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# NEXUS

the ACT research magazine



## LAMENT

the subject of our first  
collaborative book

## COLLOQUIUM

the ANZATS journal  
has a new home

## GENDER BALANCE

Ridley speaks on their  
initiative

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## FROM THE DEAN



I recently passed the first anniversary of taking up the role of Dean at the ACT. It has been a most interesting twelve months! As I had been connected with the college for many years, there was much that was expected and familiar. I was immediately able to benefit from the strong systems and attention to quality which has been a long-established and widely recognised feature of the ACT.

I have also realised how much I have to learn.

The ACT works with a large group of affiliated colleges, across Australia and New Zealand. I have made a point of visiting each and attending where possible the graduation ceremonies. My outstanding impression is of the deep commitment of staff and students and the rich diversity of emphasis and approach which our colleges represent. Aspects of those qualities are evident in the various reports found in this issue of NEXUS. My particular challenge as Dean is to understand and to seek ways to enable the different visions and missions of our 16 colleges, whilst at the same time building on the strong core at the heart of ACT itself.

It's a complex task, and I am still learning.

In its way, the ACT community embodies some of the important questions facing the church today. We share a common sense of mission, but different parts of the church proclaim the Gospel in different ways. The potential benefit of a consortium is that it can model respectful questions and debate whilst honouring our shared goals. We will succeed if we regard the challenge less as a problem to be solved and more as an opportunity to be grasped. We do this imperfectly to be sure, and we are all learning to do it better.

Rev Dr Martin Sutherland  
*Dean and CEO*

## FROM THE EDITOR

I trust this edition of NEXUS finds you in a brief space of rest before the exam marking madness.

You will notice some changes in the format of NEXUS, hopefully, these make it more friendly for printing and reading over a cuppa.

Highlights in this edition include:

- an interview with Geoff Harper and Kit Barker, editors of the latest book in the ACT Monograph Series, and our first multi-author volume, *Lost Words*
- an article by Jill Firth on the gender balance initiatives at Ridley and the conference arising from that
- The journal *Colloquium* being hosted at the ACT office.
- Results from the latest QILT survey, in a helpful infographic prepared by Paul Yeates
- An upcoming symposium at the ACT on boundaries and diversities within evangelicalism.

I hope you find this issue of NEXUS informative. The next issue of NEXUS is due out early November. Please feel free to drop me a line if you have anything you would like to see included.

Rev Megan Powell du Toit  
*NEXUS Editor*  
*Publications and Policies Administrator*  
*Editor of Colloquium*

## OUR TEAM

The ACT Office was restructured in 2017:

### **Strategy & Operations**

*Dean & CEO*

Rev Dr Martin Sutherland

*Executive Assistant to the Dean*

Tara Holdaway

*Director of Quality & Operations*

Paul Yeates

*Quality Assurance Officer*

Meredith Walker-Harding

*Director of Finance*

Vicki Chen

*Financial Accountant*

Mary Ann Navidad

### **Learning, Teaching & Research**

*Associate Dean, Director of Research*

Rev Dr Graeme Chatfield

*Research Students Administrator*

Elizabeth Kohn

*Director of Learning & Teaching*

Dr Geoff Treloar

*Publications & Policies Administrator*

*Colloquium Editor*

Rev Megan Powell du Toit

### **Academic Services**

*Registrar*

Simon Davies

*Academic Administrative Officers*

Asanka Gunerathne

Adam Kelley

Elisa Norris

Diana Tadjudin

In July we will welcome back from maternity leave Elisa Norris, one of our Academic Administrative Officers. We are all glad to have her friendly face back in the office.

## RESEARCH UPDATE

### **New Academic Admissions Panel for HDR**

The Academic Admissions Panel (AAP) has been formed in part to expedite decisions on Research Training Pathways to HDR courses. This panel will deal with applications and enquiries as they come to hand. Non-problematic admissions and Research Training Pathways may be approved by the AAP and reported to the next R&RSC.

### **Candidate identification on theses**

Due to a growing number of candidates referring to their own published work in HDR theses, it is impossible to retain the anonymity of the candidate during the examination process. The R&RSC agreed to adopt a modified version of the previous policy and procedures regarding submission of theses for examination; that is the identification of the candidate, supervisors and supervising college. Candidates and supervisors will continue to be asked about potential conflict of interest with examiners, and examiners will be asked about conflict of interest with candidates. All relevant policies, procedures and forms to include this change. The change will commence in Semester 1 2018.

### **Grading Research Methods Units**

To comply with the HESF all Research Methods Units shall be awarded a grade. The grade for Research Methods units is to be included in the GPA for a course of study.

A panel will produce the grade descriptors for all Research Methods units. Grading of RM units will be implemented for the end of Semester 1 2018.

### **Postgraduate Coordinators Half Day meeting and next R&RSC meeting**

All Postgraduate Coordinators from HDR approved affiliated colleges are invited to attend the inaugural PG Coordinators event on 17 August, 12 noon for lunch, followed by

a program of discussions from 1 pm – 4.30 pm, and are also invited to attend as observers at the R&RSC meeting the following day on 18 August 2017 at 10 am in the ACT Boardroom. Please RSVP to [Graeme Chatfield](#).

