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Rhesis, for those without a copy of Liddell and Scott to hand, is the classical Greek word for speech or declamation.

The Religious History Society exists for the following objects:

- ◆ to promote the study of all fields of religious history
- ◆ to encourage research in Australian religious history
- ◆ to improve means by which the long-term supporters and individual subscribers of the *Journal of Religious History* can enjoy a more direct involvement in the work of the Journal.

Some words from the president

The biennial meeting of the Australian Historical Association and the Religious History Society was held in Melbourne in July 2008 with Professor Alexandra Walsham (University of Exeter) as the keynote speaker (with the Association for the *Journal of Religious History* and the Network for Early European Research as joint sponsors). The talk dealt with the English Reformation, a subject on which Professor Walsham is an authority. Appropriately, Professor Walsham took her undergraduate degree from Melbourne University and then did her doctorate at Cambridge under Professor Patrick Collinson who taught at Sydney University for many years before returning to the UK. The keynote lecture was followed by a full stream of papers dealing with topics in the history of religion.

In December 2008 the Religious History Society, along with the Research Group for Religious and Intellectual Traditions (GRIT) and the Institute for the Advanced Study of Humanity (IASH) at the University of Newcastle, NSW, sponsored a workshop on the ever-topical subject of the relationship between Church and State (see full details on page 2).

The Association for the *Journal for Religious History*, with which the Religious History Society is closely affiliated, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary next year and, with a view to preparing an appropriate piece for the first issue of the journal in 2010, it will have a lunch and a seminar on Wednesday 25 February 2009. This will be held in conjunction with the States of Belief Workshop, 26-27 February and the opening keynote lecture is by Professor Liogier (University of Aix, Marseilles), which the Association is sponsoring.

My thanks to our correspondents for keeping us in touch with the increasingly lively field of Religious History.

With best wishes for the coming year,

John Gascoigne

Religious History Society 2008 sponsored conference

Church and State in Old and New Worlds

Thursday 11 – Saturday 13 December 2008

Newcastle

A Workshop **sponsored by the Religious History Society** in association with the Research Group for Religious and Intellectual Traditions (GRIT) and the Institute for the Advanced Study of Humanity (IASH) at the University of Newcastle, NSW.

Workshop convenors: Hilary Carey (Hilary.Carey@newcastle.edu.au) and John Gascoigne (j.gascoigne@unsw.edu.au).

This workshop brought together national and international scholars to consider one of the central issues in western historiography—the relationship between church and state. This classic theme has never really gone away but is emerging to engage scholars in new ways in the wake of the colonial and postcolonial critique of the long history of the West and its imperial expansion from early modern times to the present. Within the West changing conceptions of the state, of marriage and family life, and the aftermath of 9/11 with an increase in Western–Islamic tension and the renewal of ‘evangelical atheism’ have all recently served to bring the issue into renewed focus.

The workshop opened on the evening of Thursday 11 December with a keynote address from Frank Lambert (Purdue) on Church and State in the US. This was followed by a reception sponsored by the Network for Early European Research (NEER).

Friday 12 December was devoted to papers on the European background and included a keynote address by Jay Brown (Edinburgh) on modern Scotland and England together with the following speakers: David Cahill (UNSW): Early Modern Spain and Spanish America; David Garrioch (Monash): Old Regime France; Jennifer Ridden (Latrobe): Modern Ireland; and Judith Keene (Sydney): Modern Spain. In the evening there was a workshop dinner.

Saturday 13 December focused on Church–State relations in colonial and post-colonial perspectives with papers by Rowan Strong (Murdoch) on Western Australia; Hilary Carey (Newcastle) on Colonial Missions; John Stenhouse (Otago, NZ) on New Zealand; Bruce Kaye (UNSW) on the Anglican Church in Australia; and John Murphy (Melbourne) on the Australian churches and welfare. Publication of papers in a proceedings is planned for 2009.

