Welcome to the October Newsletter!

The end of the teaching year is fast approaching. Only 4 more weeks left! A large number of students and Faculty have been involved in the NSW/ACT Synod meeting held at Knox Grammar School last week. We hope this time has been productive and rewarding. Our best wishes to the students for their remaining time at UTC this semester.

Post Grad Seminars

There are just 2 more seminar dates in 2014. The next date is Friday 24th October starting at 1pm.

Post Grad Seminars Parramatta – 2014

Seminar Dates:

24 Oct: Morris Key, Doo Ah Leeming, Kamaloni Tu’iono and Clive Pearson
7 Nov: Ryan Green, Gaby Kobrossi, Yahya Safi

Higher Degree by Research Scholarships – Main round Now Open

Applications are now open for the Main Round - Higher Degree by Research Scholarships for intake into 2015.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2014
Applicants need to complete the Application Form to be submitted as per the instructions on the Application form with supporting documentation as required.

Applications are open to new and current Higher Degree by Research students.

For further information please contact the Research Office via research@csu.edu.au or 02 6933 2578.

For full details on the types of Scholarships available / eligibility criteria / Application form please refer to the following web link: -

http://www.csu.edu.au/research/scholarships/main-round

Workshops from the Research Office

The following workshops are coming up from the Research Office:

- Working with the Media in Research 9th Oct 2014
- HDR Candidate Welcome & Induction 14th Oct 2014
- Endnote Web + iPad App 15th Oct 2014
- Ethics in Research involving Humans, Planning for Ethics Approvals & Working with the Ethics Committee 16th Oct 2014
- Scopus (citation) database 20th Oct 2014

To register for any of these workshops or to see the full list of upcoming workshops, please go to: http://www.csu.edu.au/research/professional-development/program-calendar/

Rediscovering the Spiritual in God’s Creation - Conference

The Graeme Clark Research Institute, in association with the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion (Cambridge University, UK), and with the support of the Charles Strong Memorial Trust, Catholic Earthcare Australia and Catholic Education SA, is delighted to announce the international conference, Rediscovering the Spiritual in God’s Creation, hosted by Tabor Adelaide, 10th-13th March 2015. The location is McLaren Vale, South Australia in the heart of the wine region.

Despite a growing awareness of environmental issues, especially over the last decade, the overall situation is not improving. The ecological crisis is not just an environmental issue. Fundamentally, it is a moral, philosophical and religious issue that needs addressing.

The conference brings together a group of leading scholars and experts in the fields of ethics, ecology and theology in order to take the current conversation in ecotheology a step further by generating a multidisciplinary perspective on the spiritual in creation, leading to fresh horizons with regard to liturgy, justice and discipleship.

The conference seeks to explore the experience of God in creation, with a view to fostering and enhancing worship, spirituality, justice and discipleship within the Christian community.
The uniqueness of the conference is its focus on ecology and spirituality, and its orientation towards practical outcomes within faith communities.

For ticket pricing and early bird rates, please see this link: [http://goo.gl/HbT0Ky](http://goo.gl/HbT0Ky).

**ANZATS Conference 2015 – Call for Papers**

Conference Theme “A Life Worth Living: Religion and Ethics” – Sydney College of Divinity Campus

Our media bombards us with ‘sound-bites’ and ‘door-stop’ interviews about world events. Their commentary on life is shaped by spin-doctors and vested interests. The commercial world offers us endless opportunities for self-gratification, targeting our insecurities with their products. How does the church speak truth into this babble of information and hype? What difference does the gospel make in shaping the ethics of public discourse? How do we ‘revalue ‘the worth of the life we live?

The Conference Planning Committee is pleased to invite all members of ANZATS and the theological and wider academic community to submit the title of their proposed presentation at this conference, together with an abstract of 250-300 words by **February 15, 2015**.

This should be accompanied by contact details: Name, institutional affiliation, postal address, phone number and email address. Please address submissions to Dr Jacqui Grey [jacqui.grey@ac.edu.au](mailto:jacqui.grey@ac.edu.au).

It is expected that presentations will occupy 30 minutes plus a few minutes for Q&A.

**Positions Vacant**

**United Theological College – Old Testament Lecturer**

United Theological College Sydney is seeking to appoint a lecturer responsible for the teaching and oversight of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament.

The appointee will lead a Synod-wide team of educators, supervise postgraduate research in the Old Testament field and be involved in the formation of candidates for specified ministries. The appointee will be nominated as an academic associate of the School of Theology, Charles Sturt University, and will be expected to engage actively in research.

United Theological College is the constituted college for the Uniting Church in the Synod of NSW/ACT. It is also a partner in the School of Theology, Charles Sturt University.

The position is available from 1 July, 2015.


**Applications for this position close on 4 October 2014.**
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United Theological College – Practical Theology Lecturer

United Theological College Sydney is seeking to appoint a lecturer responsible for the teaching and oversight of Practical Theology: Practice of Ministry.

The appointee will lead a Synod-wide team of educators, be responsible for MMin and DMin programs and be involved in the formation of candidates for specified ministries. The appointee will be nominated as an academic associate of the School of Theology, Charles Sturt University, and will be expected to engage actively in research.

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Student and supervisor activities

Students Henry Onzem, Mariana Waqa, Leitū Letitia Havea, Tau'alofa Anga'aelangi and Hee Won Chang along with Jione Havea led the Bible Studies at Synod this past week.

Brett McLean has submitted and passed his BTh (Hons) thesis and will be graduating at the end of the year. Congratulations to Brett!

Sang Taek Lee has recently published a book titled “Birth of Historical consciousness and Paul’s early Christian communities in Asia Minor”. This book was inspired by Sang Taek’s visits to Asia Minor and Turkey where he found historical and spiritual insight in the early Asia Minor Christian Community. Jione Havea has written a chapter in this book called “Openly: Scriptures, Languages, Cultures” as well as writing the forward to the book.

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