Rev Dr Graeme Chatfield  
*Associate Dean & Director of Research*

## POLICY UPDATES

We are currently in the process of building a secure section for the website. Due to this, some policy documents aren't online, and in these cases, you will need to contact the relevant ACT officer if you need an updated copy. However, many policy documents are already up there. They can be found in the [documents area](#) under the relevant folder.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The ACT Professional Development Conference will be held this year at SMBC from the 7-8 December 2017. A TATAL workshop will be held the day before on the 6 December 2017. This year we hope to have some new inclusions, so stay tuned for further information, and in the meantime put the dates in your diary.

For more information, contact [Geoff Treloar](#).

Dr Geoff Treloar  
*Director of Learning & Teaching*

## NEW WEBSITE

We hope you have all had a chance to check out the [new website](#), which has brought the ACT into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This website has given us a much better opportunity to promote the work of both affiliated colleges and faculty.

At the moment, the website is only the non-secure public face. However, Simon Davies is working hard behind the scenes with our web developers Digerati to get the secure log-in version of the website up and running. We will

let you know its launch date as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please remember to check out the [news and events page](#), as this will keep you informed about what is happening in the ACT. Please also let us know what is happening for you. We are particularly interested in knowing about publications by ACT academics, as we can promote these via the [publications page](#). Publications and other news can be sent to [Megan Powell du Toit](#).

## CONFERRALS

*November 2016 – May 2017*

### Doctor of Theology

*Elizabeth Haigh*  
Ridley

For a thesis: Old Testament Quotations and Allusions in the Pauline and Other Epistles: Data Analysis and Association with Literary Structures.

### Doctor of Philosophy

*Bryan Blazosky*  
Ridley

For a thesis: The Law's Universal Condemning and Enslaving Power: A Study of the Relationship of Gentiles to the Law in Paul, the Old Testament, and the Second Temple Jewish Literature

*Daniel McManigal*  
Christ College

For a thesis: A Baptism of Judgment in the Fire of the Holy Spirit: John's Eschatological Proclamation and Sign in Matthew 3

### Master of Theology

*Melissa Mak*  
MST

For a project: A Rhetorical Analysis of the Stephen Episode 46000

We congratulate all our recent HDR graduates, their supervisors and supervising colleges. May your research bear fruit.



As stated above, lament is both the right of the church and a right action—a righteous response to the brokenness of the world. Moreover, the reverse is also true. The absence of lament in the life of the church reflects, at the very least, a gross oversight or, more seriously, a deficient faith. The suppression of corporate lament is a failure on the part of God’s people to bring their whole life before him. Such suppression models a truncated spirituality and deprives the afflicted of their God-sanctioned voice and comfort.

**4. Why does it earn a place on our shelves and in our libraries?**

**L**ost Words is the first collaborative book in the *ACT Monograph Series*. It was edited by two of our SMBC faculty, Geoff Harper and Kit Barker. I took the chance to ask them some questions.

**1. Why the title of the book?**

The main title, *Finding Lost Words*, reflects the central purpose of the volume—to aid the (re)discovery and appropriation of the psalms of lament which have generally been lost, or certainly marginalised, by the church in the West. The subtitle, *The Church’s Right to Lament*, picks up on the dual conclusion we hope readers will come to: first, that laments belong to the church as part of its scriptural heritage and it has a right to re-appropriate them. But, second, that in submitting to laments as models of virtuous response, the church is also right to do so.

**2. Who is the book for?**

The book is primarily aimed at pastors, people in ministry, and theological students. The style reflects the audience with the level of discussion being somewhere between “popular” and “academic.”

**3. What is the key message of the book?**

Finding *Lost Words* addresses an issue that faces all of us as Christians: how to maintain faith as we live in a broken world. We have God’s sure and certain promises, but we do not yet see their full realisation. So, what ought we to do in the meantime as we encounter illness, grief, loss, sin and oppression, both in our own lives and in the lives of those around us? The Bible says we ought to lament. Yet the practice of lament and the theology that undergirds it are foreign to many of us. This book was motivated by a desire to help fill that gap.

The volume, unlike many multi-authored works, has a consistent metanarrative that unites the whole. In turn, it explores the history of lament, the theology of lament, the exegesis of lament, the practice of lament and the demonstration of lament. Our desire is thus to help readers move from a recognition of the problem to consideration of issues raised by appropriation through to praxis. *Finding Lost Words* is thus meant to be more than a mere theoretical exploration of the topic. Also, to help ensure a well-rounded treatment, the volume’s contributors come from different fields of speciality and represent a spectrum of denominational affiliation.

**5. Some personal highlights for each of you from the book?**

I (Geoff) have particularly appreciated the essays in Part IV of the book (The Practice of Lament). Thinking through how we might sing, pray, preach and use lament in pastoral care has been stimulating. On the one hand, it becomes painfully evident how poorly we tend to do these things at a corporate level. Yet, on the other hand, the benefits are easy to see. The practical wisdom of the contributions in this section provides a tangible vision of how lament might be (re)introduced to church.

I (Kit) found Nick Freestone's congregation lament a powerful application of the book's intent. While there are many artists who have drawn upon the Psalms to compose songs of lament, very few, if any, have written songs suitable for corporate worship. We hope this song inspires many more.

