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Welcome to New College, the School of Divinity's annual
magazine.

This year's cover image comes from the work of the Kurdish
painter Soniya Ahmed, a Masters student at the Glasgow
School of Art and winner of the Issachar Fund Art Prize,
part of the 'Gratitude: Christian and Muslim Perspectives'
project chaired by Professor Mona Siddiqui. Soniya's artwork
explores gratitude in earthy, this-world tones – and catches
sight of it in the challenges of ordinary life.

In this year's magazine, it is uplifting to note some of the
ways in which our students, staff and graduates are making
a positive difference in the city of Edinburgh, and around
the world.

We ourselves have much to be grateful for. Theology has
been taught at the University since 1583 yet there has never
been a more exciting time to work and study here. Next year
marks our latest milestone, the 175th anniversary of the
founding of New College. We hope you will join us as we
reflect on the rich history, achievement and potential of our
diverse community, and look to the future together.

As always, we are delighted to share news of successes,
publications, awards and new appointments, in the lives
of our alumni community. Please keep us informed of
developments in your own career and life.

I hope you enjoy our magazine.

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Soniya Ahmed, winner of the Issachar Fund Art Prize, submitted a number of artworks as part of the 'Gratitude: Christian and Muslim Perspectives' project chaired by Professor Mona Siddiqui. The cover shows a detail of one. The image featured here was the overall winner.

NEW COLLEGE NEWS



£2.4 million for theologies of nature

Professor Mark Harris and Dr Sarah Lane Ritchie have won £2.4 million funding from the John Templeton Foundation for a major international research project, God and the Book of Nature. The initiative will build a network of theologians and philosophers of religion in the UK, USA and mainland Europe, to form a wide-ranging collaborative engagement with the natural sciences.

By royal appointment

In July Professor David Fergusson was appointed Dean of the Chapel Royal and Dean of the Order of the Thistle. He has been a Royal Chaplain since 2015. Professor Fergusson said: "I am very pleased to be succeeding Professor Iain Torrance as Dean of these distinguished Scottish institutions. It is an honour to serve the Queen and her family in this capacity, and I look forward to the time ahead."

Student Recognition Awards

Head of School Professor Helen Bond has introduced three new awards to recognise students who have contributed the most to New College, the city of Edinburgh, or the promotion of theology and religious studies, outside their academic work. Many congratulations to the respective winners: Jo Thor, Rachel Frost and jointly Sofanit Abebe and Jessie Fubara-Manuel.

International accolade for Professor Siddiqui

In April 2019 Professor Mona Siddiqui was honoured on both sides of the Atlantic. The Archbishop of Canterbury presented her with the Hubert Walter Award for Reconciliation and Interfaith Cooperation and she was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Teaching success

Dr Ulrich Schmiedel is the latest member of staff to become a Fellow, and Dr Naomi Appleton and Dr Anja Klein have become Senior Fellows, of the Higher Education Academy, demonstrating their commitment to teaching.

Of India but apart

Dr Arkotong Longkumer's research into the indigenous movements of northeast India reached an estimated audience of 16 million in August, when he wrote a piece for India Today, called Of India but Apart, to mark India's Independence Day.



Baseball ace

MTh student Sam Davidson was awarded the title of Best Pitcher in a 'Battle for Britain' tournament in Kent, May 2019.



Reopening of Rainy Hall

Rainy Hall reopened in the summer, looking magnificent after eight months of painstaking restoration. During the Edinburgh Festival, it hosted an exhibition, Art, Conflict and Remembering: the Murals of the Bogside Artists, organised by Professor Jolyon Mitchell, Director, Centre for Theology and Public Issues (CTPI). The first lecture of the academic year was followed by a reception in the Rainy Hall to mark the official re-opening. Following Professor Stewart J Brown's address on John Henry Newman's The Idea of a University, the School enjoyed afternoon tea prepared by our new caterers-with-a-conscience, Social Bite (see p13).



