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Welcome to New College, the School of Divinity's annual magazine, formerly known as the Bulletin. I am honoured to follow Emeritus Professor Larry Hurtado as editor. We are indebted to him for his contributions over a number of years, and wish him well in his retirement.

In these pages, you will find a window into an energetic, engaging community of scholarship, already looking forward to its 175th year (see p 5).

This year's magazine includes a lead article on our alumnus Miles Jupp (MA Divinity, 2005), whose path, post-New College, has taken him to radio, television, and more recently, Hollywood. Our coverage of the School's first female Head of School (Professor Helen Bond) charts history in the making. Alongside this, our features on two of the School's most exciting growth areas – Christian-Muslim Relations, and Science and Religion – show us New College at its very best, as our staff and students make a unique contribution to some of the greatest questions posed by our (politically and culturally) unsettled age.

We are pleased to present news of academic awards, new appointments, book releases, graduate successes, and much more. And of course, we are always glad to hear from you about developments in your career and life.

This is New College.

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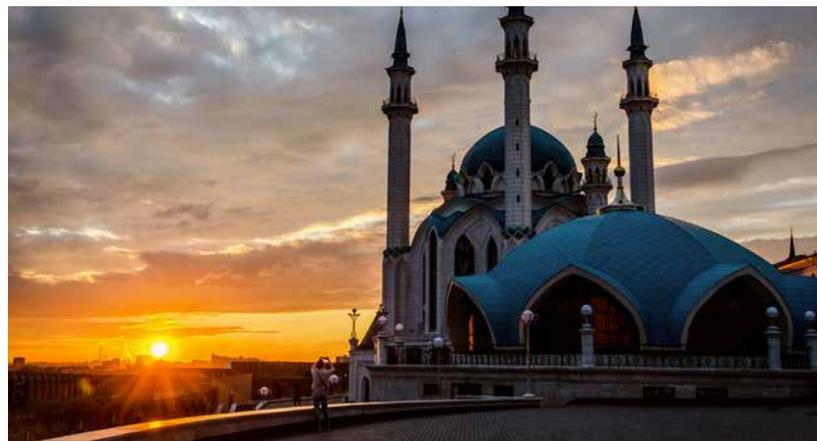
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NEW COLLEGE
NEWS



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Winning research grants

Professor Mona Siddiqui received \$338,671 (nearly £265,000) from the Issachar Fund for a theological, philosophical and political exploration of the theme of gratitude in Christianity and Islam.

Dr Arkotong Longkumer received a Leverhulme Research Grant for £259,256 for a project entitled: 'Gurus, anti-gurus, and media in North India', with a colleague in the School of Social and Political Science.

Dr Mark Harris was awarded £117k from the Issachar Fund to write a monograph and organise a series of workshops about the 'Theology of the Quantum World.'

Dr David Grumett received a £112k share of a grant from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) to look at the Christian ethics of farmed animal welfare, in collaboration with the University of Chester.



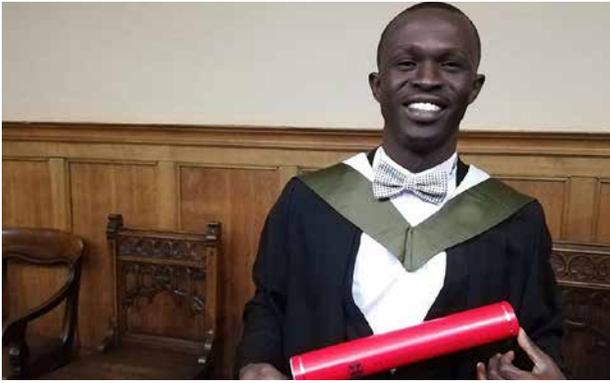
Divinity achieves Athena SWAN Silver Award

In the same year that Professor Helen Bond became the first female Head of Divinity (see p 7), and the Church of Scotland celebrated 50 years of female ministers, the School became the first Theology and Religious Studies department in the UK to achieve an Athena SWAN Silver award, after securing the first Bronze in 2014. Athena SWAN recognises commitment to advancing the careers of women in higher education and research. The bid was submitted by the Equality and Diversity (E&D) Committee, led at the time by Dr Naomi Appleton (pictured front left).



Change of role for David Fergusson

After 10 years as Principal of New College, Professor David Fergusson has handed the role over to Professor Susan Hardman Moore. "I'm looking forward to continuing as Professor of Divinity," he told us. "I enjoy teaching, research and the supervision of doctoral students as much as ever. In the medium term, I also plan to write a one-volume systematic theology and I'm co-editing a three-volume History of Scottish Theology, due to be published by Oxford University Press in 2019/20."