#### **6. Favourite quote from the book for each of you?**

I (Geoff) love this quote from Spurgeon in Alan Thompson's chapter: "[W]e may further say that the most sorrowful and the most sinful are welcome to the Lord Jesus. The most sorrowful may come; I mean those in despair, those who are at their wits' ends, those poor souls who, through superabundant difficulty are ready to do the most unreasonable things—ready, it may even be, to give way to that wicked, Satanic temptation of rushing from this present life into a world unknown by their own hand. Go, sorrowful one, go now to Jesus, whose tender heart will feel for you . . . first and foremost, in a flood of tears, reveal your case to the great invisible helper. Kneel down and tell him all that racks your spirit and fills your tortured mind, and plead the promise that he will be with you, and you shall find him true though all else be false." (pp. 43–44; citing Spurgeon, MTP, vol. 13, 157 ["A Troubled Prayer"])

There is a host of insights and reflections from which to choose, but I (Kit) love Kirk Patston's introduction where he concludes, "Lament may eventually soothe us—but to lament is not to escape. Lament is not another self-care technique but something more demanding and courageous. It is a

willingness to live in harmony with what is real. As such, it is part of the practice of biblical wisdom and is, from a biblical viewpoint, an expected element of the dynamic between the human person and God" (p. 238).

#### **7. Next book for each of you?**

I (Geoff) am currently in the process of finalising a monograph on intertextuality in Leviticus, due for publication with Eisenbrauns as part of their Bulletin for Biblical Research Supplements Series.

Eisenbrauns have recently published my (Kit's) monograph entitled *Imprecation as Divine Discourse: Speech Act Theory, Dual Authorship and Theological Interpretation*, but I'm sketching out the contours of another couple of projects that I hope to begin in the next year or two.

*Interview by Megan Powell du Toit.*

#### **An excerpt from the introduction:**

Psalm 30:5 declares that although weeping may endure for a night, joy comes in the morning. Perhaps unsurprisingly, when this verse is quoted the emphasis tends to fall on the "joy comes in the morning" side of the equation. There is, of course, wonderful truth in that hope. Certainly, that is the case from an eschatological point of view. In his vision of the end, the apostle John asserts that the day is coming when God will wipe every tear from the eyes of those who belong to him (Rev 21:4). Yet, the question remains: How ought God's people to conduct themselves while waiting for the morning to dawn? The Western church often seems ill-equipped to answer that question. In fact, it is worth asking if the question would even be seriously entertained. One could be forgiven if, based on extensive fly-on-the-wall research carried out at Christian gatherings, the conclusion was drawn that followers of Jesus live in a world seemingly untroubled by the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" that are the lot of the rest of humanity. At a corporate level, the dominant rhetoric is overwhelmingly positive. Songs and sermons exude assurance, power, and confidence. In a Facebook-esque manner,



testimonies and stories are shaped to generate “likes.” When was the last time we recounted a story of failure to our brothers and sisters or stood to sing together a song that expressed the doubts and fears we harbour? Not so, it would seem, for followers of Jesus:

*Onward, then, ye people; Join our happy throng. Blend with ours your voices, in the triumph song.*<sup>1</sup>

But what happens when reality fails to match the rhetoric? The diagnosis comes back: it is cancer after all. instead of happy retirement, early onset dementia steals the final years of a spouse’s life. A mother stands at the grave of her child. Sexual preference means that fidelity to God will entail a celibate life and years of loneliness. What then? Our churches are full of examples of “What then?” Silence. Retreat. Maintaining a façade. Seeds of disconnect that blossom into cynicism and a one-way exit out of the back door. Faced with the reality of living in a broken world, what options do God’s people have? What response should the righteous demonstrate as they inhabit the nighttime of weeping? The answer is perhaps closer than we realise.

<sup>1</sup> Words from Sabine Baring-Gould and Arthur Sullivan, “Onward Christian Soldiers” (1871).

Like every generation, we face the temptation to (foolishly) consider ourselves more advanced, more developed, than those who went before. We run the risk of falling foul of what C. S. Lewis termed “chronological snobbery.”<sup>2</sup> Yet, perhaps our forebears understood with much greater clarity how to conduct themselves in the vale of tears. indeed, in historical terms, the contemporary church is an oddity—for, perhaps more than any generation before us, we have ignored the psalms. Whereas the Psalter, with all its jarring words and expressions, comprised the song- and prayer-book of the people of God for millennia, we have substituted it for more “suitable” fare. One tangible result is the absence of lament in our corporate vocabulary. it is in light of such neglect that this collection of essays had its genesis.

The whole ACT Monograph Series (now 7 books) is listed [online](#). We also expect the next book in the series, written by BST’s Andrew Prince to publish very soon (see Publications section this issue). If you have a book proposal, please contact [Megan Powell du Toit](#).

<sup>2</sup> Lewis, *Surprised by Joy*, 241.



*Ridley College has been implementing new initiatives aimed at addressing the underrepresentation of women in theological academia. Ridley's Jill Firth writes...*

Women's writing and women's voices are underrepresented in evangelical academia in Australia, and experience of women's leadership is limited. A recent survey in the ACT for a forthcoming book in the *ACT Monograph Series* revealed that women students and academics desire to develop their gifts and to gather for encouragement, edification and networking.<sup>3</sup>

Ridley College is hosting a conference for women theological teachers, graduates and students from around the ACT and beyond to consider our development as students, as teachers, as women preparing for ministry, or as graduates in the workplace and community. We are seeking to raise up the next generation of lecturers, tutors and

theologically trained ministers, workers and neighbours.