New research networks

Two new interdisciplinary research networks have been launched: Edinburgh Buddhist Studies network, co-directed by Dr Naomi Appleton, and the Scottish Network for Religion and Literature, led by Dr Alison Jack.



Essay prize winner

Congratulations to PhD candidate Calida Chu, whose essay, Social Functionality of Multiple Religious Belonging in Modern China, won first prize in an international competition organised by the East Asian Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (EASSSR).

MSc Islam & Christian-Muslim Relations

Applications are open for our new taught MSc in Islam & Christian-Muslim Relations. This exciting Masters offers a rich and broad study of the Islamic intellectual traditions of scripture, law, theology and philosophy in conversation with Christian thought, ethics and political theology.

PhD by Distance

While the recommended route to a PhD in the School of Divinity is full-time study in Edinburgh, qualified applicants – whose circumstances make regular attendance impossible – may now apply to do a PhD part-time over six years at a distance. They will spend two weeks at New College each year to meet supervisors and attend seminars.

New College Library – temporary closure

New College Library closed for essential work in December. Until summer 2021 the general collection will be available in David Hume Tower, archive material and some Special Collections at the Centre for Research Collections in the Main Library and the Reserve Collection in Semple's Close Wing of New College. See website for details.

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INTERVIEW



*Dr Hannah Holtschneider is Senior Lecturer in Jewish Studies. Her new book **Jewish Orthodoxy in Scotland: Rabbi Dr Salis Daiches and Religious Leadership** was published by Edinburgh University Press (2019).*

“ *I loved the freedom of immersing myself in my topic.* **”**

Where are you from, and how has it shaped you?

I grew up in a small town in the Rhineland, in Germany. I was very excited to leave to go to university.

What kind of undergraduate were you?

Studious and hard-working! I loved being able to study what I really wanted to. It was fantastic. I've never left university.

Why did you write your new book?

It's on Rabbi Dr Salis Daiches, who served the Edinburgh Hebrew congregation from 1919-1945. He managed to unite communities that didn't want to talk to each other. He was a unifier and, like many Jews of his time, a migrant: he came to Edinburgh from Lithuania via Germany. Nobody had written about him, which I was astonished by. It was an exciting opportunity.

Name a scholar who has influenced your career.

Professor Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett from New York University. Reading her book *Destination Culture* changed the way I think about how we access the past, how we know what we know, and how we interpret what we find and where.

How would you like to be remembered?

As compassionate, invested, and interested. As someone who cares about my students and my subject.

RECOGNISING THE BEST



Many readers will have heard that we lost two of our best-known friends in 2019, with the deaths of Professor Larry Hurtado, founder of our Centre for the Study of Christian Origins and alumnus Dr Lloyd John Ogilvie, former chaplain to the United States Senate. Both were much loved, inspirational, giants in their field.

In June Lloyd's obituary in Christianity Today duly noted, "Acclaimed author, speaker, and preacher Lloyd John Ogilvie... studied at New College, Edinburgh, where he fell in love with the awesome task of preaching."

Five months later, "Remembering Larry Hurtado" was published in the same magazine. As Larry's former PhD student Professor Holly J Carey wrote: "For many of us to whom he was mentor, friend, peer, and colleague, he was the best of what this discipline has to offer." Fellow alumnus Professor Michael J Kruger agreed:

“He was all that a PhD student could wish for in a Doktorvater.”

In recognition of their leadership and contribution to the School we have established two new scholarships. Thanks to a generous lead gift from Rev Dr Bob Funk, the Dr Lloyd John Ogilvie Scholarship will enable students from around the world to undertake postgraduate studies at the School of Divinity.

The Professor Larry Hurtado Scholarship Fund has been created to support PhD candidates at the School in the area of Christian Origins - reflecting Larry's dedication to research, teaching and mentorship. A number of Larry's friends and colleagues have already supported this initiative, and we thank them for their contributions.