Ground breaking: Emmanuel Kwame Tettey

In November, Emmanuel Kwame Tettey became the first student to graduate from the University of Edinburgh with a Masters degree by research in Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations. His research supervisor, Dr Joshua Ralston, said, “Emmanuel’s dissertation on the National Office of the Chief Imam in Ghana received first class honours and was lauded by the external examiner as a particularly interesting and ground-breaking piece of research.”

RSE recognition for Matt Novenson

The Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) awarded the Thomas Reid Medal to senior lecturer Dr Matthew Novenson “for his outstanding research work on early Christianity and his strengths as a supervisor of

research students, as a successful teacher, and for his exercise of leadership both in his home university department and internationally.”

175th anniversary

On 3 June 1846, Rev Dr Thomas Chalmers laid the foundation stone for New College on the Mound. Now the School is looking forward to 2021, when we will celebrate our 175th anniversary. Planning will start this summer. What events or activities would you like to see? What part can you play? Please let us know! Email: NewCollege175@ed.ac.uk

Jewish Lives, Scottish Spaces

Dr Hannah Holtschneider’s three-year AHRC research project has produced a series of three-minute films, each focusing on a 19th or 20th century Jewish immigrant to Scotland. ‘Points of arrival’ tells the stories of Isaac Hirshow (1883-1956), Annie Lindey (1886-1953), Hilda Goldwag (1912-2008), Henry Wuga (born 1924) and Dorrieth Sim (1931-2012).

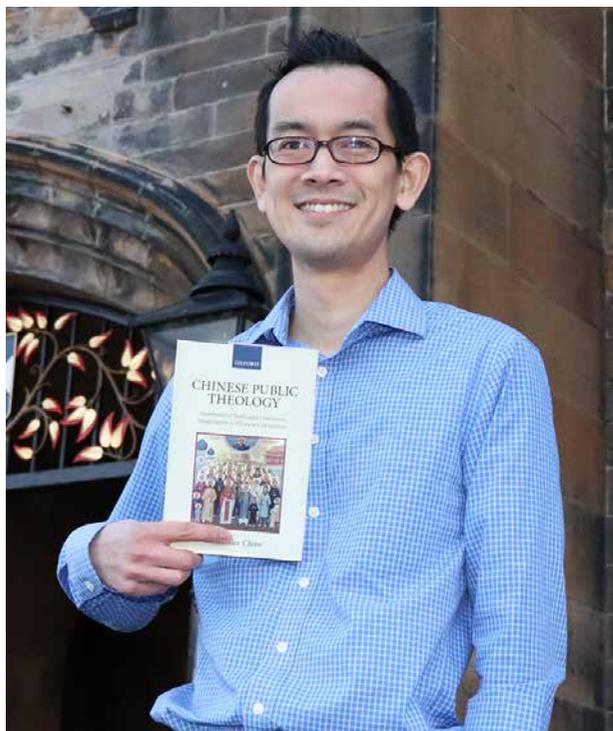
Armistice 100

The front of New College was bathed in red light for Armistice Day, 11 November 2018, as part of PoppyScotland’s ‘Light Up Red’ campaign to commemorate the centenary of the ending of World War 1.



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INTERVIEW



Dr Alexander Chow is Senior Lecturer in Theology and World Christianity. His recent book, Chinese Public Theology, was published by Oxford University Press (2018).

Where were you born?

I was born and raised in Los Angeles County in the 1970s, to ethnic Chinese parents who emigrated from their country of birth, then known as Burma, in the midst of anti-Chinese riots.

How has this shaped who you are?

I have always known myself to be a minority. In my youth, I wanted to reject my Chineseness and be 'white'. Only as an adult have I begun to appreciate who I am and what my parents have given me.

What kind of undergraduate were you?

As a typical Chinese American, I studied engineering. During my four years of undergraduate studies, I only wrote two essays!

Why did you move to the University of Edinburgh?

The air is cleaner in Scotland than in Beijing where I was a postdoc. I also wanted to be part of its world-renowned Centre for the Study of World Christianity.

What's the biggest misconception about your field?

People often think World Christianity is entirely about mission history. I don't research missionaries, nor am I a historian. I am a theologian interested in non-Western expressions of Christian thought and practice.

Name a scholar you admire.

Andrew Walls. Not only for his academic work, but also for his humility, humour, and love for his students.

What was the last book that made you think?

Jean-Marc Éla's My Faith as an African. I was impressed by the thoughtful ways he addressed theological questions which resonated with many of my own.

How would you like to be remembered?

As a person who truly cared for others – family and friends, students and colleagues, neighbours and strangers.



HISTORY MAKERS

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It has been a landmark year for women at New College. In August, Professor Helen Bond became the first female Head of the School and Professor Susan Hardman Moore became Principal of New College.