Our keynote speakers are Lynn Cohick, Professor of New Testament at Wheaton College and Delle Matthews, Dean of Studies at Melbourne School of Theology. Lynn will talk about women as teachers and learners in the first century, and on being an evangelical woman in academia today. Delle will speak on thriving and surviving as a woman studying theology in Australia. After the keynote lectures, workshops will explore pathways through theological study, keeping theologically sharp in ministry, the workplace and the community, and flourishing as a researcher, tutor or lecturer in Western and non-Western contexts.

In a workshop on pathways through theological study, current and future students will join in a panel discussion on practical issues of thriving and surviving as a woman theological student. Where am I heading? What is my dream? What particular opportunities and challenges do women theological students face? What particular

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<sup>3</sup> Kara Martin, Megan Powell du Toit, Jill Firth and Moyra Dale. "Women in theological education in the ACT." In *Theological Education: Foundations, Practices and*

*Future Options*, edited by Ian Hussey and Andrew Bain. ACT Monograph Series. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, forthcoming.

strengths do women bring to theological study? How can I build on opportunities and build confidence as a woman student? How can I benefit from a peer group or mentor? How can I serve God in ministry, the workplace, the community, theological academia?

A workshop for practitioners on staying theologically sharp in ministry, the workplace and the community will explore options such as undertaking further study, or connecting with others through a peer group, reading group, preaching network, writing group, mentoring or coaching.

A panel of lecturers and tutors including Jill Firth, Gillian Asquith, Deb Storie and Elizabeth Culhane will lead a workshop for women theological academics on flourishing as a researcher, tutor, adjunct or faculty member, building a network, and teaching in Western or non-Western contexts.

The conference is one of a raft of initiatives at Ridley to develop women's excellence in academia and ministry. Ridley has hosted some outstanding women scholars as guest lecturers in the last few years. Ridley also has a women's writing group meeting regularly to develop academic and popular theological writing and has recently begun a women's preaching network. The writing group shares dinner together and has covered topics including blogging, editing, writing style, and preparing for publication. The inaugural event for the women's preaching network in May 2017 attracted over sixty women from various church backgrounds.

Brian Rosner, Ridley's Principal, fully supports these initiatives. Brian comments on Ridley's vision:

"Ridley College is committed to the equal provision of identical training for women and men, for any and every ministry and leadership role to which they may be appointed in the church or in the world. We also welcome both women and men as students, faculty, staff, and Board members. We are keen to encourage more women to undertake study at the highest level and to pursue careers as scholars."

## EVANGELICAL WOMEN IN ACADEMIA

*A conference for women in theological education*

9 am–4 pm

Saturday, July 22, 2017

Ridley College

170 The Avenue

Melbourne.

For details of the programme and registration please visit the [Ridley Website](#).





## COLLOQUIUM'S NEW HOME

**C**olloquium is the peer-reviewed academic journal of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools (ANZATS). For the last few years, it has been based in Melbourne under the editorship of Dr Anne Elvey, and the associate editorship of Dr John McDowell (University of Divinity).

As of this month, Megan Powell du Toit has taken on the role of *Colloquium* editor, with Martin Sutherland as consulting editor, and administrative support provided by the ACT office. John McDowell will continue as associate editor and book review editor. While *Colloquium* continues under the auspices of ANZATS, this arrangement provides the journal with an institutional base.

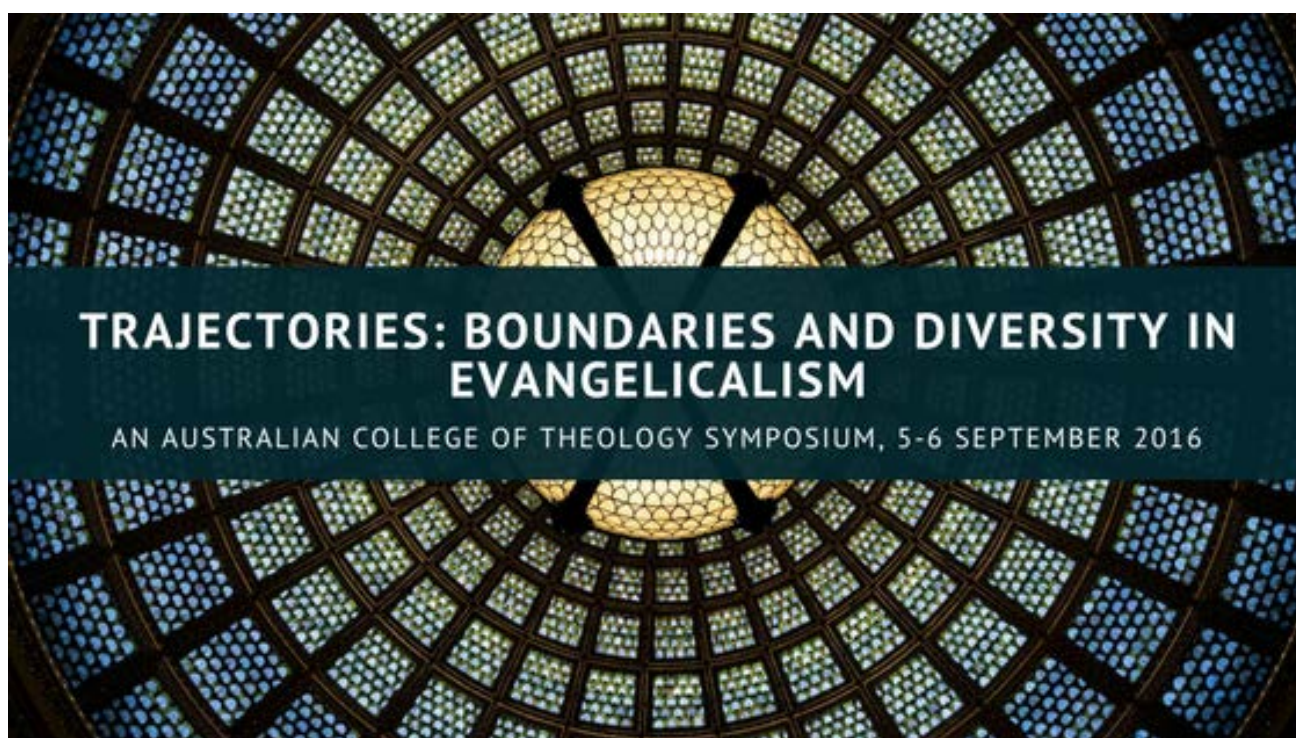
Megan was originally an editor before undertaking theological training and entering the ordained Baptist ministry. She also has many years' experience working in theological education and is currently completing her PhD through the University of Divinity. Since joining the ACT, she has managed the ACT Monograph Series. In giving a base to *Colloquium*, the ACT is demonstrating their commitment to theological scholarship in Australasia and beyond, working in collaboration with other theological schools.