Correspondents’ Reports

New Zealand

The Religious History Society of Aotearoa New Zealand held its annual conference at the end of November 2008. Reports at this conference and the papers given indicate a sub-discipline which is full of vigour and commands real interest. Some 50 people attended the annual conference. Dr Allan K. Davidson gave a paper entitled “Doing Religious History: a personal journey” marking his retirement from St John’s College and the School of Theology of the University of Auckland, and reflecting on his studies and work in the Pacific and in New Zealand. Two other papers, one by Peter Matheson, reflecting on his work in Reformation Studies and his more modest work in New Zealand history, and another by Ian Breward, surveying recent writings in Australian church history, offered general reflections, while Peter Lineham gave a paper on recent controversies between John Stenhouse and some secular historians over the acceptability of religious themes in general history, and John Stenhouse responded. Other papers included extensive coverage of Catholic Women’s Religious orders (papers by Diane Stevens, Cornelia Van Bunnik and Carmel Walsh), papers on rationalism (by Bill Cooke), on a prison camp chaplain who acted as a counter-espionage agent (by Frank

Glen), on Catholic mixed marriages (by Chris van der Krogt), on ways to conceive religious history as global history (by Hugh Morrison), on a female revivalist (by Janet Crawford), on religion in rural Canterbury (by Jennie Coleman), on views of Jesus in New Zealand (by Geoff Troughton), on the church as a sponsor of romance (by Charlotte Burgess), and a particularly moving paper on excavations of the grounds of an isolated school which had a mission station graveyard underneath, holding the bones of many Maori people.

In discussions at the conference it is clear that many projects are currently underway. A strong team is writing the history of the Anglican diocese of Auckland, while other teams are re-writing the history of the Waiapu and Nelson dioceses. A conference is planned for 3–4 April 2009 to celebrate the bicentenary of the births of George and Sarah Selwyn. Another conference in Dunedin in August 2009 will recall the birth of John Calvin.

Denominational history societies are also vigorous, including the Wesley Historical Society, the Anglican History Society, the Presbyterian History Society, a journal of Baptist thought, a popular Salvationist historical magazine for Australia and New Zealand, and a particularly impressive project to transcribe and translate all the letters of the Society of Mary's mission in New Zealand and the Pacific. A heritage centre on the site in the Bay of Islands where the Christian mission to New Zealand commenced is currently being planned.

There are a significant number of research students working on varied aspects of New Zealand's religious history and broader themes. Topics include theosophy, Unitarians, Baptists and public debate, Methodist missions in the Solomons and many others.

Overall religious history is alive and well in New Zealand.

Correspondent: Peter Lineham, Massey University

Victoria

Current Projects (including Grants)

Dr Megan Cassidy-Welch, University of Melbourne

- ARC Grant 2008-2010: 'The aftermath of the Albigensian crusade.'

Dr Anne Gardner, La Trobe University

- Jerusalem and David: A History of Jerusalem to its occupation by David.
- Daniel Decoded: The sources behind the book of Daniel and their implications for meaning.

Dr Darius Guettner, Melbourne University

- The Christianisation of Prussia; the experience of holy war and its impact on the native population.

Professor Patricia Grimshaw, Dr Andrew May, Monash University, and

Dr Joanna Cruickshank (Associate) University of Melbourne

- ARC Grant: 2007-2009: Faith, Gender and Cultural Exchange: Australian Missions in Comparative Perspective, 1800-1930. [September 2007 Conference and Proceedings journal and articles included elsewhere in this report.]

Dr Peter Howard, Monash University

- Completion of a book manuscript *Creating Magnificence in Renaissance Florence* (for Toronto University Press: Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies).
- A comparative study of the *studia* of Renaissance Florence.
- A general book on religion in the Florentine Renaissance from the perspective of sermon studies.
- Two monographic chapters, one on preaching (1400-1957) and one on liturgy at the church of San Lorenzo, contributing to a major collaborative book on the Church of San Lorenzo in Florence to be published in the *Villa I Tatti* (Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies) monograph series.
- St Antoninus of Florence. The Lenten Sermons, 1427-28, and the Treatise on Preaching. An Edition and Translation (with Prof. Michèle Mulchahey, Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, Toronto).