To find out more about these important scholarships and how you can support them visit www.ed.ac.uk/divinity/support - or contact Professor Helen Bond, Head of the School of Divinity, tel 0131 650 8923, email H.Bond@ed.ac.uk, or Susie Bass, Philanthropy Manager, tel 0131 650 9261, email Susie.Bass@ed.ac.uk.

Photo of Dr Ogilvie made available by Fuller Theological Seminary.

INNOVATION IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION?

IT'S IN OUR DNA

Born out of the Disruption of 1843, New College was set up to educate a dynamic new Scottish Christian leadership. Its first students received an education quite different to the experience found in Scotland's ancient faculties of divinity, where approaches to theological education had remained untouched for centuries.

New College opened with a modern curriculum full of new ideas, pioneering an early version of our current pre-honours and honours course structure, and even required its theological students to take classes in Natural Science.

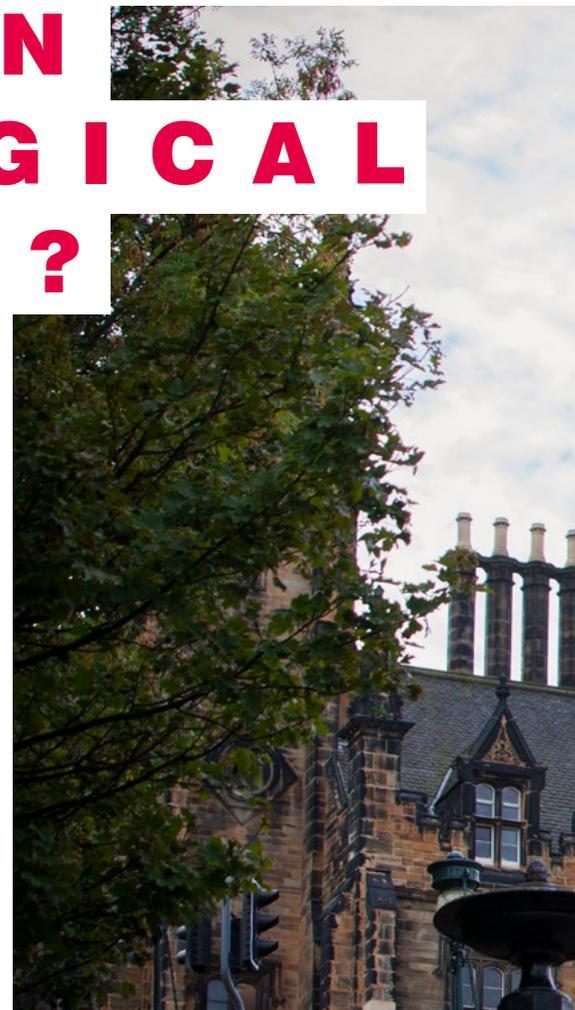
Professor Susan Hardman Moore, the Principal of New College, sees this creative spirit as central to the education offered today.

“Down the generations, our students have been encouraged to engage with cutting-edge thinking about faith, and to relate this to social and cultural issues of their day.”



“In its community and curriculum, New College nowadays is far more diverse than it has ever been. This gives today’s ministers-in-training the benefit of working alongside people of all faiths and none, in critical debate about key questions, to sharpen the knowledge and skills they need to present the Christian message.”

Dr Sandy Forsyth, our T.F. Torrance Lecturer in Theology and Mission, puts it another way: “Innovation is in our DNA.”



Over the past year, Professor Hardman Moore has worked with Dr Forsyth and Senior Lecturer Dr Alison Jack in developing new forms of theological education for lay leaders in congregations across Scotland.

Pioneer ministry

Across 2019-20, they have run successful pilot courses for lay leaders covering pioneer ministry and church planting for new worshipping communities, and on leading worship in local churches.



For Professor Hardman Moore, the value of this new initiative is clear:

“This semester we have 24 very keen people on the course, mainly from the Presbyteries of Edinburgh and East Lothian, but also from further afield – the Borders, Dundee, Glasgow.