It is our intention that the journal continues to be what its name implies: a place for genuine, constructive conversation between scholars from different traditions on important theological topics. At times, the journal will be based around a theme in order to enable this conversation to take place.

The most recent issue has just come out and is on the topic of Atonement. The first issue under Megan's editorship will be November 2017.

It is our hope that many of you in the ACT research community will support us in this endeavour by contributing articles, reviewing books and providing peer review for the journal. In this, you would join others from the diverse theological academy around Australasia and beyond.

If you would like to contribute, please contact [Megan Powell du Toit](#) on her *Colloquium* email address to submit articles for blind peer review and also for enquiries about the foci of upcoming issues. And you might also get a knock on your door from Megan as well.



# TRAJECTORIES: BOUNDARIES AND DIVERSITY IN EVANGELICALISM

AN AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF THEOLOGY SYMPOSIUM, 5-6 SEPTEMBER 2016

This symposium is occasioned by the publication of the final volume in the History of Evangelicalism series (IVP). *The Disruption of Evangelicalism* examines the first half of the twentieth century. However, the themes identified by the ACT's Geoff Treloar have potential for much wider application. Identity, diversity, response to rapid change, these are concerns with which evangelical Christians have grappled throughout their history. This is no less true for the churches of Australasia. In the compressed time-frames of colonial and post-colonial development, these very challenges have been felt most acutely.

This symposium seeks to make a major contribution to our understanding of the story and significance of evangelicals, especially in the South Pacific. There will be input from keynote speakers and several others.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Joanna Cruikshank** completed Doctoral research at the University of Melbourne on the 18<sup>th</sup> century British experiences of suffering and hymnology. Her more recent work explores the history of religion in Australia. relationships with each other. She has a new project underway on the place of public

religious speech and sermons in colonial Australia.

**Geoff Treloar** has a PhD in History from the University of Sydney for a thesis on J.B. Lightfoot. He is an historian of the modern history of Christianity, with particular interests in the Victorian Church, English-speaking evangelicalism and religion in the British Empire (especially Australia).

**Peter Lineham** has for many years written and lectured extensively on the religious history of New Zealand, although his earliest work, still continuing, was on the 18th and 19th-century history of British Protestant sects. He is currently engaged in various projects on new religious movements in New Zealand, and on Brethren, Protestant, Evangelical and Anglican history.

## EVANGELICALISM SYMPOSIUM

10.00 am 5 September 2017 to 4.00 pm 6 September 2017

Australian College of Theology  
Level 10, 257 Clarence St, Sydney

Conference Fee (includes lunch both days):

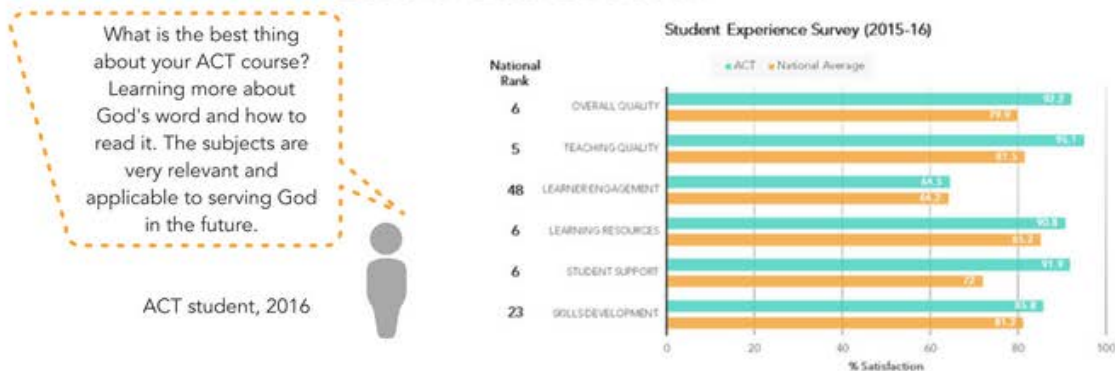
Standard: AUD \$140, Students: AUD \$80

[Register online](#)

# STUDENTS & EMPLOYERS SPEAK ABOUT THE ACT

Each year in Australia, tertiary students, recent graduates, and employers of graduates are surveyed about the quality of teaching and learning in institutions providing higher education. The results of the surveys are made publically available on the Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) website. In recent years, students of the Australian College of Theology (ACT) and their employers have reported a very high degree of satisfaction with the quality of education, placing the ACT among the most highly ranked institutions of all universities and private higher education providers. The results are a testimony to the highly capable and devoted teaching and support staff and the unique learning and research communities provided by the affiliated colleges of the ACT.

