



NEXUS

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CORNELIVM PAPAM EPISTOLA
DE CONFESSIONE EPISTOLA PRIMA

CYPRIANVS CORNELIO
fratri salutem. Cognouimus
frater carissime fidei ac virtu
tis uestre testimonia glorio
sa. & confessionis uestre hono
rem sic exultanter accepimus
ut in meritis a claudibus uel
tris nos quoque participes
ac socios computemus. Nam
cum nobis & ecclesia una sit
& mens iuncta & individua concordia. quis non sacerdos in consac
erdotis sui laudib, tanquam in suis propriis gratuletur. Aut que
fraternitas non in fratum gaudio ubiq. letetur. Exprimunt satis non
potest quanta ista exultatio fuerit & quanta letitia cum de uobis
prospera & fortia competesset. ducem te illuc confessionis fratrib,
exitisse. Sed & confessionem ducis de fratum consensione cœ
uisse. ut dum praecidis ad gloriam feceris multos glorie comites
& confessorem populum suaseris fieri dum primus paratus es pro
omnibus confiteri. ut non inueniamus quid prius praedicare de
beamus utrum ne tuam promptam & stabilem fidem. an insepara
bilem fratum caritatem. Virtus illuc episcopi praecedentis publi
ce comprobata est. adunatio sequentis fraternitatis ostensa est du
apud uos unus animus & una vox est ecclesia omnis romana co
fessa est. Clariuit fratres carissimi fides. quam de uobis beatus apos
tolus predicauit. Hanc laudem uirtutis & roboris firmitatem iā

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FROM THE EDITOR

July is shaping up to be an exciting month in the ACT world, so instead of an email update we decided to do a special edition of NEXUS. We are very proud of our ACT academic community.

Please do let me know whenever you have cause for celebration so that we can all share in your celebrations.

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

Rev Megan Powell du Toit

NEXUS Editor

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Editor of Colloquium

administrative support staff member, every external member of ACT's boards and committees, and all ACT office employees will have customised access to the digital portal. Based on a user's current permission levels, they will see customised resources and communication channels. For example, current coursework students will be able to access resources like downloading EndNote, as well as requesting extensions on their course or credit transfer from another institution. An Academic Dean, on the other hand, will get access to documents released to affiliated college faculty, forms for faculty to engage with the ACT's Boards and Committees, and a forum to engage with peers from other ACT colleges. All users in the system will have customised forms with inbuilt associated automatic workflows. A research student will complete their annual progress report, sent automatically to their supervisor for further comment, then to the college postgraduate coordinator, then to the academic dean, then to the ACT office for reporting to the Research Committee.

We are releasing the digital portal to stakeholders in two phases. Firstly, we will release it to ACT office staff, affiliated college staff, and ACT board and committee members. The purpose of this staged release is so that those requiring access to secure resources are able to get access, and at the same time getting used to the digital portal system and its notification system. Once the staff are used to the system, we will release the digital portal to all students, enabling them to lodge requests. These requests will go to ACT and affiliated college staff, who will have had some time to get used to the digital portal, so that student requests are not unnecessarily delayed while staff are learning the system.

ACT BABIES

Some of you may know Adam Kelley, one of our academic administration officers, if he has helped you with enquiries. Adam's wife gave birth to their second child, a boy this time. Adam is currently on parental leave but will be back with us shortly.

Meanwhile, Elissa Norris, another of our academic administrative officers, is due back shortly from her parental leave due to the birth of her second child, and we look forward to having her back.

WEBSITE ROLL OUT

The ACT website build is a result of an extensive stakeholder research exercise, surveying and interviewing students, affiliated college staff, and board members. The result is a public website which has a more engaging tone, and a secure portal with personalised resources for all ACT stakeholders. Every current and former ACT student, every affiliated college staff member involved in the delivery of ACT units, every affiliated college

Simon Davies
ACT Registrar



We are beyond delighted to congratulate one of our ACT academics, Dr Edwina Murphy of Morling College, who has won the 2017 SBL–De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History. Edwina's manuscript, "Cyprian's Use of Paul," was selected as the 2017 winner by the prize committee.

Edwina Murphy is Lecturer in Church History at Morling and her research interests centre on Cyprian of Carthage and the early Christian interpretation of Scripture.

The SBL–De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History promotes the study of the reception history of the Bible and aims to highlight the broad impact of the Bible in a wide variety of historical contexts and cultural settings.

