CSU

Assoc. Prof. Gerard Moore will step down as Head of School in November, and Assoc. Prof. David Neville will take up that role from 1 December, 2015.

SMNTC (A Member of CSU) has had a number of staff changes in the past two years:

- Revd Dr Andrew Cameron was appointed Director of St Mark's in July 2014 after the resignation of Right Reverend Tom Frame in early 2014.
- Psychotherapist Peter Dyke was employed as the Manager of St Mark's Registered Training Organisation in July 2014 after the resignation of David Robinson who was elected Bishop of Rockhampton
- After 20 years of service, Systematic Theology lecturer Dr Heather Thomson retired at the end of 2014
- Revd Dr Jane Foulcher was appointed CSU Lecturer in Systematic Theology and RTO Trainer in Ministry Formation
- Revd Ian Coutts was been appointed RTO Ministry Formation Coordinator and CSU Lecturer in Practical Theology.
- Associate Professor Dr David Neville will become CSU School of Theology's Head of School at the end of 2015
- Revd Peter Rose finished up editing *St Mark's Review* in September 2014 after four years of service. St Mark's Dr Michael Gladwin was appointed editor.

ECA

The following appointments have been made:

Dr Angelo Cettolin - Dean of Faculty and Senior lecturer School of Theology.

Aaron Garth – Co-ordinator of Youth Studies area.

Dr Andrew Schmidt – Co-ordinator of BEd program.

HBC

The following appointments have been made:

Dr Nigel Pegram – Head of Ministry.

Dr Ashley Crane – Head of Biblical Studies.

MC

Dr Chase Kuhn has been appointed to the Faculty to teach in the area of Christian Thought and Ministry to commence on 1 January 2016.

MU

Dr Mark Jennings has been appointed lecturer in Religious Studies to replace Dr Jim Trotter during his secondment as Deputy School Dean.

Dr Alexander Jensen has resigned from his role at Murdoch and the Perth Theological Hall in order to take up a new appointment as principal of a non-residential ordination course in Cambridge, UK.

Dr Sue Boorer will replace him as Academic Chair.

SCD

Dr Darren Cronshaw, the Research Director at ACOM, was promoted to AQF Level E.

The Office position of Distance and Online Education Coordinator has been dis-established because the new Academic Director has particular expertise in this area,

TT

The Executive Officer, John Morse, retired in December 2014.

Rev. Dr Aileen Lyle resigned from the College in May 2015. She had served as Academic Dean for a year and as Head of the Faculty of Ministry, Theology and Culture for over 10 years.

Dr Brendan Triffett was appointed as Head of the Faculty of Ministry, Theology and Culture.

Gary Lottering was appointed as Executive Consultant in early September 2015.

Additional appointments include an Aboriginal Studies lecturer, a new academic librarian and an academic support officer.

6. General: e.g. events and activities such as public lectures, seminars, forums; conferences; any other matters for the information of other members

AC

Professor Paul S Williams, Research Professor of Marketplace Theology and Leadership, Regent College, Vancouver, Canada delivered a week-long lecture series on Entrepreneurship, Business and Mission at AC Central, Parramatta on 2-6 November 2015.

ACD

The Annual Lecture was given by Professor Steven Walton from Cambridge University on 26 August 2015.

CHC

Ps Brian Mulheran joined the Associated Christian Schools USA Study Tour in March and April 2015.

CSU

At SMNTC

- Bonhoeffer Scholar Revd Dr Keith Clements delivered the 2015 Session 1 Commencement lecture for St Mark's on the 26th of February. He spoke about 'Life Together' in a digital age. Dr Clements address is published in the October edition of *St Mark's Review*
- St Mark's will host the Australia and New Zealand Theological Libraries Association Conference from 29th June-2nd July 2016
- In partnership with St Barnabas in Adelaide, St Mark's will host Professor of Biblical Worldview and Exegesis J. Richard Middleton as a theologian in residence for two weeks in

October 2016. Professor Middleton will give a public lecture on the importance of lament for the life of faith. He will also lead a seminar addressing the ethics of divine and human power in connection with the *imago Dei* through engagement with the book of Job. Professor Middleton is from Northeastern Seminary at the Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, NY.

HBC

The college conducted its 5th Annual Research Conference on August 27 & 28 addressing the theme: '*Church and Ministry: A Contemporary Voice*. Key speakers included Dr Graham Hill (Morling College) and Dr Peter Thein (MEGST, Myanmar). 12 papers were also presented by faculty, 3 by DMin students, 1 MA Student and other guests.

MC

Professor Gerald Bray (Cambridge University and Beeson Divinity School, Alabama) lectured during term 3.