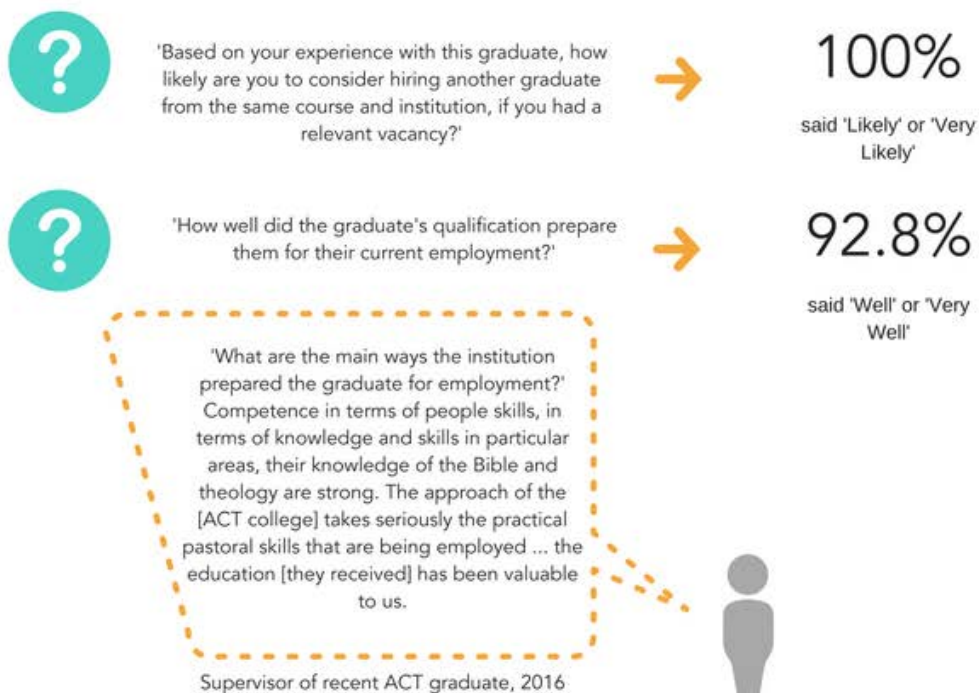
## Student Satisfaction



## Graduate Outcomes



## Employer Satisfaction



# GRAND DESIGNS

*the educational environment*



kitchen table enjoying one another's company, or seeing people reading or chatting in the comfy chairs. Having the space for students to work in the reading room and have easy access to the library is a great resource. We are so grateful to God for providing us with this 'garden in the city'. It is my prayer that not only will students benefit from the space and resources but will also be refreshed by just being here."

## QTC

The new QTC building is officially up and running. A great piece of feedback from one student:

*I think it's great that this building has more of a common space not just for students to hang out, but also to share and learn from God's Word together.* **Mario Cheng, QTC Student**

Above can be seen a semi-enclosed outdoor space that is one such common area.

## RTC

RTC opened on the 16 February a new Melbourne Satellite Campus was, opened giving the college a convenient CBD base for training.

## Morling

Last year Morling College opened a new residential college for Morling students and students at the nearby Macquarie University, with common spaces that can also be used by Morling College and others.

*It is great to be part of Morling Residential [College] – a vibrant and safe community full of friendly neighbours. We've thoroughly enjoyed the convenience of attending lectures which are literally just steps away from home, not to mention the nice meals we've had in the dining hall when we didn't feel like cooking.*

**Jin and Hanna Kim, Morling Residents, Students 2016**

Several of our colleges have recently undertaken new building work or renovations, to be better resourced to meet the demands of 21<sup>st</sup> century education. Common themes have been adaptation to a more urban environment, as well as better common spaces to facilitate relationship and collaboration.

I am sharing some of the pictures and information below to encourage conversation between the colleges about the built environment for education and learning from the different approaches.

## Mary Andrews College

MAC employed the stylist Megan Morton to create a warm and inviting environment when they recently renovated their Sydney CBD space.

Director of Studies, Jackie Stoneman says:

"Students have been really thrilled with the new space. A couple of people have told me they would 'just like to live here'. It's wonderful to see people gathered around the



MAC - reception



MAC - kitchen



Morling - MRC reception



QTC



QTC



RTC - CBD campus

## MORLING: NEW PROVOST



Morling College recently announced a transitional leadership structure. The Rev Dr Graham Hill has been appointed as Provost. In that role, Dr Hill will provide internal leadership to existing staff and programs, while freeing the Principal, the Rev Dr Ross Clifford, to focus on property, property-related finance, and some other new initiatives.

All of us at the ACT wish Graham all the best in his new role.