Dr Robert Kenny, La Trobe University

- Religion, Church and Missions Fellowship, Mitchell Library Sydney: Evolution and Religion and Race: The influence of evolutionary ideas of race as evidenced amongst the Religion, Church and Mission collections of the Mitchell Library.
- ARC fellowship, La Trobe University History Program: Psychoanalysis, Anthropology and the Pacific: the revaluing of myth in the 20th century.

Dr Katharine (Kate) McGregor, University of Melbourne

- ARC Discovery Grant 2007-2009: Islam and the Politics of Memory in Post-Authoritarian Indonesia.

Professor Constant Mews, Professor M Ariff, Professor M Skully, Dr AR Ghouse,

Dr D Bakar and Professor A Saeed, Monash University

- ARC Linkage Grants 2003-2009: Religion, Finance and Ethics: Islamic and conventional perspectives on shared principles, practices, and financial institutions and instruments. By linking together specialists in finance, banking and religious history, with the Muslim Community Cooperative (Australia), this project explores communication and mutual benefit between international Islamic finance and conventional Western finance.

A/Professor John Murphy, University of Melbourne

- ARC Linkage grant (2006-2009): The face of the poor: a history of poverty through the eyes of the St Vincent de Paul Society. This PhD project is conducting research in a unique collection of minute books of parish level groups of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Victoria over the 20th century.

Dr Nathan Wolski, Monash University

- Dr Wolski is hosting an international conference on the Zohar, with the top Zohar-scholars in the world, in July 2009 at Prato, Italy. The Zohar is the most important work of the Kabbalah, dating from the 13th century.

Professor Charles Zika, University of Melbourne

- Images of witchcraft and witch-hunt in early modern northern Europe.
- A history of relations between the living and the dead in European societies from the fourth to the eighteenth centuries.
- Images of the biblical figure of the witch of Endor in the discourses of medieval and early modern Europe.
- Pilgrimage, exorcism and national identity at the Austrian Hapsburg shrine of Mariazell.

Books (2007–2008)

Adam Bowles, Monash University

Adam Bowles, *Dharma, Disorder and the Political in Ancient India: The 'Apaddharmaparvan of the Mahābhārata* (Leiden: Brill; Biggleswade: Extenza Turpin [distributor], 2007).

Mahābhārata. Book eight, Karṇa, trans. Adam Bowles, vol 1 & 2, 1st ed. (Publisher: New York: New York University Press ; [Joliet, IL] : JJC Foundation, 2006, 2008).

Josephine Hook, Monash University

Josephine Hook, *Walk With Me: A History of Sacred Heart Mission, St Kilda* (Clayton, Vic.: Institute for Public History, Monash University, 2008).

Formally launched on 17 June at the Sacred Heart Mission in St Kilda by Sam Lipski, CEO of the Pratt Foundation, and Cr Janet Cribbes, Mayor of the City of Port Phillip. Jo's history celebrates the 25 years of the operation of the Mission, from 1982 to 2007.

Josephine Hook, *Coming Home: A History of the Corpus Christi Community Greenvale* (Clayton, Vic.: Institute for Public History, Monash University, 2007).

Dr Robert Kenny, La Trobe University

Robert Kenny, *The Lamb Enters the Dreaming: Nathanael Pepper & the Ruptured World* (Melbourne: Scribe Publications, 2007).

Winner of the Australian Historical Association's W.K. Hancock Prize 2008;

Winner the Victorian Premier's First Book of History Award 2008;

Short-listed, the 2008 Adelaide Festival Literature Award (non-fiction);

Commended in the Victorian Community History Awards.

From <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/histeuro/events.html>: “Robert Kenny’s book *The Lamb Enters the Dreaming* has won the Victorian Premier's Literary Award in the category of ‘First Book of History’. The judges’ comments included the following observation: ‘This is a bold and challenging history, immensely erudite yet sparkling with lyrical prose and sharp insight. Kenny recovers – with absolute conviction and profound implications – the moral and symbolic worlds of two societies, and Nathanael Pepper’s extraordinary efforts to reconcile the lamb of Christ and Aboriginal dreaming.’ Robert Kenny is an ARC Research Fellow with the History program.”