Professor Bond told us: “Being the first female Head of the School of Divinity is a great opportunity. The School is in very good shape in terms of research rating and student satisfaction. We ranked 1st in Scotland and 4th in the UK for Theology and Religious Studies in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014) assessment based on the quality and volume of our research, and we achieved 92.5% student satisfaction in the latest national Student Survey (NSS 2018).”

“*As the new Head of School, my role is to make sure we remain at the forefront.***”**

For Professor Hardman Moore, being Principal of New College is an opportunity to serve New College, the School and the Church of Scotland by making teaching and research more accessible to the public, offering continuing professional development for ministers and developing outreach events to interest a wide range of people.

Shaping the future

“We’re at a critical point in terms of shaping the ministry of the future,” says Professor Hardman Moore. “A lot of thought needs to go into how best to equip the people of God – lay people as well as ministers – to engage with today’s society and to live out their lives as disciples. I’d like to see New College develop its collaboration with the Church for training and supporting people in ministry.”

RELIGION IN A SCIENTIFIC WORLD, AND SCIENCE IN A RELIGIOUS WORLD

"I love the moment you get in a seminar when you explain something of fundamental importance in the science and theology discussion, and the lightbulb goes on in the student's eyes." So speaks Dr Mark Harris, Senior Lecturer in Theology and Science – and a scholar active in both physics and theology.

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Last year, the scale of his contribution to the study of science and religion was recognised in the award of the Boyle Medal. The most prestigious prize in his field, its recent winners include John Polkinghorne, Sarah Coakley, and Jürgen Moltmann.

Since then, Dr Harris has published ground-breaking work on novel magnetic materials in Nature Physics, and was awarded £128,000 by the Issachar Foundation for a two-year project on 'Theology of the Quantum World.'



The questions that drive this field lie at the heart of modern thinking, and address a basic tension in our polarised age: is there a place for religion in a scientific world, and conversely, is there a place for science in a religious world?

Those questions are explored in diverse ways by a range of New College faculty members. Dr Sarah Lane Ritchie, a newly appointed Lecturer in Theology and Science, studies the relationship between religion and cognitive neuroscience. Dr Michael Fuller, Senior Teaching Fellow, researches theology in relation to Big Data.

Training future pioneers

Under their tutelage, a large group of postgraduate students push the boundaries of their discipline ever further forward.



Describing the ongoing success of the School's MSc in Science and Religion, Dr Harris notes, "We've trained some 60 students to Masters level, of whom a third have gone on to do PhDs."

One of these is Esgrid Sikahall Urizar, winner of a Principal's Career Development Scholarship. Esgrid taught mathematics at a Guatemalan university for five years before moving to Edinburgh.

"My PhD topic is A Hermeneutical Approach to Science and Religion," he says. "I'm working on Hans-Georg Gadamer's hermeneutics in relation to the ideal of scientific objectivity in order to explore how this can be interpreted in the field."

"Originally, I chose New College for the MSc because of the nature of the programme," he continues.

"Now, to pursue doctoral research, I chose it because I know the School, its staff (academic and non-academic) and particularly my supervisor Dr Mark Harris, and the availability of generous funding. Having other friends returning as well for their doctoral studies underscores the excellence of the staff."

Prize winning scholars

The impact of New College's science and religion postgraduates on their field is striking. Scholars trained here – Jaeho Jang, Joanna Leidenhag, and Sarah Lane Ritchie – took a clean sweep of academic prizes at the 2018 European Society for the Study of Science and Theology in Lyon, France.

Since then, all three have continued to flourish: Dr Lane Ritchie was appointed to a postdoctoral

fellowship at the University of St Andrews before her recent return to Edinburgh, Joanna Leidenhag is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the University of St Andrews, and Dr Jang is a chaplain to Myongji University in his native South Korea.

