April 2015

This is week 6 so already half the semester is over! We hope all those students taking their mid-semester break starting next week will have a chance to relax a little whilst catching up on pending assessment tasks. There were a number of HDR students who submitted their theses by the Census date 27 March ready for examination. We wish those students well. There are also a large number of new conferences that are being advertised in this newsletter so there may be something of interest for you amongst those. Enjoy the break and see you back Monday 27 April!

Research Colloquium
The next Colloquium will be held this Friday 10 April in G4 starting at 1.30pm.

Research Colloquiums – Dates for 2015

10 April: Gerard Moore, Rawaa Gebera, Damian Palmer and Teresa Parish
15 May: Ben Myers, Ryan Green, Matt Wilcoxen and Elizabeth De Reland
17 July: Mohamad El Jabi, Clive Pearson, Paul Porta and Hee Won Chang
14 August: Rhonda White, Virginia Ryan, Inise Foikau, Kwang Min Kim
11 Sept: Brendan Pratt, Nada Roude and John Reed
9 October: Peter Kaldor /Glen Powell, Sarah Kinstead and John Fitz-Herbert
6 November: Anthony Rees, Jason Kioa, Kwang Min Kim and Michael Earl
Workshops from the Research Office

The following workshops are coming up from the Research Office:

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To register for any of these workshops, please go to the Research Office Website which can be found here: [https://www.csu.edu.au/research/professional-development/program-calendar](https://www.csu.edu.au/research/professional-development/program-calendar)

ARTFinc Funding Applications

The Australian Research Theology Foundation ("ARTFinc") welcomes funding applications (max. $10,000) for religious and educational projects within Australia. Themes can range from academic theology to Christian education at the grassroots.

If people have a good idea for the Church, but not the means to pursue it, then they should think about making an ARTFinc grant application.

More info can be found at [artfinc.org.au](http://artfinc.org.au). **Closing Date: 31 May 2015.**

Sydney College of Divinity Annual Lecture - Wednesday 29th April, 7.30-9.00pm

The SCD Annual Lecture will feature the internationally famous New Testament scholar, Professor Paul Trebilco, from the University of Otago, New Zealand. His lecture will be on Early Jewish Communities in Asia Minor and the Early Christian Movement.
The intersection between the early Christian movement, the synagogue communities, as well as the thought of Second Temple Judaism, remains an area of continuing scholarly fascination and controversy. So many of the New Testament writings, rich in allusions to the Old Testament and other Jewish traditions, were addressed to churches in Asia Minor. The early believers in that region would have had routine contact with the Asian Jewish communities. What similarities and differences were there between Jewish and Christian communities? How did the Christian and Jewish communities view each other and what was the nature of the religious dialogue and social interaction that took place? How does this contribute to our understanding of the New Testament writings and to the social relations practised by each group? These are some of the many rich questions that Professor Trebilco’s lecture will provoke.

Professor Trebilco, a member of the Society of New Testament Studies, has published widely in international journals and edited book collections. He is especially well known for his seminal monographs: Jewish Communities in Asia Minor (Cambridge University Press), The Early Christians in Ephesus from Paul to Ignatius (Eerdmans), and Self-Designations and Group Identity in the New Testament (Cambridge University Press).

The lecture will be held at the SCD (Suite 6B, 5 Talavera Road, North Ryde) and there will be a light supper served afterwards.

RSVP to jimh@scd.edu.au by Monday 27th April

Alphacrucis College – Biennial Conference on Leadership

Alphacrucis College is hosting its biennial international conference again this year, on 7th July at AC Central, 15 Cowper St, Parramatta. The theme is leadership. The deadline for submission of papers has been extended till 15th April. Papers are welcome within the following panel themes:

1. Theology of Leadership
2. Leadership Ethics
3. Educational Leadership
4. Church Leadership
5. Not for Profit Leadership
6. The Dark Side of Leadership

Papers may be theoretical, empirical studies, historical studies, critiques of leadership theories/models, reports and analysis of successful implementation of particular models.