Professor Kevin Vanhoozer, Research Professor of Systematic Theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois, delivered the Annual Moore College Lectures on the five solas of the Reformation.

The annual School of Theology was held on the topic 'Feed My Sheep: The Word of God and Pastoral Ministry'. Papers were delivered on the New Testament meaning of the word 'ministry', the sufficiency of Scripture, preaching, care and the example of Richard Baxter.

The Centre for Christian Living held a seminar on same-sex marriage.

The Priscilla & Aquila Centre held an evening for women in ministry with Willie Philip from the Tron Church, Glasgow, as the speaker.

PBC

The college is looking to expanding its counselling and chaplaincy subjects.

TA

Prof Frank Brenan, ACU, gave a public lecture in June – "Giving Voice to the Silenced."

Professor John Stackhouse, Canada, led a weeklong postgraduate intensive and gave two public lectures in July.

Dr Brian Morris, spoke as part of Tabor's Doctoral Series (for Tabor staff with new PhDs) on "Gender Roles within Marriage."

Professor Tom McLeish, a Member of the Royal Society and, until recently, VC Research at Durham University (UK), gave a public lecture in September – "Wisdom, Faith, and Science" – and spoke with the college's research leaders. The lecture was part of Tabor's ongoing partnership with ISCAST.

TT

Early in 2015 an agreement was entered into with Catholicare (previously Centacare) with staff from Tabor Tasmania delivering training modules on ethical and legal considerations for volunteers working with refugees and asylum seekers.

Towards the end of the year the college will host two public lectures on Coptic Christianity, persecution in the Middle East and the migration 'crisis'.

UD

"*Luther@500*" is the title of a conference to be held in Melbourne from 28 June to 3 July 2016 and is organised by the Australian Lutheran College, UD, anticipating the Luther quincentenary.

The ANZATS 2016 conference will be hosted by UD in Parkville, Melbourne from 3 Jul - 6 Jul 2016 with Professor Serene Jones (Union Theological Seminary, NY) as the keynote speaker on "*The Atonement*".

The 2016 ANZATS Conference will be held on Sunday 3 to Wednesday 6 July 2016.

The Atonement

Serene Jones has remarked that "theologians have returned to the scene [of the cross] again and again, trying to decipher [its] significance... Yet the cross makes sense in ways that do not make sense. Imprinted on our conscious minds, it animates our unconscious compulsions and drives in ways that escape us. We live within the story [of the cross] but are not always quite sure how."

Given how central the Cross of Christ is to the Christian faith, no doctrine is more freighted with contested interpretations of the atonement. The subject invites speculation not only with regard to *how* we are made right with God through Christ, but *what* "being made right" even means. In today's post-Christian environment, how can the Churches speak meaningfully about the benefits of the Cross? And how do the Churches speak to one another on the same issue?

This conference invites papers from all theological disciplines which reflect on these and related issues.

Keynote Speaker

Rev Dr Serene Jones



The Rev Dr Serene Jones is the 16th President of Union Theological Seminary in New York, and the first female to hold that position. Professor Jones was appointed President of Union after seventeen years teaching at Yale University.

In 2016, Professor Jones will be the President of the American Academy of religion.

A prolific and popular scholar in the fields of theology, religion, globalization and gender studies, her books include *Trauma and Grace: Theology in a Ruptured World* (2009), and *Feminist Theory and Theology: Cartographies of Grace* (2000).

Host

The 2016 ANZATS conference will be hosted by the University of Divinity, and will be held at the Trinity College Theological School and the Pilgrim Theological College, both in Parkville, Melbourne.

Call for Papers

1. Proposals should be between 200-250 words in length and must include your full name, title, institution (or location), and both email and postal address.
2. Ensure that your abstract demonstrates how your paper will fit within relevant discussions, among scholars and/or within the church.
3. Indicate whether you have an interest in creating a forum at the conference (e.g. to discuss a significant new book, to focus on a discrete area of specialisation, or to discuss recent trends in theological education), or whether you would like to contribute an artistic or creative representation of the conference theme. **Please note that papers outside the theme will also be considered.**
4. If you are a doctoral student, you are asked to include a certification from your supervisor regarding the suitability of your proposal.
5. Note that papers should be no longer than 30 minutes in length. This will allow an additional 15 minutes for questions and discussion.
6. You must indicate whether you will need audio-visual equipment for your presentation, so that the appropriate room can be allocated.
7. The steering committee will give due consideration to all papers, even if not immediately related to the Conference theme. However, if space becomes limited, preference will be given to those papers that are more related to the Conference theme.