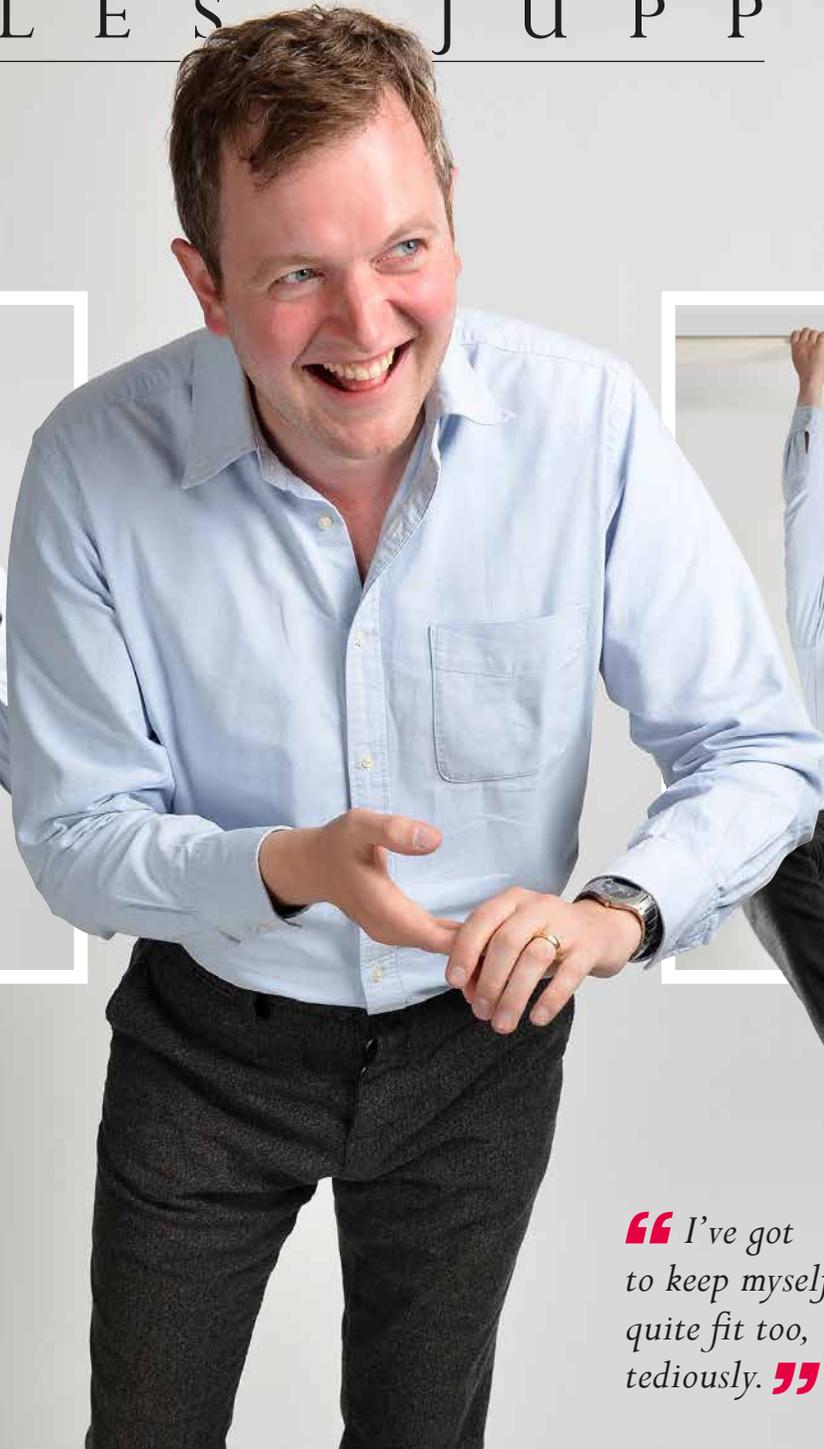
More recently still, Theology in Scotland's 2018 Fraser Essay competition was won by James Thieke – a New College PhD student working on religion and developmental psychology.

Having experienced New College as a student and now as a lecturer, Dr Lane Ritchie remains enthused:

"The community offers an environment where no question is off limits, no answer predetermined, and that insists on a rigorous, critical engagement with the natural sciences, religion, and philosophy."

“A VERY BRITISH TOUR-DE-FORCE”

M I L E S J U P P



“ I’ve got to keep myself quite fit too, tediously. ”

Photographs by Steve Ullathorne.

While New College's alumni make their mark on the world in many different ways, few recent graduates have done so as visibly as comedian and actor Miles Jupp (MA Divinity, 2005).

Having begun his career as part of the University's Improverts comedy troupe at the Bedlam Theatre, Miles' performances at The Stand comedy club led to a breakthrough part on the CBeebies series *Balamory* – a role he played while a student.

Since then, the man described by the Telegraph as “a very British tour-de-force” has become a regular fixture on radio (*The News Quiz*), television (*Have I Got News for You?*, *Rev*, *Watership Down*), and cinema screens (*Sherlock Holmes*, *The Monuments Men*).

How did his degree figure in his career plan?

“I suppose I viewed my Divinity course as a sort of wide-ranging arts degree. It was a subject I was interested in. I don't think I was ever a real trainee chaplain. Although when I did a Theology and Practice course one term, I did spend an afternoon a week at the Royal Edinburgh, wandering around a ward wearing a badge that said ‘chaplaincy student’ on it.

“I was in some plays at school and I got a real kick out of it. Because my father is a clergyman – a United Reformed Church minister – public performance wasn't too intimidating a prospect.

