

Alphacrucis Research Roundtable 2017

The purpose of the roundtable is to facilitate discussion among academic staff and advanced research students of important topics, with input from external experts. They are deliberately less formal than a traditional university seminar, and personal reflection by speaker is encouraged. Our initial focus has been the nature and practical aspects of scholarship within a Christian worldview, but by no means restricted to this issue. Roundtables begin at 12:15pm in the Conference Room, with lunch provided, finishing by 1:45pm. For those who can stay discussion often continues at a local coffee shop. Our program currently is:

23 February 2017 – Guest Speaker: Prof Edwin Judge



The Reception of Jerusalem in Rome

E. A. Judge's was educated in Christchurch, and Cambridge with an Honours M.A. in Latin, and the Classical Tripos. He then taught History at University of Sydney, and from 1968 was Professor of Ancient History at Macquarie, where he remains Emeritus. Professor Judge is a member of the Order of Australia, a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, and awarded Doctor of Letters by both Sydney and Macquarie Universities He is an Alphacrucis Honorary Professor. He has published extensively in the history of early Christianity including his landmark study *The Social Pattern of the Christian Groups in the First Century* 1960 and role in *New Documents Illustrating Early Christianity*. His most recent book is *Engaging Rome and Jerusalem: Historical Essays for our Time*, a collection of essays edited by Stuart Piggin.

2 March 2017 – Guest Speaker: Prof Sarah Williams

Christianity and Gender

A specialist in the field of nineteenth- and twentieth-century social and cultural history, Sarah is the author of *Religious Belief and Popular Culture* and co-author of *Redefining Christian Britain*. She has also written *The Shaming of the Strong*, a personal and theological reflection on the nature of personhood and the ethics of pre-natal testing, and *Mapping Gender* is in progress. Dr. Williams held research and teaching positions at the University of Birmingham; University of Oxford; and Regent College Vancouver. She is passionate about the art of teaching and learning and she reads widely and thinks deeply about pedagogical theory and practice.



16 March 2017 – Guest Speaker: Richard Ford, Deputy Head (Learning & Teaching) at St Andrew's Cathedral School

Strategy for Educational Leaders

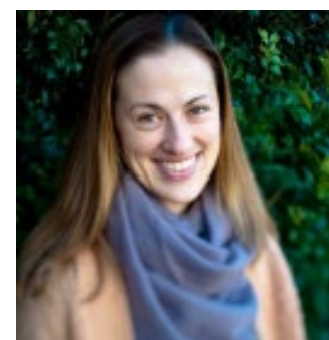
Richard Ford is Deputy Head (Learning and Teaching) at St Andrew's Cathedral School. After an honours year in History at Sydney University he commenced teaching at Newington College where he went on to serve as a Boarding Master. Since then he has acquired extensive experience as a leader in schools and is regularly invited to speak to educators in Australia and internationally on learning and leadership.. In 2012 Richard was made a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators and in 2015 was awarded the NSW Premier's Leadership Scholarship.



6 April 2017 – Guest Speaker: Tanya Riches

The Power of Yarn: Urban Aboriginal – led Pentecostal liturgies

Tanya started as a songwriter and vocalist at Hillsong Church, Sydney where she administrated Hillsong's United Band for its first six years. This led to theological studies at Alphacrucis, and an MPhil that addressed ten years of development in Hillsong Church's theological, musicological and business practices. Her co-edited ethnographic volume entitled *The Hillsong Movement Examined: You Call Me Out Upon the Water* (Forthcoming in 2017) initiates a dialogue between various scholars (insider and outsider) about various aspects of Hillsong Church. She is in her



final stages of her PhD at Fuller Theological Seminary on urban Aboriginal-led Pentecostal congregations.



20 April 2017 – Guest Speaker: Dr Darrell Whiteman

Missional Living in a Pluralistic Society

Darrell Whiteman is a missiological anthropologist, passionate about helping people in diverse cultures connect the Gospel and biblical values to the deepest part of their worldview. After serving as a United Methodist missionary in Papua New Guinea he was professor of anthropology and mission and later dean of the School of World Mission and Evangelism at Asbury Theological Seminary for 21 years. He most recently served as the interim executive director of the Overseas Ministries Study Center, New Haven, Connecticut. He served as president of the American Society of Missiology and editor of

Missiology: An International Review.