“As a result of this year’s trial run, these classes will be available as credit-bearing courses in conjunction with the University’s Centre for Open Learning from September 2020 onwards – credits that can count towards a Certificate of Higher Education – but it will still be possible

to enrol on a not-for-credit basis, just for personal interest.”

Registration is open for our Preaching Today conferences on 20 April this year and on 19-20 April in 2021, when it will be part of a year of events to mark the 175th anniversary of New College. Further details are available on our website.

Lifelong learning

Led by Dr Jack, New College also provides ongoing education to those already working in Christian ministry. Between 2015-18, a cooperation with Pittsburgh

Theological Seminary, USA, saw a group of 18 pastors from Scotland and North America gain professional doctorates in ministry (DMin). This year, the Edinburgh-Pittsburgh partnership will welcome another transatlantic cohort.

Professor David Fergusson, a member of the DMin teaching team, is glad to see this programme continue.

“It provides a unique opportunity for teachers and pastors in Scotland and the USA to share their experiences and insights. It has proved rewarding and enjoyable for all concerned. ”



L I V E F R O M

NASHVILLE

In 2003, Drew Holcomb came to New College as a visiting student from the University of Tennessee. Now a country rock musician, Rolling Stone recently described him as “one of Americana’s most popular stars.”

His current album, *Dragons*, reached number three in the US Folk charts and one of his songs, *What Would I Do Without You*, has been played 14.8 million times on Spotify. His music has featured on high-profile television shows including *House*, *Criminal Minds*, and *Jimmy Kimmel Live*.

How did it all happen?

“New College was a very formative experience for me,” Drew tells us. “I took a two-week trip to the UK right after my 18th birthday. We started in Edinburgh and ended in London. I know now that you should never start your trip at the best stop.”



Photographs by Ashtin Paige.



Music and storytelling

"Most popular music has roots in the church, at least in America. Rock 'n' roll, country, blues and soul music grew out of the gospel traditions in the church. Songwriter music is about storytelling and empathy and community.

"My studies in theology helped me to frame my work, not as some sort of navel gazing, but as a theological exercise of solidarity and honesty.

"I lived just off the Cowgate in Kincaid's Court, way up high with a view towards Arthur's Seat. I loved walking around the University and the Royal Mile with all its nooks and crannies. I discovered something new every day. I spent most weekends seeing other parts of the country as well.

"I fell in love with the city as soon as I came out of Waverley Station, and knew I wanted to spend time studying there.

"I had been playing music for years but never toyed with songwriting until I came to be a student for a semester.

"I didn't know a soul in the city, so I spent a lot of time playing my guitar and listening to music, and started trying my hand at writing."

"I also enjoyed the people. I visited a small church on my third day in the city, and they were very welcoming.

"The minister had me over for lunch. An older gentleman took me on a walking tour. The other students invited me to play indoor 'futbol' weekly. It became a family away from family.

"I enjoyed the way classes were approached at New College. Small groups of students, all working to prepare for each gathering. The States is much more lecture/exam centred. At New College, I learned how to research and collaborate and spend time learning more in depth. I studied with David Fergusson, David Wright and Jane Dawson. All three were absolutely superb.

"I had plans of pursuing a PhD, but most of the academics I respected and knew personally encouraged me to take a year or two and do something else before enrolling in postgraduate studies. So when I returned home, I started booking gigs in Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville and other nearby cities. I recorded my first songs, and people seemed to like them. One thing led to another and here I am 16 years later."

Follow Drew on Twitter @drewholcomb or go to www.drewholcomb.com

“ I had been playing music for years but never toyed with songwriting until I came to be a student for a semester. ”

SERVING OUR CITY



New College contributes more to Edinburgh than an iconic photo opp and an international reputation for the study of religion and theology. Students and staff are making a real difference to the lives of local people.