Dr Catherine M. Kovesi, University of Melbourne

C. Kovesi and L. Polizzotto, *Memorie di Casa Valori*, (Florence: Casa Editrice Nerbini, 2007).

Dr Garry J. Deverell, Monash University

Garry J. Deverell, *The Bonds of Freedom: Vows, Sacraments and the Christian Self* (Milton Keynes, Colorado Springs, Hyderabad: Paternoster Theological Monographs, 2008).

Professor Constant Mews, Monash University

Constant Mews, *Lost Love Letters of Heloise and Abelard: Perceptions of Dialogue in twelfth-century France* (New York/Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008).

As editor: Christine Pizan, *The Book of Peace*, eds Karen Green, Constant J. Mews (University Park, Pa.: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2008).

Hon. Professor John Rickard, Monash University

John Rickard, *An assemblage of decent men and women : a history of the Anglican parish of St Mary's North Melbourne 1853-2000* (North Melbourne, Vic.: St Mary’s Anglican Church, 2008).

Monash School of Historical Studies Newsletter item: “The parish of St. Mary’s Anglican Church, North Melbourne, gathered with friends and colleagues to celebrate John Rickard’s challenging new history of the church and its community. *An Assemblage of Decent Men and Women* was launched by Dr John Poynter, distinguished biographer of Alfred Felton, following a dedication service led by the Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr Phillip Freier. The gathering included Dr Peter Hollingworth, former Governor General, as well as former minister of St. Mary’s, and current vicar, Cecilia Francis. John Rickard is an Honorary Professor in the National Centre for Australian Studies.

Dr Peter Sherlock, United Faculty of Theology

Peter Sherlock, *Monuments and Memory in Early Modern England* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2008).

Professor Charles Zika, University of Melbourne

Charles Zika, *The Appearance of Witchcraft: Visual Culture and Print in Sixteenth-Century Europe* (London: Routledge, 2007).

Proceedings

Amanda Barry, Joanna Cruickshank, Andrew Brown-May and Patricia Grimshaw, eds. *Evangelists of Empire? Missionaries in Colonial History* (Melbourne: eScholarship Research Centre, 2008) and online at <http://msp.esrc.unimelb.edu.au/shs/index.php/missions>

Chapters/Articles (2007–2008)

Dr Ursula Betka, La Trobe University

‘The Laudario: A Choir Book for the Laity’ in Margaret M. Manion, *History of the Italian Illuminated Choir Book* (Macmillan, Australia, forthcoming 2009).

‘The Laudesi confraternity of Sant’ Agnese in Florence – artistic patronage and the illuminated hymn book in context’ in *Imagination, Books and Community in Medieval Europe, proceedings from the Exhibition Conference, SLV 29-31 May 2008*.

Dr Joanna R. Cruickshank, University of Melbourne

“‘The suffering members sympathise’”: Constructing the Sympathetic Self in the Hymns of Charles Wesley’ in eds K.G.C. Newport and T.A. Campbell, *Charles Wesley - Life, Literature and Legacy* (Epworth Press, 2007).

‘Were Early Methodists Masochists? Suffering and Sanctification in the Hymns of Charles Wesley’, *Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library* (2008).

'Singing at the Scaffold: Charles Wesley's Hymns for Condemned Malefactors', *Proceedings of the Wesley Historical Society* 56, no. 3 (October 2007).

Jodi Hodge, Monash University

'The Virtue of Vice: Preaching the Cardinal Virtues in the Sermons of Remigio dei Girolamo', *Medieval Sermon Studies* 52 (2008): 6-18.

Dr Anne Gardner, La Trobe University

'Daniel: God, Humans and Earth', *Pacifica* 20:3 2007, 249-61.

'1 Chron 8:28 - 32; 9:35-38: Complementary or Contrasting Genealogies?' *Australian Biblical Review* 55 (2007): 13-28.

'Decoding Daniel: The Case of Dan 7,5', *Biblica* 88:2 (2007): 222-233.