Dad's performing is obviously rather less ego-driven than mine.” Miles' father, Rev Dr Peter Jupp, is an Honorary Fellow at New College.

“I spent a lot of time at The Stand, which led onto other things. I got the chance to be on a TV show called *The Live Floor Show* when I was in 3rd year, and then I did *Balamory*.

“*Balamory* was made by the husband of a stand up poet that gigged there a lot. If you're into your showbiz trivia, Frankie Boyle used to cat sit for them.”

Good atmosphere

Much has happened in the 19 years since Miles arrived in Edinburgh as a fresher.

“I really did enjoy Professor Fergusson's lectures,” he recalls. “I remember him asking at the end of a lecture about Wittgenstein if anybody had any questions. We all sat there and no hands went up and he just shrugged and said, ‘Well, whereof one cannot speak one must be silent’.

“There was such a good atmosphere at New College and a real mix of people,” he recalls. “There were lots of mature students too who'd actually done a bit of real living and lots of people from overseas. I liked that.

“I made some really good and close friends at New College who I still see a lot of. We went out for dinner recently and it was just like being in *Rainy Hall*. We just sat there being rude about each other and laughing. Wonderful.

“I met my wife in Edinburgh too. That was the best and most life changing aspect of the whole thing.”

The Life I Lead

In the last two years Miles has had a UK-wide theatre tour (*Songs of Freedom*), published the childhood memoirs of his fictional celebrity food writer Damien Trench (*Egg & Soldiers*) and voiced *Blackberry* in the 2018 Christmas special *Watership Down* (BBC, Netflix).

This spring, he has been touring theatres in *The Life I Lead*, a play by James Kettle, head writer on *The News Quiz*.

“*The Life I Lead* is about David Tomlinson who played Mr Banks in *Mary Poppins*,” Miles explains. “He had a difficult childhood, a tricky war, a tragic first marriage and a very complicated family life.

“It's a one man play, so that's rather tricky. It feels rather more pressured than doing a stand up show because you've got to get so many more things right. There's a lot of line learning to be done, reading about Tomlinson and watching his films. I don't want to do an impression of him but I want to capture his spirit and lightness of touch.

“I've got to keep myself quite fit too, tediously.”

You can keep up to date with Miles' activities via his website www.milesjupp.co.uk



GUIDING A

GLOBAL CONVERSATION



In 2019, more than half of the world's 7.7 billion people are either Christian or Muslim – a combined majority that is forecast to grow substantially in the coming decades. In that light, conversations on the intellectual history of Christianity and Islam,

and their political and social interactions today, take on a striking importance. Through its Christian-Muslim Studies Network – a project led by Dr Joshua Ralston and Professor Mona Siddiqui – New College plays a unique role in enabling a deeper



scholarly appreciation of Christian and Muslim engagement across a range of disciplines.

“In New College, Christian-Muslim studies has grown from a single but very popular course to something major over the past few years,” says Professor Siddiqui. “It creates a space for intellectual diversity, attracts funding, and it’s flourishing in academic

departments in a way that it wasn’t 10 years ago. Philanthropists don’t give for no reason.”

Funding boost

In 2017 and 2018, Professor Siddiqui was awarded research grants from the John Templeton Foundation and Issachar Fund for the revival of Islamic philosophy alongside western philosophy and a two-year project on the notion of gratitude in Christianity and Islam.

The Christian-Muslim Studies Network is the fruit of a \$425,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation in 2017. Asked to describe what the Network has achieved thus far, Dr Ralston points to its impact on previously isolated pockets of interest in Christian-Muslim interaction across the globe:

“In the past three years, Edinburgh has become an important hub connecting debates on Christianity and Islam that were taking place in the Middle East, Europe, and North America. In the past, those conversations were siloed. Scholars in different parts of the world weren’t talking to each other.”

International conferences

Through a series of ground-breaking international conferences, the Network has set about transforming those fragmented engagements. Following events in Edinburgh (2017) and Beirut (February 2019), a diverse cast of Christian and Muslim scholars will meet in Atlanta this October for a conference on Islamic Law, Christian Ethics, and Social Action.

To enable their widespread dissemination, published conference proceedings will appear in English and Arabic.

For Dr Ralston, the conferences’ value is clear:

“They aren’t a search for simplistic agreement or intractable difference. The conferences bring new angles to age-old questions in theology, philosophy, and religion by bringing together conversation partners who don’t normally meet.”

Closer to home, the Network’s activities play an increasingly important role in New College’s community and curricula. Four faculty members are currently affiliated with the Network – the Islamic Studies scholars Dr Abdul Rahman Mustafa and Dr Omar Anchassi, alongside Professor Siddiqui and Dr Ralston – with a fifth appointment to be made this summer.

