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# Introduction

As CEO of Alphacrucis College it is my great pleasure to introduce our accomplished faculty across the Schools of Theology, Business, and Education. They represent a variety of areas of research expertise, as illustrated in their publications. As we stride forward into a new era of offering a range of postgraduate awards, we are committed to providing our students with not only quality classroom experiences, but also excellent research supervision, mentoring, and the opportunity to work with nationally and international renowned experts in their fields.



Associate Professor Stephen Fogarty  
Chief Executive Officer

# Assoc Prof Lily A. Arasaratnam-Smith

PhD, MA, BS(Maths), BS(Psych)



A graduate of the University of Kentucky and Rutgers University, Lily was a lecturer at Macquarie University and an Assistant Professor at Oregon State University prior to her current role at AC. Her area of expertise is intercultural communication, and her research interests include identifying the variables that contribute to intercultural competence, understanding the role of culture in

influencing perception, and exploring the nature of identity in multicultural communities. Lily teaches in the areas of communication and research methodologies and is a member of the International Academy for Intercultural Research.

## PUBLICATIONS

Arasaratnam, L. A. (2014). Ten years of research in intercultural communication competence: A retrospective. *Journal of Intercultural Communication*, 35.

Arasaratnam, L. A. (2011). *Perception and Communication in Intercultural Spaces*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America.

Arasaratnam, L. A., & Banerjee, S. C. (2011). Sensation seeking and intercultural communication competence: A model test. *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, 35, 226-233.

# Assoc Prof Denise A. Austin

PhD, MA(CS), GradDipA, BA (Hons 1), BMiss



Denise Austin received her PhD in history from the University of Queensland. Formerly the Academic Dean of Garden City College, Denise and her husband also served as Assemblies of God missionaries in Hong Kong. As Director of the Pentecostal Heritage Centre, her research interests include oral history, Australian Pentecostal history, the contribution of women to Pentecostalism and overseas Chinese in Australia.

Denise is an ordained minister with Australian Christian Churches and teaches in the areas of history and cross-cultural ministry. She is Secretary for the Theological Commission of Asia Pacific Theological Association and a member of World Alliance for Pentecostal Theological Education.

## PUBLICATIONS

Austin, D. A. (2011). *'Kingdom-Minded' people: Christian identity and the contributions of Chinese business Christians*. Leiden: Brill.

Austin, D. A. (2013). *Our college: A History of the national training college of Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God in Australia)*. Sydney: Australian Pentecostal Studies.

Austin, D. A. (2013). Mary Yeung: The ordinary life of an extraordinary Australian Chinese Pentecostal – Part I and II. *Asian Journal Pentecostal Studies*, 16(2), 99-137.

# Assoc Prof Jennie Bickmore-Brand

DipT, BEd, Grad DipT, MEd, MA (Leadership/Theology)

PhD (Pedagogy)



Assoc Prof Jennie Bickmore-Brand's career has largely been in the Higher Education sector from South Australia in the 80's to Western Australian universities in the 90's, from Early Childhood to Adult Literacy- spearheading the first Graduate Diploma in Adult Literacy and Director of a national consortium in research and development in language, literacy and numeracy. For 6 years, as Dean of Graduate

Education she taught in a Masters of Leadership program with Alphacrucis College and developed their Masters of Teaching (Primary) for second career teachers, and has strong links with PNG, Philippines and Uganda. After 4 years in her own consultancy working with schools and NGO's across Australia, and an expert reviewer with TEQSA, Jennie rejoins Alphacrucis College to grow their education faculty.

## PUBLICATIONS

Bickmore-Brand, J. (1997) Students at educational risk in higher education: early identification, and early intervention. Conference Proceedings 20th ACAL National Conference, Sydney.

Bickmore-Brand, J. & Madden, C. (2009). Mentoring Women. In S. Clifton, J. Grey. Raising Women Leaders: Perspectives on liberating women in Pentecostal and charismatic contexts. APS: Sydney, Australia.