Dr Anke Beck, Managing Director of Publishing at De Gruyter said "Now in its fourth year the SBL–De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History acknowledges the continued excellence of research and publishing in this field, and Dr Murphy's work provides scholars with further knowledge on topics addressed in our Studies of the Bible and Its Reception book series. We at De Gruyter would like to congratulate Dr Murphy and thank the prize committee for the

invaluable time and effort spent reviewing the many top-notch submissions."

Any SBL member who has successfully defended their PhD no earlier than two years prior to the deadline may submit their manuscript. The manuscript must not have been previously published or accepted for publication. The applicant, as an early-career scholar, may have multiple articles published but no published books in the field of reception history.

Edwina will be awarded a cash prize of \$1,500 USD, and her manuscript will be published by De Gruyter.

Again, our warmest congratulations to Edwina and to Morling. We would encourage ACT faculty to consider applying for such prizes, and we are happy to offer advice and assistance.

The 2017 Call for Papers for the SBL–De Gruyter Prize will open October 1, 2017. More information on deadlines and eligibility can be found on the SBL website.

ETS/AAR/SBL 2017

In related news, Edwina's colleague Rev Dr David Starling, head of Bible and Theology at Morling has had the honour of having his latest book chosen for review at ETS 2017, so ETS/AAR/SBL is shaping up to be a big ACT year in 2017. If you are presenting or attending, please let Megan Powell du Toit know.



ACT MONOGRAPH SERIES

Since the June issue of NEXUS, yet another book has published in the ACT Monograph Series. Rev Dr Andrew Prince of Brisbane School of Theology launched his book *Contextualisation of the Gospel* at BST's missions conference on the 24th June 2017.

The words read out from the ACT's Megan Powell du Toit and Graeme Chatfield at the launch:

"We are very pleased through the Australian College of Theology Monograph Series, in partnership with Wipf & Stock Publishers, to make Andrew's scholarship available to a wider audience through the publication of his doctoral thesis *Contextualization of the Gospel: towards an evangelical approach in the light of Scripture and the Church Fathers*. We are particularly pleased because Andrew is one of our own ACT lecturers. His book joins the series as its eighth book, and seventh thesis.

Contextualisation has been an important and much-discussed topic within missiology for some decades now. Andrew makes a helpful contribution to this discussion through modelling an evangelical methodology that draws from biblical studies, church tradition and the social sciences. He does so by focussing on the book of Acts and the

Church Father John Chrysostom, bringing them into conversation together. As Andrew rightly notes, this approach highlights to evangelicals 'the importance and value of the writings of one church father, John Chrysostom, and the place of Christian thought more generally in contextualization of the gospel'.

Andrew's research enriches both the ongoing missiological discussion and also his own practice as a teacher and scholar in the ACT community. We pray that both this book and Andrew himself may bear fruit for the gospel into the future."

Other books in the series due out this year include two collaborative volumes. The first is a book edited by Rhys Bezzant arising from Ridley College's Jonathan Edwards conference, with contributions from leading global Edwards scholars. The second is a book edited by Ian Hussey (Malyon) and Andrew Bain (QTC) on Theological Education, with contributions from many ACT scholars. We are hoping this will launch at the Professional Development Conference in December at SMBC. We also have several other books in the pipeline, including both single author works and collaborative volumes, so stay tuned.

If you have a book proposal for the Series, please contact [Megan Powell du Toit](#).

TYNDALE TAKEOVER

At the Tyndale Fellowship Conference in Cambridge on July 11-12 2017, ACT was well represented by a large contingent of ACT faculty. Four out of the nine papers in the Old Testament stream were given by ACT faculty, while another paper was given by an ACT faculty member in the Biblical Theology stream. The faculty were Jill Firth (Ridley), Geoff Harper (SMBC), Anthony Petterson (Morling), Katy Smith (BCSA) and Lindsay Wilson (Ridley), representing four different colleges and three different states as well. Great to see not only an ACT but an Australian takeover. See whether you can pick who is who in the picture below.



SPARKLIT SHORTLIST

There also seemed to be an ACT takeover happening with the SparkLit Australian Christian Book of the Year 2017 shortlist, with four of the ten books by ACT faculty – Ross Clifford & Philip Johnson (Morling) Kara Martin (MAC), Bernie Power (MST) and David Starling (Morling). See here for the [entire shortlist](#), and all the best to all our ACT authors.

CONSORTIUM EVENTS

July 2017

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 [OTC 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 [OTC 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 [OTC 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 [OTC Children's Ministry Conference](#) with Kirrily Griffiths