'The Narratives of Solomon's Reign in the Light of the Historiography of other Ancient Civilisations', *Australian Biblical Review* 56 (2008): 1-18.

Dr Darius von Guettner, University of Melbourne

'The Crusades: Beyond a definition', eds J. Dobosz, J. Kujawinski and M. Matla-Kozłowska, *Proceedings of the Polish Czech Medievalists Forum, Gniezno, Poland* (Poznań: Uniwersytet Adama Mickiewicza, 26-29 September 2005): 81-90.

'Recent issues in Polish historiography of the Crusades', ed. Judi Upton-Ward, *The Military Orders* 4 (Ashgate: November 2008): 13-21.

Dr Peter Howard, Monash University

'Preaching Magnificence in Renaissance Florence', *Renaissance Quarterly* 61:2 (2008): 325-369.

'Australian clergy in Italy after Vatican II', eds Bill Kent, Ros Pesman, Cynthia Troup, *Australians in Italy: Contemporary Lives and Impressions* (Melbourne: Monash University ePress, 2008) 14.1-14.16.

'Preacher and Ritual in XVth century Florence', eds Nicole Beriou and Franco Morenzoni, *Prédication et Liturgie au Moyen Âge* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2008): 313-333.

'"The womb of memory": Carmelite Liturgy and the Frescoes of the Brancacci Chapel', ed. Nicholas Eckstein, *The Brancacci Chapel: Form, Function and Setting. Collected Essays of a Symposium Held 6-7 June 2003 in The Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies*, Villa I Tatti (Florence: Leo S. Olschki Editore, 2007): 177-206.

Dr Robert Kenny, La Trobe University

'From the Curse of Ham to the curse of nature: the influence of natural selection on the debate on human unity before the publication of The Descent of Man', *British Journal for the History of Science* 40:3 (September 2007): 367-388.

Professor Elizabeth Malcolm, University of Melbourne

'Elizabeth Malcolm, Patrick O'Farrell and the Irish History Wars, 1971-1993', ed. Hilary M. Carey, *Journal of Religious History*, Special Issue: Religion and Memory 31:1 (March 2007): 24-39.

Dr Kate McGregor, University of Melbourne

'A Bridge and a Barrier: Islam, Reconciliation and the 1965 Killings in Indonesia', ed. Birgit Brauchler, *Reconciling Indonesia: Grassroots Agency for Peace* (London: Routledge, 2008).

Dr Dolly McKinnon, University of Melbourne

'Hearing the English Reformation: Earls Colne, Essex', eds R. Bandt, M. Duffy and D. MacKinnon, *Hearing Places: Anthology of Interdisciplinary Writings* (Newcastle, England: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2007).

Professor Constant Mews, Monash University

'Abelard and Heloise on Jews and hebraica vertias', *Christian attitudes towards the Jews in the Middle Ages* (London: Routledge, 2007): 83-108.

'Scholastic Theology in a Monastic Milieu in the Twelfth Century: the case of Admont', *Manuscripts and the Monastic Culture* (Belgium: Brepols, 2007): 217-239.

'Cicero and the boundaries of friendship in the twelfth century', *Viator* (Belgium: Brepols 2007): 369-384.

'Usury and just compensation: Religious and financial ethics in historical perspective', *Journal of Business Ethics* (Netherlands: Springer, 2007): 1-15.

'Le Liber pancrisis, un florileges des peres et des maitres modernes du Xlle siecle', *Archivum latinitatis medii aevi*, (Geneva: Libraire Droz, 2007): 145-191.

Associate Professor John Murphy, University of Melbourne

'Suffering, Vice and Justice: Religious Imaginaries and Welfare Agencies in Post-War Melbourne', *Journal of Religious History* 31:3 (September 2007): 287-304.

Dr Jennifer Ridden, La Trobe University

'The forgotten history of the Protestant Crusade: religious liberalism in Ireland', *Journal of Religious History* Special issue in memory of Prof Patrick O'Farrell and Tony Cahill, 31:1 (March 2007): 78-102.

