SPOTLIGHT ON RESEARCH FACULTY
As President of Alphacrucis College it is my great pleasure to introduce our accomplished faculty across the Faculties of Theology, Business, and Education, Arts and Social Sciences. 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
President
Engagement is a pre-requisite to research relevance. AC promotes research that engages with understanding our past through the study of history and Biblical hermeneutics; the present through studying society, economics, business, and education practices; persons, through exploration of theology, spirituality, and critical thinking; peoples, through intercultural studies and communication, and places, through research across geographical contexts and collaboration across institutions and disciplines.

Enlightenment is the raison d’être of education and research: research that illuminates the mind and enhances relationships; demands imagination that pushes the boundaries of the known; integrates new knowledge with that which is known in order to create deeper and holistic understanding; initiates the pursuit of enlightenment in areas that are unexplored or challenging; propels innovation in every discipline.

Foundational to AC’s Christian ethos is the empowering view that each human being is of inherent value. It follows that AC promotes research that is unfettered by prejudices toward people groups, unafraid to ask questions that challenge the status quo; uncompromising in values of ethics and fairness; unprecedented in inclusiveness and the promotion of peace; and unabated by challenges or biases.

Discovery should enrich as much as it enlightens. Thus AC promotes: research that transforms the individual through new understanding; discoveries that are transferred into practical application; research that transcends current practices in education, business, and ministry; methods that transcript Christian values; and, where applicable, findings that translate across cultures and contexts.

AC is committed to active and applied research: research that equips individuals and communities by supplying answers to social questions, discovering sustainable solutions, supporting the care of people and the environment; salvaging the integrity of the disenfranchised, and summoning further research and action.
Lily is Alphacrucis College’s Director of Research and an Associate Professor in Communication. A graduate of the University of Kentucky and Rutgers University, Lily as a lecturer at Macquarie University and an Assistant Professor at Oregon State University prior to her current role at AC. Her research expertise includes intercultural communication competence, and cultural influences on perception and identity. Lily is a member of the International Academy for Intercultural Research and is an Associate Editor of the International Journal of Intercultural Relations.


Denise Austin is Director of Accreditation and Standards at Alphacrucis College. 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 Australasian Pentecostal Studies Centre, she won a number of grants for historical publications and archival preservation. Her research interests include oral history, Pentecostal history 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 on the Accreditation Commission of Asia Pacific Theological Association and is a member of World Alliance for Pentecostal Theological Education.


Associating Professor Jennie Bickmore-Brand
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.


Professor Shane Clifton
PhD, BTh(Hons), BEc

Having earned his undergraduate degree from Alphacrucis, Shane graduated with a PhD in theology from the Australian Catholic University. His published research has two primary loci: Pentecostal theology and disability studies. He is the editor of Australasian Pentecostal Studies journal, and an Honorary Associate, Centre for Disability Research and Policy, the Faculty of Health Sciences, at the University of Sydney. Shane teaches in the areas of theology and ethics, and is one of the longest serving members of faculty, having worked at the college in various capacities since 1995.


Sample Publications
Associate Professor 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. Jacqui is currently the President of the prestigious Society For Pentecostal Studies. An ordained minister with the Australian Christian Churches, her research interests include prophetic literature (particularly Isaiah), hermeneutics, women’s studies and wisdom literature.


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.


Dr Ian Jagelman
DMin, MvDiv, 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 leadership and spirituality. He has been an adjunct Professor at the Fuller Seminary in their Doctor of Ministry program. His books have been published in both English and German.

SAMPLE PUBLICATIONS


Professor Mark Hutchinson
PhD, Grad.Dip.Ed, BA (Hons)

Mark is Professor of History and Society and Dean of Education, Arts and Social Sciences at Alphacrucis College. An intellectual historian living in Sydney, Australia, he has been University Historian and remains a core member of the Religion and Society Research Cluster at Western Sydney University. His PhD (supervised by Patrick O’Farrell) concentrated on the development of historical consciousness in Australia (UNSW, 1988). With Stuart Piggin, Mark was founding Director of the Centre for the Study of Australian Christianity at Macquarie University (1991-1999). From 2000 he was appointed Head of History and Society at Southern Cross / Alphacrucis College, where he was consecutively Dean of the Graduate School, Dean of Academic Advancement, and Reader in History and Society. He has been a productive writer and speaker in national and international forums, including involvement as Assistant Director, Currents in World Christianity Project, Cambridge University (1998-2002), Hollenweger Lecturer at the University of Birmingham (2012), and editor/publisher of and/or contributor to over 100 academic books and articles.