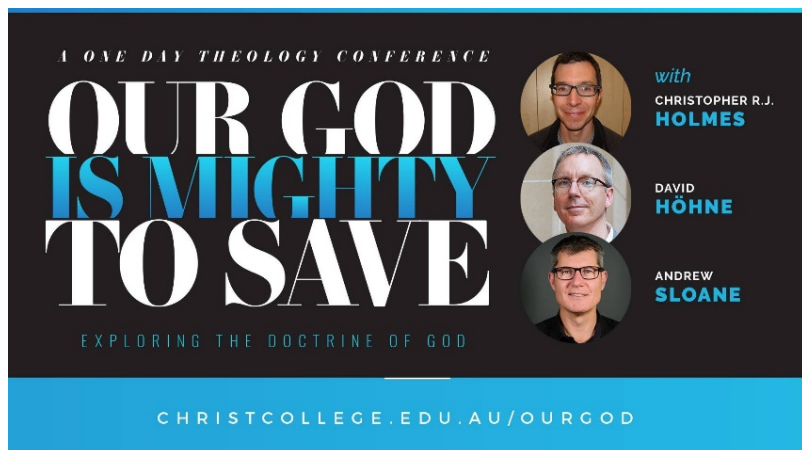
## VOSE: DR CAROLYN TAN



Carolyn Tan from Vose has been awarded her ThD for her thesis *Exploring a Cruciform Pneumatology*. One examiner commented on Carolyn's thesis: "Asking the question – what is the Spirit's role at the cross? – leads to a

genuine contribution to a neglected question. Few have even asked this question, let alone tried to answer it. In this regard the dissertation is ground-breaking."

Congratulations Carolyn!



## CHRIST COLLEGE: CONFERENCES

Christ College is hosting a Theology Conference on the theme "Our God is Mighty to Save" on June 22, 2017. The keynote speaker is Christopher R.J. Holmes from the University of Otago. Chris will be joined by David Hühne from Moore Theological College and Andrew Sloane from Morling College.

To register, visit their [website](http://christcollege.edu.au/ourgod).

Christ College is also excited to welcome Dr Timothy Witmer, author of "The Shepherd Leader" for a week of learning in August. Dr Witmer will be teaching an intensive on Shepherd Leadership from the 14-18 August at Christ College, as well as delivering a Public Lecture on Wednesday 16th August entitled "What to do instead of worrying".

For more information about the intensive, visit their [website](http://christcollege.edu.au/ourgod).

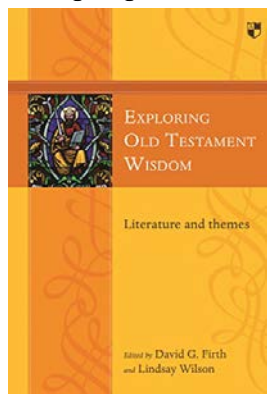
# PUBLICATIONS

## Consortium

Faculty publication information is now available on the [website](#). Links to purchase books can be found there.

## Department of Bible and Languages

David Firth, Lindsay Wilson & Greg Goswell  
*Exploring Old Testament Wisdom: Literature and Themes*. Nottingham, UK: Apollos, 2016.



Alastair Ian Haines  
*Gender in Solomon's Song of Songs*. ACT Monograph Series.

Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2016.

G. Geoffrey Harper and Kit Barker, eds.  
*Finding Lost Words: The Church's Right to Lament*. ACT Monograph Series. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2017. (see article this issue)

Christoph Heilig, Michael F. Bird, J. Thomas Hewitt, eds. *God and the Faithfulness of Paul*. Minneapolis, MI: Fortress, 2017.

Peter Lau & Greg Goswell. *Unceasing Kindness: A Biblical Theology of Ruth*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2016.

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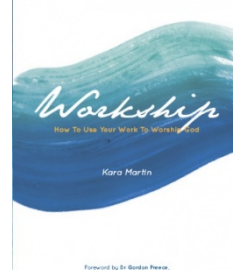
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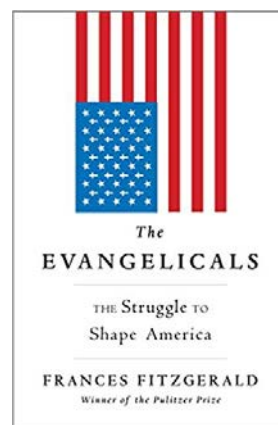
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## Consortium

### June 2017

17 June Malyon [Transforming Work Conference](#), with John Beckett, Kara Martin & Andrew Laird.

22 June CC [Our God Is Mighty to Save](#) conference with Christopher Holmes, David Höhne & Andrew Sloane.

24 June [BST Missions Conference](#), Building a culture of insight: understanding Islam with John Azumah, Dwi Maria Handayani & Bernie Power.