Prof David Runia, University of Melbourne

David Runia, 'Philo in the Reformational Tradition', ed. Robert Sweetman, *In the Phrygian mode: Neo-Calvinism, Antiquity and the Lamentations of Reformational Philosophy* (Lanham, Maryland: Institute for Christian Studies and University Press of America, 2007).

Dr Peter Sherlock, United Faculty of Theology

'Missionaries, Colonialism and the Politics of Agency', eds A. Barry, J. Cruickshank, P. Grimshaw and A. Brown-May, *Evangelists of Empire? Missionaries in Colonial History* (Melbourne: e-Scholarship Research Centre, 2008): 13-20.

"'Leave it to the Women": The Exclusion of Women from Anglican Church Government in Australia', *Australian Historical Studies* 39:3 (September 2008): 288-304.

Profesor Charles Zika, University of Melbourne

'The Devil's Hoodwink: Seeing and Believing in the World of Sixteenth-Century Witchcraft', ed. Merry E. Wiesner, *Witchcraft in Early Modern Europe, Problems in European Civilization* (Boston & New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2007): 25-34.

Completed Higher Degrees (2006-2008)

PhD

Author	Title	University, Department	Year	Pages
Bett-Vickers, Christine	A missionary in the family: George and Jennie Smith and Aboriginal people, New South Wales 1890-1920	La Trobe, School of History	2007	384
Cruikshank, Joanna	Charles Wesley and the construction of suffering in early English Methodism. Winner of the 'Outstanding Dissertation Award' for 2007 by the Wesleyan Theological Society (US)	Melbourne, School of Historical Studies	2006	260
Davies, Helen Margaret	Jewish identity, social justice and capitalism : the making of the Pereire brothers	Melbourne, Dept. of History	2006	344
Furlong, Pierce James	Aspects of ancient Near Eastern chronology (c.1600-700BC)	Melbourne, Centre for Classics and Archaeology	2007	393 (453)
Halstead, Suzanne M.	Imago episcopi : episcopal ritual as represented by the illustrations of pontificals produced in France and Italy: c.1220-1380	La Trobe, School of Historical and European Studies	2007	237
Jenz, Felicity	Collecting cultures for God: German Moravian missionaries and the British colony of Victoria, Australia, 1848-1908	Melbourne, School of Historical Studies	2007	320
Jones, Timothy	Sex and Gender in the Church of England 1857-1957	Melbourne, Dept. History	2007	234

Lau, Theresa Yu Chui Siang	Reading the Gospel of Matthew as a Gospel of the Jerusalem Council	Melbourne, Centre for Jewish History and Culture	2006	411
Laufer, Catherine Ella	Descendit ad inferna : western interpretations of the credal affirmation "He descended to the dead"	Monash Centre for Studies in Religion and Theology	2007	275
Sako, Ikuno	The importance of Louis Niedermeyer in the reform of nineteenth-century church music in France	Melbourne, Faculty of Music	2007	262
Verhoeven, Timothy	The Trans-Atlantic case against the Catholic Church, 1840-1870	Melbourne, Dept. of History	2007	275
Von Guttner Sporzynski, Darius Maria	Crusading in medieval Europe: its idea, reception, and the experience in Poland (1102-1194)	Melbourne, School of Historical Studies	2007	228
Carter, Ann Louise	A Study of Santa Costanza	Melbourne, Faculty of Arts, Centre for Classics & Archaeology	2007	192

Masters

Author	Title	University: Department	Year	Pages
Chenu, Christian	Internal crusading in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries: case studies of the Albigensian Crusade and the Italian Crusades of Pope John XXII	Melbourne, School of Historical Studies	2007	122
Noyce, John L.	Visions and prophecies in the sapiential tradition from Proverbs to modernity	Monash, School of Historical Studies	2007	115
Winfield, Jordan Carlyle	Impermanence and insurrection in Burma [Buddhism and politics]	Melbourne, Dept. of History	2006	92

Higher Research Degrees in Progress

PhD

Liam Connell: University of Melbourne [Charles Zika]. Magical Practices and Witchcraft in New England.

Marian Dalton: La Trobe University [Anne Gardner]. Ancient Myth: Adoption and Adaption of Neo-Pagan Religions.