Through a steady stream of guest lectures and symposia, and with courses on Christian-Muslim interaction in high demand, conversations now beginning on the Mound look set to carry on across the globe – from Jakarta to Los Angeles – for years to come.

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ALUMNI UPDATES

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Rev Rosie Addis

is Associate Rector at St John's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh.



Rev Dr Sarah Agnew

serves as Minister of the Word at Canberra Uniting Church Parish, Canberra, Australia, and an adjunct faculty member at Charles Sturt University.

Dr Kengo Akiyama

is now Lecturer in Biblical Hebrew, University of California, Davis. New book: *The Love of Neighbour in Ancient Judaism* (Leiden: Brill, 2018).

Prof James N. Anderson

was promoted to Professor of Theology and Philosophy at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) Charlotte, North Carolina, June 2018.

Prof Graeme Auld

former Principal of New College, has spent much of his 'retirement' travelling, enjoying visits to Jerusalem, Australia, India and Sri Lanka, Russia and the northern Baltic, parts of central Europe, and Morocco. He continues his academic writing, despite the distractions of grandchildren, dogs, hens, sheep, a goose, and the protestations of his wife.

Dr Tom Breimaier

has recently been appointed Lecturer in Church History at Spurgeon's College, London.

Rev Dr Cory Brock

is Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Jackson, Mississippi, and Adjunct Faculty at Belhaven University. New book with Nathaniel Gray Sutanto, eds., *Herman Bavinck, Philosophy of Revelation: A New Annotated Edition* (Peabody: Hendrickson, 2018).

Dr Heidi Campbell

has been promoted to Professor of Communication at Texas A&M University. She won the Scholar of the Year Award from the Religious Communication Association in 2017.

Dr Bernardo Cho

is Professor of New Testament, Seminario Teologico Servo de Cristo in Sao Paulo, Brazil. New

book: *Royal Messianism and the Jerusalem Priesthood in the Gospel of Mark* (London: T&T Clark/Bloomsbury, 2019).

Dr Zachary Cole

is Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Union Theological College, Belfast, and was previously teaching at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Prof Emeritus Jim Cox

is working on a project around the ownership of Indigenous knowledge, funded by Western Sydney University, which will culminate in a consultation of international scholars in December 2019, with a larger symposium in September 2020.

Dr Richard Davis

Senior Lecturer in Theology and Ethics at the Pacific Theological College in Fiji, is a member of the Center for Theological Inquiry's 2018-19 Research Workshop on Religion and Violence, in Princeton.

Elena Dugan

is a doctoral candidate in the Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean, Princeton University.

Jamie Dumas

is now a policy analyst at Homes England.

Rev Dr Liam Fraser

is Edinburgh University Campus Minister for the Church of Scotland. New book: *Atheism, Fundamentalism, and the Protestant Reformation* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018).

Rev Dr Robert (Bob) Funk

The founder, President and Vice Chairman of Express Employment

Professionals has been awarded Oklahoma CareerTech's first ever Advocate of Excellence Award for his support of vocational teachers.

Dr Whitney Gamble

is Associate Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies at Providence Christian College in Pasadena, California. New book: *Christ and the Law: Antinomianism at the Westminster Assembly* (Grand Rapids: Reformation Heritage Books, 2018).

Rev Dr Grétar Gunnarsson

is a Lutheran pastor in Grafarvogskirkja, Iceland.

Dr Theodora Hawksley

is a sister of the Congregation of Jesus. She is a theologian specialising in peacebuilding and Catholic Social Teaching.

Rev Dr Frances Henderson

has been appointed Transition Minister for the Presbytery of Shetland, Church of Scotland.

Dr Michael Heneise

is now Associate Professor of Indigenous Religions, Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø. New book: *Agency and Knowledge in Northeast India: The Life and Landscapes of Dreams* (London: Routledge, 2018).

Dr Elijah Hixson

has been appointed Junior Research Associate at Tyndale House, Cambridge.

Dr Matthew Hoskin

has been appointed Assistant Professor of Latin Language and Literature at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. Before this, he was a Ralegh Radford Rome

Fellow at the British School in Rome, a Teaching Fellow in Late Roman History at the University of Edinburgh, and Barber Library Research Fellow at the University of Durham.

Ross Jesmont

is a PhD student and teaching assistant at Durham University.

Prof Chris Keith

is Research Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at St Mary's University, Twickenham.



Dr Matthew D Kim

is Associate Professor of Preaching and Ministry and Director of Mentored Ministry at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts. His book, *Preaching with Cultural Intelligence: Understanding the People Who Hear Our Sermons* (Baker Academic, 2017) was the 2018 Preaching magazine Book of the Year.

Rev Dr Jean Kirkwood

is Minister at Townhill and Kingseat Parish, Dunfermline.