# Yung Hun Choi

ThM, MDiv



Yung Hun is a member of AC Korean faculty and specialises in Biblical studies. A graduate of Asian Centre for Theological Studies and Mission and Hapdong Theological Seminary, Yung Hun is an ordained minister and a doctoral candidate at Charles Sturt University. His dissertation is entitled, “The structure of Hebrew Psalter: A thematic approach.”

## PUBLICATIONS

Choi, YH. (2010). The Macro-structure of Jeremiah: Problems in the Study and an Approach through the Literary and Theological Conventions of the OT Authors and Their Temporal-Spatial Perspective. *Text and Context* 1, 17-65.

# Assoc Prof Shane Clifton

PhD, BTh(Hons), BEc



Shane's doctoral studies at the Australian Catholic University focused on Pentecostal ecclesiology, and he has since published broadly in the field of Pentecostal theology. In October 2010 Shane suffered a serious accident that left him a quadriplegic, and since that time his scholarly work has explored the intersection between theology, disability, and virtue ethics. Shane teaches in the areas of theology and ethics, and is the Editor in Chief of the Australasian Pentecostal Studies journal.

## PUBLICATIONS

Clifton, S. (2014). The dark side of prayer for healing: Toward a theology of well-being. *Pneuma* 36, 204-225

Clifton, S. (2014). Grieving my broken body: An autoethnographic account of spinal cord injury as an experience of grief. *Disability and Rehabilitation*, 1(7).

Clifton, S., & Ormerod, N. (2009). *Globalization and the mission of the church*. Ecclesiological Investigations Series, T&T Clark.



# Narelle Coetzee

MDiv, GradDip(Midwifery),  
BNurs(Hons)



Narelle has a professional background in midwifery and nursing prior to her academic career in Old Testament studies. Her research interests include wilderness, theophany, lament and Pentecostal Spirituality. A recipient of the 2008 Hebrews Studies Award from the Sydney College of Divinity, Narelle is a PhD candidate at University of Birmingham, UK. Her thesis examines the role of wilderness in theophanic encounters. Narelle is an ordained minister with the Australian Christian Churches and teaches in the areas of Old Testament studies and Hebrew.

## PUBLICATIONS

Melton, N. J. (2011). Lessons of lament: Reflections on the correspondence between the Lament Psalms and early Australian Pentecostal Prayer. *Journal of Pentecostal Theology* 20(1), 68-80.

Melton, N. J. (2013). Wilderness: Holy Yahweh's innate habitat? In *A Future for holiness: Pentecostal explorations* (pp.9-23). L. R. Martin (Ed.). Cleveland, TN: CPT Press.

# Assoc Prof Jacqueline Grey

PhD, BTh(Hons), BA



The call to ministry has led Jacqui from working on university campuses (as part of 'Students for Christ') to the field of theological education. Since completing her PhD in Old Testament Studies, Jacqui has built an international profile as an expert in Old Testament Studies, advocate for women in leadership, and the specialisation of Pentecostal hermeneutics. An ordained minister with the Australian

Christian Churches, Jacqui is a member of the executive of the international Society of Pentecostal Studies and her research interests include prophetic literature (particularly Isaiah), hermeneutics, women's studies and wisdom literature.

## PUBLICATIONS

Grey, J. (2009). *Them, us and me: How the Old Testament speaks to people today*. Wipf & Stock.

Grey, J. (2011). *Three's a crowd: Pentecostalism, Hermeneutics and the Old Testament*, Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick Publications.

Grey, J., & Clifton, S. (Eds.) (2009). *Raising women leaders: Perspectives on liberating women in Pentecostal and Charismatic contexts*. Chester Hill, NSW: Australasian Pentecostal Studies.

