

We are delighted to announce the appointment of a new Executive Officer for ANZATS, and the Council of Deans of Theology.

Dr Simone Rickerby – a biblical scholar, with a PhD from the University of Divinity (2015) – will take up the role in January 2021, succeeding the Revd Dr Mark Harding, who has served both organisations with great dedication since May 2016. Simone brings to the position more than a decade of experience in executive administration for Not-For-Profit associations, including website design, conference management, and stakeholder communications.

'I am excited to be joining the ANZATS and CDT leadership teams and look forward to being able to serve the memberships and further the objectives of both organisations.' – *Dr Simone Rickerby*



'I'm thrilled that Simone has agreed to work with us at ANZATS. As we enter into a key transitional moment in the Association's history, it will be more important than ever to find new and creative ways of engaging what we hope will be an expanding membership base. I know that Simone has the skills – and the theological credentials – to help us do exactly that.' – *Revd Professor Mark Lindsay, President of ANZATS*

'The Council of Deans of Theology plays a vital role in promoting the discipline of theology. With her administrative skills and her theological expertise, Dr Rickerby is exceptionally well-placed to support this work, in facilitating collaboration across the sector. On behalf of the Colleges and Universities of the CDT, I thank Dr Mark Harding for his service over the last four years and welcome Simone to the role.' – *Professor Peter Sherlock, Chair of the Council of Deans of Theology*

#### **About Dr Rickerby**

Dr Rickerby completed her PhD on *Variation in the Latin Text of the Jewish Greek Bible* in 2015 (Whitley College, University of Divinity). This thesis built upon her previous research into text-critical problems associated with the Greek New Testament. Since her PhD, Dr Rickerby has researched further the Latin translations of the Old Testament, with particular focus on the translations of Jerome as found in the text of his Commentaries and various books of the Vulgate. In her most recent publication, she has highlighted the variation of the Latin textual tradition of the Minor Prophets and also alludes to the likely relationship between Jerome's "Vulgate" text and that of Symmachus ('The Latin Versions of the Minor Prophets', [The Book of the Twelve: Composition, Reception, and Interpretation](#), Brill, June 2020).

Dr Rickerby also has a wider interest in the textual criticism and historical/theological context of both the Greek Old and New Testaments, as well as that of the Latin, Coptic and Syriac versions.

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