



MARCH 2026 UPDATE TO MEMBERS

Dear ANZATS Members,

As we look forward to joining together with the Society for Biblical Literature International Meeting in July the ANZATS Council wished to make contact with you to give you a short update on the Association including news of a new editor for *Colloquium*, our 2026 New and Emerging Scholars Award, and membership and systems.

Colloquium

Since the departure of Dr Michelle Eastwood as Interim Editor in August 2025 the Council have been most grateful to Dr Anna Nuernberger for her work editing the journal – especially in her work publishing *Colloquium's* first open access publication. The ANZATS Council have committed to open access publication for a total of six issues and, pending review of this process, we hope to continue in this manner into the future.

We are also delighted to announce the appointment of Rev Dr Steve Taylor as the new editor of *Colloquium*. Rev Dr Steve Taylor is currently Director of AngelWings Ltd, conducting empirical research for universities and organisations and a Research Affiliate at the Centre for Theology and Public Issues, University of Otago | Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka. Steve is a widely published researcher in multiple international academic journals and brings extensive experience in responding to editorial and “Reviewer 2” feedback. He has seven years of journal editing experience, including building an open-access international academic journal and developing special issues for academic journals.

Of the appointment, Steve says “I have published several times in *Colloquium* and value the unique role it plays in promoting scholarship in our part of the world. I applied to be editor of *Colloquium* because I am looking for opportunities to support authors, encourage reviewers and foster partnerships that enhance knowledge-making that is with, from and for this region. I have worked in higher education in different settings in Australia and New Zealand, and am delighted that as an editor I will get to connect and reconnect with you across theological networks and ministry contexts.”

New and Emerging Scholars Scholarships & Award

ANZATS is once again offering the New and Emerging Scholarships & Award in 2026 at the July Conference. Due to some complexities with the combined conference and scheduling the process is slightly different this year and the submission date for papers is 22nd of April 2026. I encourage you to access this [link](https://anzats.edu.au/emerging-scholar-award/) (https://anzats.edu.au/emerging-scholar-award/) to and encourage any

students or emerging scholars you know who are presenting the conference to consider submitting their paper for consideration.

Membership and Systems

As you are probably aware, we have not yet called for memberships for 2026. This will happen in the next six weeks. During this time, we are engaging in a change to some of our background systems to bring them up to date to ensure security and compliance and enable us to more easily communicate with you. This will also increase functionality on the ANZATS website, including allowing for memberships to be more easily paid online. The ANZATS Council are particularly grateful to Secretary/Treasurer, Dr David Ray and Council Member, Revd Grahame Bowland for their work in making these changes happen.

I hope to see you in Adelaide in July,

Christy

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ANZATS President
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