Over the past three years a group of Divinity students called SERVE has been supporting local people through a number of projects, befriending older people, running a kids club, and providing meals in a homely atmosphere once a week for people who don't have anywhere else to go.

SERVE was founded by Rachel Frost, a 4th year undergraduate on our Theology MA (Hons) programme (pictured left). Rachel says, "We welcome folk of every faith and none."

Good citizenship

Another student-led group, Holyrood Harvest, was set up in 2017 to bring students and locals together to reclaim waste ground in the Holyrood, Dumbiedykes, and Southside area of Edinburgh.

Rev Dr Liam Fraser, minister of St Michael's Parish Church in Linlithgow, was one of the alumni who originally helped to establish the project.

“The group meets from 11am to 1pm each Saturday. They grow a wide variety of plants and vegetables, ranging from potatoes and rocket salad to hydrangeas and coriander,” Liam tells us. “New volunteers are always welcome!”

For undergraduate student Josep Martí i Bouis, “Holyrood Harvest is a way of living out my theological studies in a way that impacts people and the communities around me.”

Paying it forward

Students, staff and visitors now have a new way of helping others. In September, we marked the reopening of our refurbished Rainy Hall with the news that for a two-year pilot period, our café and catering service would be run by Social Bite.

Social Bite is a dynamic social enterprise that aims to end homelessness in Scotland.

Profits from its sandwich shops, restaurant and food delivery service are spent feeding, supporting, housing and providing employment opportunities for people who do not have a safe place to call home.

The Social Bite Café at Rainy Hall is the first Social Bite café within a university. As well as enjoying healthy food and little treats themselves, customers have the option of ‘paying it forward.’

Head of School, Professor Helen Bond, explains:

“Any staff or students who are able to spend a bit extra have the opportunity to ‘pay forward’ for hot drinks or meals for people experiencing homelessness or food poverty, contributing towards the 140,000 items of healthy, free food donated through Social Bite each year.”

The Social Bite café at Rainy Hall is open in teaching weeks, 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday, on a trial basis until April 2021.

Pictured below: Holyrood Harvest volunteer Josep Martí i Bouis, and Dr Anja Klein buying lunch in our Social Bite café.





ALUMNI UPDATES

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Rev Dr Sarah Agnew (PhD 2017)

Sarah's thesis on Biblical performance criticism and Paul's letter to the Romans will be published in 2020 with Pickwick Publications. Sarah is Minister of the Word with Canberra Uniting Church, Australia.

Dr Chris Arthur (MA 1978, PhD 1982)

published his 7th book of essays, Hummingbirds between the Pages, in 2018 and is working on another, Tripping on the Ordinary. See www.chrisarthur.org.

Dr Eric J Beck (PhD 2018)

Eric's book, Justice and Mercy in the Apocalypse of Peter, was published by Mohr Siebeck, August 2019. Eric is a Fellow at the Centre for Advanced Studies at the University of Regensburg.

Rev Dr John Bradbury (BD Hons 1999)

has been appointed as the new General Secretary of the United Reformed Church. He is a Minister of Downing Place Cambridge, Whittlesford and Stetchworth & Cheveley United Reformed Churches.

Dr Ashley Cocksworth (MA 2008, MTh 2009)

is now Senior Lecturer in Theology and Practice at the University of Roehampton.

Rev Donald Colhour (MPhil 1997)

has been selected by Marquis Who's Who for an Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award. Current activities: www.luftschlossprojects.com



Most Rev Dr Peter Comensoli (PhD 2011)

became Archbishop of Melbourne in August 2018. Photo: Albertus Aditya CC BY-SA 4.

Edel Corrigan (MTh 2014)

has completed a Higher Diploma in Digital Media Design and is currently working in the Irish Civil Service, based in the Midlands.

Rev Dr James R Critchlow (PhD 2005)

teaches Biblical Studies at the Boston Campus of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, New England.