Julie Davies, University of Melbourne [Charles Zika]. Science in an Enchanted World: Joseph Glanvill and the relationship between scientific developments and conceptions of the supernatural in seventeenth-century England.

Kerrin Hancock, Monash University. Three Way Transplantation of Select Jewish Liturgical Music out of Lithuania through South Africa from 1881, to Australia from 1990 with Special Reference to Vilna, Johannesburg, and Melbourne.

Laura Juliff, University of Melbourne [Megan Cassidy Welch]. Byzantine responses to the Manichean heresy in the 6th century.

Bronwyn Naismith, La Trobe University [Anne Gardner]. "The Jews fear the Jews" in John. **Leigh Penman**, University of Melbourne [Charles Zika]. Rosicrucianism and Eschatological Anxiety in 17th-Century Germany.

Peter Price, Monash University [Peter Howard]. Intellectual Orthodoxy and Political Stability: English Liberal Catholicism and the Politics of Papal Infallibility, 1848-1878.

Stephanie Slade, Monash University [Peter Howard]. Religious Attitudes to Conscription in Australia for the Vietnam War.

Charlotte Smith University of Melbourne [Charles Zika]. Printed Images of the Turk in Northern Europe, 1450-1600.

Jeremy Stonehouse, La Trobe University [Anne Gardner]. Mystical Physiology and Enlightenment.

Morna Sturrock, Monash University [Peter Howard]. Interfaith Dialogue in Victoria, 1945 to the present.

David Templeman, Monash University [Peter Howard]. Religious and political life of Central Tibet in the 16th-17th Century.

Ross Tucker, La Trobe University [Anne Gardner]. An examination of the Patristic concept of Episcopos and its subsequent development in the Early Christian Church (50-300AD).

Max Vodola, Monash University [Peter Howard]. John XXIII, Vatican II and the politics of *aggiornamento*: Angelo Roncalli's analysis of the works of St Charles Borromeo (1538-84) in relation to late 20th century church reform.

Damien Williams, Melbourne University [Prof. Shurlee Swain (ACU); Catherine Kovesi]. National Council of Priests in Australia.

Tony Wong, La Trobe University [Anne Gardner]. The Great Parent and Filial Child Relationship: Wang Zheng and His Attempt to Inculturate Christianity in late Ming China.

Masters

Miriam Benedikt, Monash University [Michael Fagenblat]. Jewish-Christian exegetical interaction through a midrash on Psalms from late Antiquity.

Matthew Champion, University of Melbourne [Charles Zika]. Nicolas Jaquier and the Flagellum Haereticorum Fascinariorum (1458).

Stephanie Rocke, Monash University [Peter Howard, Constant Mews, Thomas Reiner]. A Mass for a secular age? The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace.

Seminar & Conference Papers/ Other Activities (2008)

State Library, Victoria: *The Medieval Imagination: Illuminated manuscripts from Cambridge, Australia and New Zealand: 28 March – 15 June 2008.*

• **Public Lecture: Dr Clare Monagle** (Monash University) 'Creation and Regulation in the 12th Century: New Ideas and the Naming of the Heresy' (8 May 2008).

• **Catalogue Entries: Dr Ursula Betka** (La Trobe University) with S.Panayatova: 'The Laudario of Sant'Agnes nel Carmine, Florence, c.1340,' eds B. Stocks & N. Morgan, *Medieval Imagination: Illuminated Manuscripts from Australasia and Cambridge at the SLV* (Melbourne: Macmillan, 2008).

International Conference at SLV *Imagination, Books and Community in Medieval Europe: 29-31 May 2008* (selected sessions)

• **Devotion and Saints in Italy**

Dr Louise Marshall (University of Sydney), **Dr Claire Renkin** (Melbourne College of Divinity) and **Dr Bronwyn Stocks** (Monash University) discussed the culture of devotion and saints in Italy and how manuscripts were created and used in this context.

• **Music and Prayer**

Professor John Griffiths (University of Melbourne), **Dr Ursula Betka** (Conference Committee member; La Trobe University) and **Dr Jane Morlet Hardie** (University of Sydney) discussed the interaction between manuscripts, music, performance and worship.