8 June 2017 – Guest Speaker: John Oetzel

Constructing equitable relationships among culturally diverse academic and community partners: Health, indigenous peoples, and participatory research

John G. Oetzel (Ph.D., University of Iowa, USA), is Professor of Management Communication at the University of Waikato in Hamilton, New Zealand. He is author of three books: *Managing Intercultural Communication Effectively* (with Stella Ting-Toomey, 2001, Sage), *Intercultural Communication: A Layered Approach* (2009, Pearson), and *Theories of Human Communication* 11th ed. (with Stephen Littlejohn & Karen Foss, 2017, Waveland), co-editor of *The Sage Handbook of Conflict Communication* (with Stella Ting-Toomey, 2006, Sage and 2nd edition in 2013) and *Community-Based Participatory Research for Health* 3rd ed. (with Nina Wallerstein, Bonnie Duran, & Meredith Minkler, 2017, Jossey-Bass) and author of more than 100 articles, book chapters, and other publications. His research collaborations have received more than \$13million NZD funding from state and federal governments in the U.S. and New Zealand.



27 July 2017 – Guest Speaker: John Stackhouse

More than Twice as Difficult: Undertaking Christian Scholarship in a Post- and Anti-Christian Culture

John Stackhouse is the Samuel J. Mikolaski Professor of Religious Studies and Dean of Faculty Development at Crandall University, a private Christian university in eastern Canada. Formerly a Professor of Religion at the University of Manitoba in central Canada, and then the Sangwoo Youtong Chee Professor of Theology and Culture at Regent College in Vancouver, he has taught and published in history, theology, philosophy, sociology, ethics, and world religions. He has given over 1000 interviews to news media in North America and has twice appeared on ABC's "Q&A." He has received over a dozen research grants and more than a dozen national awards

for journalism. His tenth book will be published later this year: *Why You're Here: Ethics for the Real World* (Oxford University Press).

8 August 2017 – Guest Speaker: Dr Paul Freston

Pentecostals and Politics

Paul Freston is CIGI Professor of Religion and Politics in Global Context at the Balsillie School of International Affairs and Wilfrid Laurier University. He previously taught at several universities in Brazil. My PhD (in social science) was from the University of Campinas, Brazil. He holds an MA (in Latin American Studies) from the University of Liverpool and a BA (in History and Anthropology) from Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. His books include *Evangelicals and Politics in Asia, Africa and Latin America* (Cambridge University Press, 2001) and *Evangelical Christianity and Democracy in Latin America* (Oxford University Press, 2008)





16 August 2017 – Guest Speaker: Dr Amos Young

The Holy Spirit and Theological Education

Amos Yong came to Fuller Seminary as Professor of Theology and Mission in 2014 from Regent University School of Divinity, where he taught for nine years, serving most recently as

J. Rodman Williams Professor of Theology and Dean. Among his books are *Renewing Christian Theology: Systematics for a Global Christianity* (with Jonathan Anderson) 2014, *The Spirit of Creation: Modern Science and Divine Action in the Pentecostal-*

Charismatic Imagination 2011, *In the Days of Caesar: Pentecostalism and Political Theology* 2010,

Theology and Down Syndrome: Reimagining Disability in Late Modernity 2007, *The Spirit Poured Out on All Flesh: Pentecostalism and the Possibility of Global Theology* 2005 . Dr. Yong is a past president of the Society for Pentecostal Studies.

21 September 2017 – Guest Speaker: Prof Robert Banks

Paul as Educator: What He Can Still Teach Us Today

Robert studied at Moore Theological College, Kings College London and for his PhD in New Testament from the University of Cambridge. He was Professor of the Ministry of the Laity and Director of the De Pree Leadership Center at Fuller Theological Seminary in the US. On his return to Australia he became the inaugural Director of Macquarie Christian Studies Institute, and is presently an Associate of the Centre for the History of Christian Thought & Experience at Macquarie University and an Alphacrucis Honorary Professor. He has written books on Jesus' attitude to the law, Paul's idea of community, God and work, apologetics and lifestyle, theology and film, re-envisioning theological education.



19 October 2017 – Guest Speaker: Dr Meredith Lake

Making Sense of the Bible in Australian History

Meredith Lake is an historian of Australian Christianity with a PhD from the University of Sydney. Her publications include the prize-winning article, 'Provincialising God: Anglicanism, place and the colonisation of Australian land,' *Journal of Religious History* (2011) and an interpretive history of one of Australia's largest Christian charities, *Faith in Action: HammondCare* (UNSW Press, 2013). In 2014, the Bible Society commissioned her to write an essay on the bible in Australian society and culture – a topic which surprisingly few professional historians have ever taken seriously. She dived in and eventually produced a short book for students, *The Bible Down Under* (Bible Society, 2016).

Fascinated by the topic and its potential to illuminate (and complicate) key aspects of the Australian experience, she has also been working independently on a longer, more interpretive work, *The Bible in Australia* (forthcoming, 2017).