SAMPLE PUBLICATIONS


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.


Associate Professor Philip Lee
PhD, MCom, BBus, CPA

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 Alphacrucis College.


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.


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Dr David Perry
PhD, BTh(Hons), BMin

David is Alphacrucis’ Chief Academic Officer. His prior professional experiences include organisational management and lecturing in theology. 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. David is an ordained minister with Australian Christian Churches.


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.


SAMPLE PUBLICATIONS

Dr Daniel Thornton
PhD, MMusTech, AA, LMusA

Following over 20 years of professional practice in music and pastoral ministry, Daniel has pioneered the Music and Creative Arts department at AC. Alongside his ongoing work with churches and worship teams around the world, Daniel lectures in worship theology and praxis, music performance, theory, and industry. Daniel continues to present and publish in the research field of his doctoral thesis, contemporary congregational songs.


SAMPLE PUBLICATIONS
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 Clinical Teaching Model (CTM). Jim teaches in the areas of the philosophy of Christian teaching and learning, Christian social science, educational leadership, educational policy development, the teacher’s life and action research.

**SAMPLE PUBLICATIONS**


Professor Rikk Watts  
PhD (Cantab), MA (NT, summa), MDiv (OT, summa), ARMIT

Prior to coming to AC, Rikk Watts was Professor of NT at Regent College, Vancouver, where he continues as Research Professor. Equally at home in both OT and NT, his Cambridge doctorate examined the NT use of the OT, an area in which he is a world authority and continues to publish. Initially trained as an aeronautical engineer, he later worked with IBM as a systems engineer while pursuing studies in philosophy, sociology, and art history. Reflecting this broad range of interests, Rikk was a founding member of Regent’s Marketplace Institute and Reframe program (theology for business), and serves as a theological consultant with A Rocha International (a Christian creation-care organisation). A keen student of Scripture—he was chair of the Mark Group, SBL, for many years—his research interests include hermeneutics, the history of ideas (particularly how Christianity’s overturning of antiquity led to the modern world), and the implications of the biblical narrative, its controlling metaphors, and God’s faithful character, for a genuinely Christian understanding of theology, business, and design.

**SAMPLE PUBLICATIONS**


**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.


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**Dr Robyn Wrigley-Carr**  
**PhD, MCS, MA, GradDip (Spiritual Direction), BEd (Hons)**

Robyn is a Senior Lecturer in Theology. She received a scholarship to do her PhD at the University of St Andrews, Scotland. Her doctoral research was archival and examined Baron Friedrich von Hügel’s spiritual direction. Robyn has received a research grant from ARTFinc to do theological research in the UK in 2016.


Dr Yong-Sun Yang
PhD, MTh, MEc, 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, Yong-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.


SAMPLE PUBLICATIONS

EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

Dr Caroline Batchelder
ThD, MDiv, BMus

Caroline’s 2016 doctoral thesis (Australian College of Theology) examined the role of the Servant in the ‘Servant Songs’ of Isaiah, with an eye to the whole book of Isaiah and the Old Testament. She is particularly interested in Hebrew poetry and how the details of language work in relation to meaning, including wordplay, soundplay and allusion. She has continued with research in this area, while her Old Testament teaching has sparked interest in the purpose of the book of Psalms and in the intertextuality of Samuel.


SAMPLE PUBLICATION

Stephen Brinton
MEdSt, GDipT, BA

Stephen studied for three years at theological college and completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Queensland prior to training as a primary teacher and then as a teacher-librarian. Initially teaching in public schools, he then worked in the Christian school sector for more than 20 years as a curriculum officer, principal, head of primary and teacher-librarian in a number of Christian schools. During this time Stephen wrote curriculum for schools. Prior to joining the staff at Alphacrucis College, Stephen was an adjunct lecturer in Christian tertiary education. Currently he is doing a PhD at the University of Newcastle entitled “Transformational Education: A case study of three Christian schools”, researching how three diverse Christian schools engage their students in understanding and applying the transformational teachings of the Bible to their lives.