Clare Davidson née Gimingham (BA 1980)

Clare's book, *College Voices: The Story of Christ's College Aberdeen*, was published by Saint Andrew Press in 2018.

Elena Dugan (MSc 2014)

is a doctoral candidate researching the Book of Enoch at Princeton University.

Alexis Florides (MA 2017)

has just finished a two-year Masters in Pastoral and Social Theology at Aristotle University in Thessaloniki.

Ruth Foster (MA 2018)

was chosen to be a Kathryn Davis Fellow for Peace at Middlebury College, Vermont, June-August 2019 where she undertook an intensive language course in modern Hebrew. She is now working as a Project Assistant with the Inter Faith Network for the UK in London and continuing to study Hebrew at evening classes.



Prof Liz Grant (PhD 1993)

is the University's Assistant Principal Global Health and Director of the University's Global Health Academy. In 2019 she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Dr J Thomas Hewitt (PhD 2018)

has been appointed as the Kirby Laing Research Fellow in New Testament at the University of Aberdeen. His latest book, based on his PhD thesis and entitled "'In Messiah' in Paul", will be published by Mohr Siebeck in 2020.

Dr Samuel Hildebrandt (PhD 2016)

has a permanent post as Lecturer in Biblical Studies (Old Testament) at Nazarene Theological College in Manchester. His dissertation was published with Brill in 2017 as *Interpreting Quoted Speech in Prophetic Literature: A Study of Jeremiah 2:1-3:5*, in the series, *Vetus Testamentum Supplements*.

Dr Elijah Hixson (PhD 2018)

is a Research Associate at Tyndale House. His book, *Scribal Habits in Sixth-Century Greek Purple Codices*, was published by Brill in September. He also co-edited a book with Peter J. Gurry, *Myths and Mistakes in New Testament Textual Criticism*, published by IVP Academic in November.

Dr Andrew Kaiser (PhD 2014)

is Director of Public Relations at Shanxi Evergreen Service. His latest book is *Encountering China: The Evolution of Timothy Richard's Missionary Thought (1870-1891)*, with Pickwick Publications.



Josh Lojzim (MSc 2018)

is now a data analyst at Amazon Robotics, a subsidiary of Amazon located just outside Boston.

**Dr Duncan MacLaren
KCSG (MTheol 1992)**

has been awarded a PhD by the University of Glasgow for his thesis, *A Hermeneutic of Integral Human Development: Bridging the Gap between Magisterial Theory and Catholic Agency Praxis*. In 2016, Duncan was honoured with a Papal Knighthood – Knight Commander of St Gregory the Great – by Pope Francis for his humanitarian work in church aid agencies.



**Dr Scott Manor
(MTh 2008, PhD 2012)**

is now President of Knox Theological Seminary, where he is Associate Professor of Historical Theology.

Liz Marsh (MA 2018)

has recently finished a Masters at VU Amsterdam, where she focused on systematic theological approaches to environmental and economic issues. She is now on a ministry assistant placement at a city centre church in Nottingham.

**Dr K V Mathew
(PhD 1970)**

tells us he taught at Serampore University, West Bengal and Mar Thoma Theological Seminary, Kottayam and was a visiting professor at many colleges in India and abroad. He authored many books, and co-authored and edited a one-volume commentary of the Bible, and a Bible Encyclopedia in Malayalam, the first of their kinds. He also served as Secretary of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church, India, and Asian Secretary for the International Fellowship of Reconciliation.

**Rev Prof Lee Martin
McDonald (PhD 1976)**

has moved to California. His latest book, with John J Collins and Craig A Evans, will be published this year by Westminster John Knox Press, entitled *Ancient Jewish and Christian Scriptures: New Developments in Canon Controversy*.



**Dr Farhana Nazir (MTh
2007, PhD 2013)**

is Dean of Studies at Gujranwala Theological Seminary, Pakistan.