All details, including registration information and call for papers can be found on the conference website: http://ac.edu.au/news/notice-board/2015/feb/19/leadership-biennial-international-conference/#.VO1FW
Harvest Bible College is planning to hold its fifth research conference on “Church and Ministry a Contemporary Voice” to be held **August 27-28, 2015**.

In this year’s conference, we hope to engage with a wide range of contemporary perspectives on the church and Christian ministry. This is reflected in the two keynote speakers we have engaged to stimulate our thinking:

Dr Graham Hill is Vice Principal (Communications) of Morling College, Sydney. He’s been in Christian ministry since 1988. His ministry experience includes church planting, youth ministry, and serving as an associate pastor of a large growing congregation. He coaches pastors and leaders and planters of missional experiments.

Dr Peter Thein is the Vice-Principal and Head of Missions at Myanmar Evangelical Graduate School of Theology in Yangon, Myanmar. A former Buddhist monk, Peter is now actively engaged in training Christian ministries at an advanced level as well as planting churches and facilitating development projects in very poor communities in his own home state of Rakhine.

Without wanting to limit the range of topics, we would ask all prospective presenters to relate their proposed papers to the conference theme.

You might especially consider something along these lines:

- New contemporary voices and perspectives on church and mission.
- New expressions of church and ministry.
- Relating church and mission to current developments in culture and society in Western and Non-Western contexts.

Paper proposals will be evaluated by the Research Committee before the program is finalised.

**Submitting a Paper Proposal**

If you have some research-based ideas you’d like to share as a result of your master’s or doctoral studies or other experience, we’d love you to put forward a proposal for a paper at the conference.

Proposals should be around 200 words in length and should contain:

- A working title
- A clear description of the ideas and arguments you will present.
- Details of you as presenter, including previous and current studies and presentation experience.

Please send your proposal to Dr Jon Newton, Harvest Bible College, P.O. Box 9183, Scoresby, VIC 3179 or to [jnewton@harvest.edu.au](mailto:jnewton@harvest.edu.au). **Proposals need to be received by May 8.**
International Doctoral Class with Professor Melanie Walker

This exclusive Master Class with international keynote speaker Professor Melanie Walker is an opportunity for PhD candidates and PhD supervisors to share, learn and advance their research and supervision practices. This is a fantastic opportunity that PhD candidates will benefit greatly from. Four PhD candidates, from CSU and Flinders University, will present their work to Melanie and the audience. This Master Class is supportive, collaborative and informal where everybody will expand their knowledge and practices.

Venue: Large teaching room at EFPI in Sydney Olympic Park. Suite 1.01, Quad 3, 102 Bennelong Parkway, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127, Australia http://www.csu.edu.au/efpi/contact-us/venue

Time: 10am - 12 pm, Friday 17/04/15. Registration: Free.

Please register for limited places with Frances Colquhoun (p) +61 2 9752 9020 fcolquhoun@csu.edu.au.

Broken Bay Institute 11th National eConference

The theme for the 2015 eConference is Religion: Catalyst for Violence or Peace? Probing the Abrahamic traditions for answers. This eConference will be streamed live over the internet on Tuesday 23 June from 10am – 2.30pm. All are welcome to participate at no charge but you must register.

You can register for the eConference on any computer, mobile or tablet device. We recommend that after registering, you test the video and audio using our system test (see below) on the device you are going to watch the eConference on. This year, the eConference is also available to watch on iOS devices (e.g. iPhone and iPad). Please use one of the links below to register. You only need to register once.

To register for the eConference, please click here.
To register on a mobile or tablet device, please click here.

After you register, please test your system through the link provided to ensure you have a smooth start to the event. Please be patient when testing your system as the test audio and video stream may take several minutes to load. If you cannot hear the test audio or see the test video after five minutes, please read our webcast help page or contact BBI at eConference@bbi.catholic.edu.au or +61 2 9847 0578.

Student and supervisor activities

Clive Pearson has almost finished editing an anthology called “Imagining A Way: Reformed Essays in Practical Theology and Ethics” during his time in Princeton which has now concluded. Clive also wrote 2 of the 19 chapters for this anthology.

Clive is also delivering a lecture on “The Theological Imperative: Faith Facing Climate Change” at the Faculty of Theology in the University of Geneva on the 15th April before heading back to Australia.

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