Amy Choi
MBA, MDiv, BCom, CPA

Amy is a current research student at The University of Sydney Business School in the discipline of Work and Organisational Studies. Her research interests are in Cultural Diversity Management and Leadership. Prior to this, she completed Master of Business Administration at the Australian Graduate School of Management and Bachelor of Commerce at The University of New South Wales. She has a background in Accounting and Finance, and holds CPA qualification.
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 Progressive Parallel Design of the Psalter: Beyond the general movement, from Individual Laments to Communal Praises.”

His research concerns include literary-theological structure of Old Testament books and biblical theology.


Dr Narelle Coetzee
PhD, 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, and a PhD from the University of Birmingham, UK (2016). Her thesis examines the role of wilderness in theophanic encounters in the Book of Exodus. Narelle is an ordained minister with the Australian Christian Churches and teaches in the areas of Old Testament studies and Hebrew.


**Dr Sean Du Toit**  
PhD, BTh(Hons)  
A graduate of Otago University New Zealand, Sean’s doctoral research focused on early Christian engagement with outsiders with a particular focus on 1 Peter. He explored levels of social interaction as well as the use of various ethical concepts in the ancient world and how these were used to build bridges with outsiders but also formulate a distinctive identity within the Graeco-Roman world.

**Dr Michael Frost**  
PhD, MA, BTech(Hons)  
Michael completed his doctoral studies in theology with the University of Otago in 2016. His thesis was focused on a pentecostal theology of social engagement, with particular attention paid to the context of Māori in Aotearoa New Zealand. Integrating global pentecostal theological reflection on social engagement with an analysis of grassroots pentecostalism among Māori, he emphasised the relationship between experiences of the Spirit that affirm ethnic and cultural identity, and the impact of this on social realities. Michael’s ongoing research interests relate to the intersection of belief, experience and social transformation.

**Celeste Kumar**  
BTh(Hons)  
Celeste undertook theological studies at Southern Cross College and Charles Sturt University. Her research interests include the Pauline literature and theodicy. Celeste is currently a PhD Candidate at Australian Catholic University. Her thesis examines the currents trends in theodicy. Celeste teaches New Testament Studies.

**Johnny Kumar**  
BTh(Hons)  
After several years of working in forensics and intelligence for New Scotland Yard in England, Johnny undertook theological studies in Australia at Southern Cross College and Charles Sturt University. His research interests include Feminist Ideology in the Old Testament and Pentecostal Hermeneutics. Johnny is currently a PhD Candidate at Australian Catholic University. His thesis examines academic discourse and its relationship to Pentecostal hermeneutics. Johnny teaches Old Testament Studies.
Rebecca is the Alphacrucis College Program Director for the Social Science programs. She has been working in the field of psychology for over 20 years. Her doctoral research focused on the effectiveness of integrated psychotherapy on the psychosocial and spiritual wellbeing of young women with psychological problems. As a Clinical and Counselling Psychologist, Rebecca has extensive experience in providing therapy to individuals and families, supervision to psychologists, counsellors and community workers, as well as training and teaching in community, educational, church and corporate settings.

Daryl has a long history in pastoral ministry, functioning in several roles such as youth pastor, associate pastor and senior pastor in several states across Australia. Daryl has also ministered in churches, seminars and conferences across the globe. A graduate of the Sydney College of Divinity, Daryl is currently working on his PhD through Alphacrucis College. His thesis is entitled, “The perception of Credentialed ACC ministers and their spouses regarding the impact that their involvement in Christian Ministry has upon their family lives”.

Dean’s area of research is in Pentecostal pedagogy. He is currently working on a Doctor of Ministry through the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, USA. His topic involves exploring Spirit-empowered teaching, integrating elements of Pentecostal worldview with elements of theories in pedagogy.

ALPHACRUCIS COLLEGE POSTGRADUATE AWARDS:

- Graduate Certificate in Leadership
- Master of Arts
- Master of Leadership
- Master of Philosophy
- Master of Teaching (Primary)
- Master Teaching (Secondary)
- Master of Theology
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