Dr Andrew Kloes

is a contract historical researcher at the Mandel Centre for Advanced Holocaust Studies, at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. Before this, he was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Manchester. New book: *The German Awakening: Protestant Renewal after the Enlightenment, 1815-1848* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019).



Dr Felicity Loughlin

is a Research Fellow in the School of History, University of St Andrews.

Dr Damon Lycourinos

has a new book out: *Ritual Embodiment in Modern Western Magic: Becoming the Magician* (London: Routledge, 2018).

Rev Michael Mair

has become a Padre for the Army's 32 Signal Regiment in Glasgow.

Dr Janice McLean-Farrell

is Dirck Romeyn Assistant Professor of Metro-Urban Ministry at New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

Prof Paul Middleton

is Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of Chester. New book: *The Violence of the Lamb: Martyrs as Agents of Divine Judgment in the Book of Revelation* (London: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2018).

Dr William (Bill) J Meyer

is Professor of Philosophy and the Ralph W. Beeson Professor of Religion at Maryville College in

Maryville, Tennessee. New book: *Darwin in a New Key: Evolution and the Question of Value* (Eugene: Cascade Books, 2016).

Lizzy Murley

is now doing Teach For All in London.

Rev Dr Bruce Pass

is Lecturer in Christian Thought and History at the Brisbane School of Theology.



Amy Plender

has been a researcher for the Theos think tank since the completion of her MTh by Research in Systematic Theology in 2017. New book: *After Grenfell: the Faith Groups' Response* (London: Theos, 2018).

Dr Zachary Purvis

has moved to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he has been appointed Kingdon Fellow at the Institute for Research in the Humanities. This follows the completion of his three-year Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship here at New College.

Dr David Robertson

has been appointed Lecturer in Religious Studies at the Open University.

Rev Dr David Robinson

is Postdoctoral Fellow in Science and Theology at Regent College, Vancouver.

Dr Adam T Shreve

is a Senior UX Researcher at Zendrive.



Dr Nathaniel Gray Sutanto

is Theologian in Residence at Covenant City Church, Jakarta, Indonesia, and Adjunct Lecturer at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.

Rebecca Runesson Sanfridsson

is a doctoral student at the Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto.

Prof Bill Shaw

now retired, left New College in 1979 to become Professor of Divinity at St Mary's College, University of St Andrews. He remained there until he retired in 1993, having served as Principal for five years. He was moderator of the Presbytery of St Andrews of the Church of Scotland, was chairman of the European Committee and served on the Executive Committee of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and was chaplain to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.

Rev Colin Sinclair

is Moderator Designate of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland 2019-20, and Minister of Palmerston Place Church, Edinburgh.

Rev Timothy Sinclair

is Minister of Partick Trinity Church of Scotland, in Glasgow.

Dr Ryan Tafilowski

is Associate Pastor of Foothills Fellowship Baptist Church in Denver, Colorado.

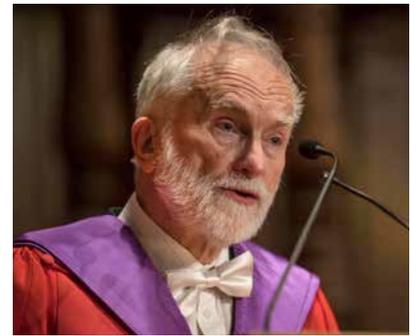


Hannah Tulloch (nee Codrington)

is Associate Director, Represent Comms, Edinburgh.

Dr James T. Turner

is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Anderson University in Anderson, South Carolina. Before this, he was a postdoctoral fellow at Fuller Theological Seminary. In 2018, he published his first monograph with Routledge Press, *On the Resurrection of the Dead: A New Metaphysics of Afterlife for Christian Thought*.



Prof Andrew Finlay Walls

received our Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity in recognition of his immense contribution to global religious scholarship.

Dr Corey Williams

is Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Global Christianity at the University of Leiden. He has been given an AAR Collaborative International Research Grant Award to work on 'Transnational Pentecostalism in the Age of #MeToo: Sexual Violence and Harassment From Lagos to Los Angeles.'

Dr Eric Lewis Williams

is Curator of Religion at the Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of African American History and Culture. New book, co-ed with Frederick L. Ware and Antonia Michelle Daymond: *T&T Clark Companion to African American Theology* (London: Bloomsbury, 2019).

Rev Dr Alistair Wilson

formerly Lecturer in New Testament at Highland Theological College, has been appointed Lecturer in New Testament and Mission at Edinburgh Theological Seminary.

NEW STAFF



Dr Suzanna Millar

Dr Millar has been appointed to a three-year Teaching Fellowship in Hebrew Bible. She was previously a Teaching Fellow at the University of Leeds. Her doctorate was taken at the University of Cambridge.