# Kevin Hovey

MA (Missiology)



Kevin's academic pathway was borne out of the challenges of field experience as a missionary in Papua New Guinea. A Master of Arts in Missiology provided theoretical underpinnings for the practical breakthroughs that were occurring on-field with his thesis winning the anthropology award. This was outworked in the redevelopment of training programs in PNG, and missionary training program in

Australia, which has since gone global. Kevin is currently working on his PhD focused on the missiological insights of the Australian missiologist, Alan Tippett. An ordained minister with the Australian Christian Churches, Kevin teaches in the areas of pastoral ministry, cross-cultural ministry, and missions.

## PUBLICATIONS

Hovey, K. (1995). *Before all else fails*, Brisbane: Harvest Publications.

Hovey, K. (2014). Reflect, reengage, reinvigorate: Guest Editorial. *Australian Journal of Mission Studies*, 8(2), in press.

# Dr Ian Jagelman

D.Min, M.Div, A.C.A.



After 15 years as a Chartered Accountant specialising in international tax, Ian undertook theological studies in the US and returned to Australia to serve as the Dean and Principal of a bible college for five years. In 1984 he church planted in Lane Cove Sydney and became one of the founders of the C3 movement. Ian completed his doctoral studies at Fuller Theological Seminary, US. Ian's research interests include church planting, the distinction between ministry and leadership, and spirituality. An ordained minister with the C3 movement, Ian teaches in the areas of spirituality and leadership studies.

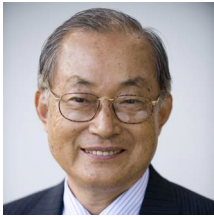
## PUBLICATIONS

Jagelman, I. (2010). *Reflections on lives with purpose*. The Jagelman Institute.

Jagelman, I. (2013). *The L Factor*. 2nd Edition. The Jagelman Institute.

# Dr David Kwon

DMin, DTh, DipTh, MBA, DipLaw



A revered leader of the AC Korean faculty, David is an ordained minister and a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary, Washington Theological Seminary, Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary, Korea University, and Dong Kuk University. David is passionate about building Christian leaders amongst the Korean diaspora in Australia, and his research interests include pastoral theology, diaspora studies, and faith principle.

## PUBLICATIONS

Kwan, D. (2002). *Principles of faith*. Seoul: The Christian Literature Society of Korea.

Kwan, D. (2002). *Empty yourself, you man of God*. Seoul: Korea Council of Christian Education.



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# Assoc Prof Philip Lee

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AIMM, JP



Philip holds a Bachelor of Business with majors in accounting and Computing, a Masters of Commerce with an Advanced Specialisation in Finance and a Doctor of Philosophy in the area of financial economics. Philip has industry experience in Accounting and Finance as a business analyst. Joining academia, and taught for 23 years at the University of Sydney, and several years with other higher educational

providers prior to his current role at AC, where he is the Director of the Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Ministry degrees. Philip teaches accounting and finance subjects in both the Masters and Undergraduate levels, with particular interest in Financial Statement Analysis.

## PUBLICATIONS

Palepu, K., Healy, P., Wright, S., Bradbury, M. & Lee, P. (2014). Business Analysis and Valuation: Using Financial Statements, (2nd Edition), Cengage Learning Australia, Sydney.

Frost, G., Lee, P. & Jones, S. (2013). The Reality and the Rhetoric: Organisational Sustainability Reporting, Sydney University Press, Australia.

Bentwood, S. & Lee, P. (2012). Benchmark Management During Australia's Transition to International Accounting Standards. Abacus 48, 59-85.



# Dr Jacqueline Mees-Buss

PhD, MBA, B(Lit)



Jacqueline obtained a bachelor's degree in Spanish Literature and a Master's degree in Business Administration in the Netherlands. Her vast corporate experience includes managerial experience in global companies such as Unilever, Kelloggs, and Goodman Fielder and international experience in South Korea, Philippines, and Germany. A graduate of University of Sydney, Jacqueline's doctoral research was in

international business. Jacqueline teaches in the areas of marketing, business, strategy, and ethics.