**Rt Rev Colin Sinclair
(BD 1980)**

was installed as the Church of Scotland's new Moderator, taking over from fellow alum the **Very Rev Susan Brown (BD 1981)**

(Photo: Church of Scotland)

**Professor George Pattison
(MA 1972, BD 1977)**

is Professor of Theology and Modern European Thought at the University of Glasgow.

**Amy Plender (MA Theol
2015, MTh 2017)**

is lead researcher with Eido Research. Follow @amyplender

**Rev Michael Reed
(MTh 2014)**

is Pastor at The Maker's Place, a new United Methodist Hope Center and church launched in Trenton, New Jersey in July 2018.

**Christian Richards
(MA 2016)**

has completed a Professional Diploma in UX Design, and is now a Digital Strategist with Equator.

Kayla Robbins (MA 2019)

has started her MPhil in Christian Theology at the University of Cambridge.



Rev Dr Leah E Robinson (PhD 2011)

previously our Lecturer in Practical and Pastoral Theology, is now Associate Professor of Religion, Pfeiffer University. Research interests include Religion, Violence and Peacebuilding, Religion in US, Irish and British History, Practical Theology and Feminist, Black and Queer Theology.

Prof Scott Spurlock (MTh 1999, MSc 2001, PhD 2005)

is Professor of Scottish and Early Modern Christianities at the University of Glasgow.

Paul Wilson (MTh 2016)

is coordinator of the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Project at Parkhead Nazarene in Glasgow. He is also a part-time lecturer in Bible and theology at Tilsley College.



Prof John Tweeddale (PhD 2017)

is Academic Dean and Professor of Theology at Reformation Bible College, Florida. Recent books: John Owen and Hebrews: The Foundation of Biblical Interpretation, with T&T Clark and For a New Reformation, coeditor John Calvin, with Crossway. T&T Clark's Handbook of John Owen, co-edited with Crawford Gribben, is in the pipeline.

Ven Dr Edward Simonton OGS (MA 1996, MTh 1999)

was appointed Vicar General and Archdeacon of Quebec in 2017 having previously served as Archdeacon of St Francis in the Diocese of Quebec and Archdeacon of St Andrews in the Diocese of Montreal.

Jane Taylor (BD 1987, DipMin 1989)

took early retirement from parish ministry and moved from Aberdeenshire to Glasgow in 2013. She helped out at Glasgow Cathedral on a part-time, voluntary basis and was a Chaplain there until moving to her present home on the Rosneath peninsula.

Dr Andrew Tinker (MPhil 2010)

earned a PhD in Rhetoric from Duquesne University and is a Lecturer in Communication Studies at Middle Tennessee State University.

Dr George M Walters-Sleyon (PhD 2019)

has been appointed as a McDonald Distinguished Fellow by the Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University. Adjunct Professor at Bunker Hill Community College in Boston USA teaching Philosophy/Ethics and World Religions.

Rev Dr Takayuki Yagi (MTh 2014, PhD 2019)

is an Affiliated Researcher in Historical Theology at Evangelical Theological Faculty, Leuven, Belgium. He recently published a volume with Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht called A Gift from England: William Ames and his Polemical Discourse against Dutch Arminianism.

Stay in touch

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New College Alumni on LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/groups/8766402

University of Edinburgh's Platform One: www.platform-one.ed.ac.uk

READING MATTERS

A SELECTION OF RECENT BOOKS BY ACADEMIC STAFF



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Naomi Appleton, *Many Buddhas, One Buddha: A Study and Translation of Avadānaśataka 1-40* (Equinox, 2020).

Helen Bond, Chris Keith, Jens Schroeter and Christine Jacobi (eds), *The Reception of Jesus in the First Three Centuries*, 3 vols. (Bloomsbury Academic, 2019).

Helen Bond, *The First Biography of Jesus: Genre and Meaning in Mark's Gospel* (Eerdmans, 2020).

Stewart J. Brown, *W. T. Stead: Nonconformist and Newspaper Prophet* (Oxford University Press, 2019).