### July 2017

3 July CC [Refocus: pastoral leadership](#) conference, keynote Murray Smith

8 July Morling [Where do you see your faith at work?](#)

19-20 July [Vose Annual Lecture & Leadership Seminar](#) with Dr Rod Wilson

22 July Ridley [Evangelical Women in Academia](#) with Lynn Cohick & Delle Matthews (see article this issue)

24 July [QTC Reformation 500: Carl Trueman – Day Conference](#) & free evening event

28-30 July MAC [Women's Create and Refresh Weekend](#) Refreshment with Jackie Stoneman (also 13-15/10)

29 July [SMBC Puppetry Workshop](#) with Quiz Worx

### August 2017

2 August [QTC Biblical Counselling Australia: Addiction and Anxiety](#) with Mike Emlet

4 August [BCSA Free Pastor's workshop series](#) (also 22/9 and 10/11)

15 August TTC [Trinity Theological College Lecture 2017](#) – with Don Carson

16 August CC [Eliza Ferrie Public Lecture](#) with Timothy Witmer

17-19 August [QTC Paul Tripp Conference](#)

21 August Morling [Not in Kansas anymore: the church in a post-Christian world](#), a symposium.

22-24 August Ridley [Preacher's Conference: Romans](#) with Ray Galea & Mike Bird

25 August Vose [Mentoring Seminar](#) presented by the Australian Christian Mentoring Network

### September 2017

5-6 September ACT [Trajectories: boundaries and diversity in Evangelicalism](#) symposium, keynotes Joanna Cruickshank, Geoff Treloar & Peter Lineham.

### October 2017

6 October QTC [James Hamilton – Public Lecture Day](#) – Daniel.

14 October [QTC Children's Ministry Conference](#) with Kirrily Griffiths

## Beyond

June 17 [CGM Event: Ministry to Muslims](#), Moore College, John Azumah.

June 29 [End of Life Choices](#), University of Divinity, with Peter Singer & Margaret Somerville

July 2-5 [ANZATS 2017 Kinship and Family, Adelaide](#). Keynotes: Lynn Cohick, Stephen Barton. Annual Moore College Lectures 2017

August 3-11 [Reformation Preaching and the Modern Mind](#), Moore College, with Carl Trueman

August 4-5 [With All Due Respect: Theology, Feminism, and Conflict](#) Pilgrim Theological College with M. Shawn Copeland, Ruth Duck & Cynthia Wilson.

August 17-19 [ACHEA conference](#) with Amos Young, Edwin Judge & David Smith, Alphacrucis.

August 24-25 [Harvest Annual Research Conference: The Holy Spirit in a Post-Mission World](#) with Amos Yong

October 2-3 [ACWR 2017 Conference: Global Wesleyanism](#), Wellington, New Zealand with Dr Richard Waugh

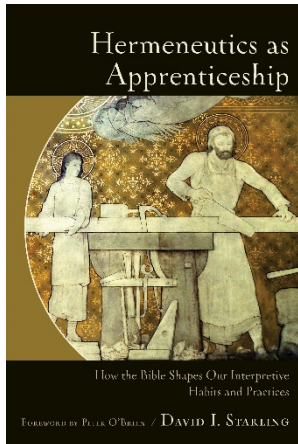
October 21-22 [The Justice Conference: Love thy Neighbour](#), Melbourne.

# REVIEWS

## David Starling

*Hermeneutics as Apprenticeship*. Baker Academic, Grand Rapids, MI, 2016.

David is Lecturer in New Testament at Morling College, and he has had the honour of having



his latest book chosen for review at ETS 2017. If you are going, get a copy and read it beforehand.

Review by Zen Hess (excerpted from [here](#))

"He is attempting, as a geologist might consider the layers exposed at an

archaeology dig, to learn to see the layers of interpretation that exist within the Scriptures themselves. From there he wants to become an apprentice to those internal Scriptural hermeneutics. "Crucial to the claim that 'Scripture interprets Scripture,'" Starling writes, "is an awareness of and attention to the significance of the intertextual relationships between the biblical books and the interpretive work of the biblical authors themselves" (p. 13).

The book is not heavy on methodological explanation per se. Instead, Starling gives all 15 chapters of the book's body to exemplifying this method. These chapters are playful and thought-provoking..... Starling has written a very fine book. It is clear and instructive. I think students studying biblical interpretation would greatly benefit from reading at least the introduction and a few selected chapters, if not the whole book. He has, I think, also made it accessible for laypeople who are interested in becoming apprentices to interpretive methods found in Scripture."

## Geoff Treloar

*The Disruption of Evangelicalism: The Age of Torrey, Mott, McPherson and Hammond*. IVP Academic: Nottingham, 2017.

Geoff is the ACT Director of Teaching & Learning has had the distinct honour of writing the last book in IVP's 'A History of Evangelicalism' series

Reviews:

".....Treloar's account demonstrates the breadth of theology and praxis among those claiming the title 'evangelical' during this period. The internal 'disruption' of the early twentieth century was only magnified by the devastating 'disruption' of World War I and Treloar provides a penetrating evaluation of the impact of those atrocities on the movement. .... Geoff Treloar has done a great service in this volume by opening up in an accessible and insightful way a relatively unstudied and misunderstood period of evangelical history."

Ed Loane

Moore College, Sydney

From Christianity Today, [review](#) by Elesha Coffman

"Treloar seeks to rehabilitate this era, casting it as a time not of narrowness and rancour but of breadth and creativity. Instead of two hardened camps, fundamentalist and modernist, lobbing rhetorical shells between their respective seminaries, Treloar describes a wide spectrum of evangelicals with most of its vitality at the centre. "Not all fundamentalists were the same; liberals varied in the degree of their liberality; and the centre was broad," he writes. This perspective rescues little-known figures from obscurity, both expanding the roster of evangelicals and marking finer shades of differentiation among them.

Treloar writes about one era of disruption in evangelicalism. His book appears at another. It remains to be seen whether polarisation will rend the movement this time or if theological creativity and a robust, irenic centre can emerge again to carry the day."