## PUBLICATIONS

Mees-Buss, J. (2013). The evolution of the transnational corporation: Mechanisms transforming Unilever into a neo global corporation (Competitive Paper). 39th EIBA Annual Conference: University of Bremen (Germany), Bremen 13 - 15 December 2013.

Mees-Buss, J. (2014). The battle of ideas inside the MNC: A case study of ideological politics and change (Competitive Paper). Annual Meeting of the Academy of International Business: Beedie School of Business, Simon Fraser University (Canada), Vancouver 23 – 26 June 2014.

Mees-Buss, J., & Welch, C. (2013). Taming a wicked problem? Unilever's interpretations of corporate social responsibility 2000 – 2012. In R. van Tulder, A. Verbeke and R. Strange (Eds.), *International Business and Sustainable Development* (pp. 265-292). Emerald UK.

# Professor Paul Oslington

PhD, MEcon(Hons), BDiv



Prior to his time at Alphacrucis, Paul held a Chair jointly in the School of Business and School of Theology at Australian Catholic University from 2008-2013, and continues there as an Adjunct Professor. Before that he was Associate Professor of Economics at University of New South Wales, and held visiting positions at University of Oxford in 1999, University of British Columbia and Regent College Vancouver in 2003, and Princeton Theological Seminary and University in 2006/7. Paul is a graduate of the University of Sydney and Melbourne College of Theology, and his research interests include international trade and labour markets, the history of economic thought, and relationships between economics and religion.

## PUBLICATIONS

Oslington, P. (2006). *The theory of international trade and unemployment*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Oslington, P. (2012). God and the market: Adam Smith's invisible hand. *Journal of Business Ethics*, 108(4), 429-438.

Oslington, P. (Ed.) (2014). *The Oxford handbook of Christianity and economics*. Oxford University Press.

# Dr David Parker

DTh, MA



The winner of the 2014 award for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, David is one of the most sought after lecturers and supervisors in New Testament studies. His research interests include Luke-Acts particularly in relation to the unique/paradigmatic; John's writings (excluding Revelation); the fulfillment motif in the Gospel and the response to incipient Gnosticism in the Letters; Romans as the launching place

for developing Paul's worldview; the Corinthians correspondence with a view to developing New Testament ethic, and Galatians in understanding the place of (Mosaic) law in Christian life.

## PUBLICATIONS

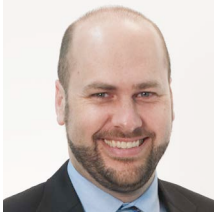
Parker, D. (2005). Situating the Spirit in the preface of the Acts narrative. *Australasian Pentecostal Studies*, 9, 74-80.

Parker, D. (2010). *Reading John now and then*. Sydney College of Divinity Press.

Parker, D. (2010). *An exegetical and theological study of the Spirit in 1 Peter: Strength for today and hope for tomorrow*. VDM Verlag.

# Dr David Perry

PhD, BTh(Hons), BMin



David's professional background includes organisational management and lecturing in theology, and he has recently completed his PhD at Australian Catholic University. David's main area of expertise is Pentecostal theology, particularly pneumatology, and his research interests include the interplay between theology and philosophy, the development of Pentecostal theology, and Spirit baptism.

## PUBLICATIONS

Perry, D. (2014). Spirit baptism and social action: The Pentecostal experience of Spirit baptism as a rationale for social action and mission. *Australasian Pentecostal Studies*, 16.

Denise A. Austin and David Perry (2015). "From Jerusalem to Athens: A Journey of Pentecostal Pedagogy in Australia". *Journal of Adult Theological Education*, Vol. 12, No. 1.

# Dr Van Shore

PhD, MTh, GradDipTh



A graduate of University of Queensland, Van's area of expertise is in New Testament studies. His research interests include exegetical work on the New Testament, particularly with an emphasis on the Gospels, Paul and the book of Revelation; other areas of research which stimulate examination within a Theological frame, Christian Identity and Christian Spirituality; the dual emphasis on

Pneumatology and Christology in the context of a believer and the Christian community.