James Eglinton, *Bavinck: A Critical Biography* (Baker Academic, 2020).

David Fergusson and Mark Elliott (eds), *The History of Scottish Theology*, 3 vols. (Oxford University Press, 2019).

Michael Fuller, Dirk Evers, Anne Runehov, Knut-Willy Sæther (eds), *Issues in Science and Theology: Nature – and Beyond* (Springer, 2020).

David Grumett, *Henri de Lubac and the Shaping of Modern Theology: A Reader* (Ignatius Press, 2020).

Hannah Holtschneider, *Jewish Orthodoxy in Scotland: Rabbi Dr Salis Daiches and Religious Leadership* (Edinburgh University Press, 2019).

Timothy Lim, *The Earliest Commentary on the Prophecy of Habakkuk* (Oxford University Press, 2020).

Jolyon Mitchell, Giselle Vincett, Theodora Hawksley, and Hal Culbertson (eds), *Peacebuilding and the Arts* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019).

Joshua Ralston, *Law and the Rule of God: A Christian Engagement with Sharī'a* (Cambridge University Press, 2020).

Sarah Lane Ritchie, *Divine Action and the Human Mind* (Cambridge University Press, 2019).

Hannah Strømmen and Ulrich Schmiedel, *The Claim to Christianity: Responding to the Far Right* (SCM, 2020).

Suzanna Millar, *Genre and Openness in Proverbs 10:1-1-22:16* (SBL Press, 2020).

Emma Wild-Wood, *The Mission of Apolo Kivebulaya: Religious Encounter and Social Change in the Great Lakes (c.1865-1935)* (James Currey, 2019).

NEW STAFF



Dr Shadaab Rahemtulla

Lecturer and Programme Director for our new Masters in Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations. An Oxford graduate, Dr Rahemtulla previously taught at the University of Jordan and University of Wales (Trinity Saint David).



Dr Tripp Fuller III

Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the John Templeton Foundation project, God and the Book of Nature. Dr Fuller has degrees from Claremont Graduate University (PhD), Wake Forest (MDiv) and Campbell (BA).



Isabelle Tanzer

Teaching Fellow (German Language). Isabelle holds an MA from the University of Vienna and has worked as a German lecturer. She is also a part-time student at the Faith Mission Bible College.



NEW POSTDOC IN THEOLOGY AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Thanks to the generosity of University of Edinburgh supporters Kenneth and Isabel Morrison, the School of Divinity will launch a new two-year postdoctoral fellowship in September: the Kenneth and Isabel Morrison Postdoctoral Fellowship in Theology and Artificial intelligence (AI), part-funded by Edinburgh Futures Institute.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021

NEW COLLEGE 175TH ANNIVERSARY

In 2021 we will mark the 175th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone for New College, 3 June 1846.

Planning is well underway. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed ideas and offered to help. Special events will be held throughout the year, including social gatherings, conferences, public lectures and family activities – not least a spooky tour of New College! Please do come along and contribute your memories, photographs and stories to our virtual exhibition: New College Past, Present and Future.

We are still finalising dates for some high-profile speakers. What follows is a provisional timetable outlining some of the main activities. The final programme and booking information will be posted online and circulated in the next issue of this magazine in January 2021.

I look forward to sending you our final programme.

My very best wishes,

Professor Helen Bond

Head of School

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE 2021

February	New College Past and Present day event
April	19-20 April: Preaching Today 2021 conference 22 April: Public lecture – Children, religion and the earth they will inherit, by Mary McAleese, former President of Ireland and Professor of Children, Law and Religion, University of Glasgow
June	3 June 2021: Commemorative breakfast in Rainy Hall 5-6 June 2021: Alumni and friends weekend celebration
September	Religious Studies 50th anniversary conference (alongside BASR 2021) Future of Theology and Religious Studies conference
December	4-5 December, Winter Tales... A Festival of Literature, Religion and the Imagination Christmas lunch and carol service.

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