Dr Sarah Lane Ritchie

Alumna Dr Lane Ritchie joined us in September 2018 as Lecturer in Theology and Science. Before this, she was a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of St Andrews. Her research focuses on theology and cognitive neuroscience.

Dr Ulrich Schmiedel

Dr Schmiedel has recently been appointed Lecturer in Theology, Politics, and Ethics. A graduate of the Universities of Glasgow and Oxford, he was previously Lecturer in Systematic Theology at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany.

Dr Omar Anchassi

Dr Anchassi comes to New College from the University of Exeter, where he was a postdoctoral fellow. His academic expertise is on Islamic law as it relates to violence, gender, and sexuality.

Dr Chris Clark

Dr Clark has been appointed to a one-year post as Research Assistant to Dr Naomi Appleton. He is working on the creation of an online searchable database of Jātaka stories in the texts and art of South Asia, funded by Dr Appleton's Philip Leverhulme Prize.



Dr Alexander (Sandy) Forsyth

Dr Forsyth joined us from the University of Glasgow, where he was Tutor and Research Fellow in Practical Theology. Previously a Hope Trust Postdoctoral Fellow at New College, he has rejoined the School as the T.F. Torrance Lecturer in Theology and Mission.



Dr Russell Newton

Alumnus Dr Newton was appointed to the Hope Trust Postdoctoral Fellowship in September 2018. An ecclesiastical historian, his previous degrees were all taken at the University of Edinburgh: MA (Hons) in Religious Studies (2011), MTh (2014), and PhD (2018).

Schools Outreach

Dr Naomi Appleton

has been appointed to the new role of Schools Outreach Officer. She will make links with local schools, arrange visit days for pupils and host professional development events for local teachers.

READING MATTERS

RECENT BOOKS BY ACADEMIC STAFF AND *HONORARY FELLOWS



Naomi Appleton, and Peter Harvey, *Buddhist Path, Buddhist Teachings: Studies in Memory of L.S. Cousins* (Sheffield: Equinox, 2019)

Stewart J. Brown, Charlotte Methuen, and Andrew Spicer, eds. *The Church and Empire* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018)

Simon Burton, Joshua Hollman, and Eric Parker, eds. *Nicholas of Cusa and the Making of the Early Modern World* (Leiden: Brill, 2019)

James Eglinton, Cory Brock, and Nathaniel Gray Sutanto, eds. and trs. *Herman Bavinck, Christian Worldview* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2019)

David Fergusson, *The Providence of God: A Polyphonic Approach* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018)

David Fergusson, and Bruce McCormack, eds. *Schools of Faith: Essays on Theology, Ethics and Education in Honour of Iain R. Torrance* (London: T&T Clark/Bloomsbury, 2019)

Alison Jack, *The Prodigal Son in English and American Literature* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018)

Alison Jack and Caroline Blyth, eds. *The Bible in Crime*

Fiction and Drama: Murderous Texts (London: T&T Clark/Bloomsbury, 2019)

**Timothy Larsen*, *John Stuart Mill: A Secular Life* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018)

**Timothy Larsen*, *George MacDonald in the Age of Miracles: Incarnation, Doubt and Reenchantment* (Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press Academic, 2018).

Laura Mair, *Religion and Relationships in Ragged Schools: An Intimate History of Educating the Poor* (London: Routledge, 2018)

Ulrich Schmiedel and Graeme Smith, eds. *Religion in the European Migrant Crisis* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018)

Brian Stanley, *Christianity in the Twentieth Century: A World History* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2018). Winner of a Christianity Today 2019 Book Award of Merit in History.



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On average around 50% of Divinity postgraduate students are awarded some level of scholarship funding, all based on academic merit.



Sophie Bayer

Sophie, from Bavaria, was awarded the Astaire Ernst Levin Collection PhD Scholarship for research related to the archive of Dr Ernst Levin, who fled Nazi Germany. She is interested in the interwar period and German Exile in the 1930s and 40s. "The Ernst Levin Collection contains correspondence of this very time period," she explains. "I am very excited to have the possibility of examining it."



Matthew Baines

Matthew, the first recipient of our Ruth Page Scholarship, is completing a Masters in preparation for a PhD on Francis Turretin's doctrine of faith. Matthew worked full time while studying to secure a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Sydney, before achieving a Bachelor of Divinity with 1st Class Honours from Moore Theological College.



Nuam Hatzaw

Nuam holds a School of Divinity Research Scholarship. Her PhD examines Asian feminist theology from the standpoint of Zomi women in Chin State, Myanmar. "I am both academically and personally passionate about my research," she enthuses. "I truly believe in doing theology that uplifts, gives life and makes a difference on the ground."

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