## PUBLICATIONS

Shore, V. (2011). *The art of not disappearing*. River Publishing & Media Ltd, Kent: United Kingdom.

Shore, V. (2013). *The art of not getting lost on the way home*. River Publishing & Media Ltd, Kent: United Kingdom.

# Daniel Thornton

MMusTech, AA, LMusA



Following over 20 years of professional practice in music and pastoral ministry, Daniel has pioneered the Music & Creative Arts department at AC. Alongside his ongoing work with churches and worship teams around the world, Daniel lectures in music performance, theory, and industry, and in worship theology and praxis. An ordained minister with the Australian Christian Churches, Daniel is currently a doctoral

candidate Macquarie University exploring the Contemporary Congregational Song.

## PUBLICATIONS

Thornton, D. (2013). Considerations leading to the implementation of Australia's first online delivery for the Certificate IV in Music. Australian Society of Music Education (ASME) Conference. October, 2013. Canberra, Australia

Thornton, D. (2014). Contemporary Congregational Songs, YouTube and virtual Christian Communities. International Society of Media, Religion, and Culture Conference. August, 2013. Canterbury, UK

# Dr Jim Twelves

PhD, MEd, Grad Dip Ed Amin, PGCE, BSc(Hons)



A graduate of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth and Sheffield University, UK. Jim taught in the UK for 20 years before emigration to Australia. Since then he has been principal of three Christian schools in three states and completed his PhD in the Graduate School of Education at the Melbourne University before his appointment at AC.

His research interests include Blended Learning (Hybrid Education), models of Christian education and the heart of the Christian teacher. Jim teaches in the areas of Christian teaching and learning, Christian social science, educational leadership, the teacher's life and action research.

## PUBLICATIONS

Twelves, J. (2009). The Future of education. *The Christian Teachers Journal*, 17(4), 28-31.

Twelves, J. (2013). *Putting Them in the hands of God: a successful Christian school in Australia*. Saarbrücken, Germany: Lambert Academic Publishing.

# Dr Adam White

PhD, BTh(Hons)



A graduate of the Sydney College of Divinity and Macquarie University, Adam's expertise is in New Testament studies. His primary area of research is Paul and first-century Graeco-Roman culture. His research interests also include Pentecostal liturgy as informed by this historical research. An ordained minister with the Australian Christian Churches, Adam teaches Pauline studies and Greek at AC and is an

Honorary Associate of Macquarie University.

## PUBLICATIONS

*Where is the Wise Man? Graeco-Roman Education as a Background to the Divisions in 1 Corinthians 1-4.* Library of New Testament Studies 536. Harrisburg, PA: T&T Clark, 2015.

"Not in Lofty Speech or Media: A Reflection on Pentecostal Preaching in Light of 1 Corinthians 2:1-5," *Journal of Pentecostal Theology* 24.1 (2015), pp. 117–135.

"Servants, Not Intellectual Clients: The Significance of Paul's Role as an Oikonomos in 1 Cor 4:1 and 9:17," *Australian Biblical Review* 62 (2014), pp. 44–57.



# Dr Yong-Sun Yang

PhD, MTh, MEd, BTh, BA, BSc



A graduate of the University of New South Wales, University of Sydney, Sydney College of Divinity, Seoul National University, Soong-Sil University, Young-Sun's studies spanned the areas of theology, philosophy and economics. He teaches in the subjects of theology, ethics and research methodologies as part of the AC Korean faculty. He has a keen research interest in the interdisciplinary areas dealing with mutual relationships among the various academic disciplines such as theology, philosophy, economics and psychology.

## PUBLICATIONS

Yang, YS. (Ed.) (2009). *Korean Methodist church in Australia and New Zealand*. Highland Park, Hermit Kingdom Press.

Yang, YS. (2012). *Economies of salvation: Adam Smith and Hegel*. Oxford, Peter Lang.

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