• **Transitions and translations**

Professor Constant Mews (Monash University), **Dr Hilary Maddocks** (University of Melbourne) and **Associate Professor Andrew Lynch** (University of Western Australia) examined ideas around transition and translation – of relics, of words and of ideas.

Public Lecture: Dr Gillian Bowen, Monash University, 15 May 2008.

The archaeology of early Christianity; new evidence from Monash University excavations in Egypt's Dakhleh Oasis.

Exhibition: Jesus of Nazareth – World Youth Day, St Mary's Star of the Sea church, West Melbourne, July 20 2008. **Dr Ursula Betka**, La Trobe University, Exhibition Committee member and co-curator.

Film screening and discussion: *Jud Suss: A Third Reich Field Guide to Jewish Beats*

The Australian Centre for Jewish Studies Winter School presented a screening of this 1940 film that sought to mobilize anti-Semitic sentiments in Europe. Following a screening of the film, Professor Jay Gellar of Vanderbilt University provided a commentary and led discussion. Monash University 3 August 2008.

Spiritual Journeys: Mysticism Across Religions Seminar, Centre for Studies in Religion and Theology, Monash University, 17 August 2008.

A free public seminar exploring mystical experience in Jewish, Muslim, Christian and Eastern religious traditions. Speakers included **Constant Mews**, **Nathan Wolski**, **Salih Yucel** and a panel of experts on Eastern mystical traditions.

Out of Bounds Conference (Art and Design, Monash University), 20 August 2008.

Brownyn Stocks: 'When the Word goes for a walk: authority, inscription and reception in medieval manuscripts.' [Personal Prayer books]. Monash University.

Musicological Society of Australia Victoria Chapter: Annual Conference, 8 November 2008. **Stephanie Rocke**, 'Crusading to Pluralism; "L'homme armé" and The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace (1999).'

Musicological Society of Australia Annual National Conference, Melbourne 6 December 2008. **Stephanie Rocke**, 'A Mass for a Secular Age? *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* (1999).'

• 1 hour Seminar Papers, School of Historical Studies, University of Melbourne 2008:

Andy Brown-May, 'In the Abode of Clouds: Missionary Encounters in the Khasi Hills.'

Charles Zika, 'Witchcraft and European History: Changing perspectives over thirty years.' 22 May 2008.

Joanna R. Cruickshank, "'Jesus was in the Parlour": Faith, Space and Gender in British Methodism, 1740-1840.' 21 August 2008.

Catherine Kovesi, 'Imagining the Magdalen: From Renaissance Italy to Missionary New Zealand.' 31 July 2008.

Kate McGregor, 'History, Agency and Efforts to Re-examine the 1965 Killings in Indonesia.' 4 September 2008.

• Papers delivered in Postgraduate Work In Progress Day 2008, School of Historical Studies, University of Melbourne:

Julie Davies, 'Poisonous Vapours: Joseph Glanvill and the Mechanism of Witchcraft.'

Alison Ware, 'The Sins of the Fathers. A Study of the Concept of Guilt in Late Medieval England.'

Elizabeth Greentree, 'Religious Institutions: Worth the Effort?'

Conor Trouw, 'The City of David, Jerusalem: History, Myth & King David's Palace.'

• School of Historical and European Studies, La Trobe University, Postgraduate/ Staff Seminars:

Chris Fifis, 'The Greek Orthodox Community Dispute with the Archdiocese in Melbourne after 1958.' 16 October, 2008.

Walter Phillips, 'Being Protestants.' 14 August, 2008.

Robin Westell, 'Christian Icons: Their Origins in Late Antiquity.' 7 August, 2008.

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Publications

- **Rick Strelan**, *Luke the Priest: The authority of the author of the Third Gospel* (London: Ashgate, 2008).
- **Philip Almond**, *The Witches of Warboys* (London: I.B.Tauris, 2008).
- **Michael Lattke**, 'Greek Words in the Syriac Text of the Apology of Aristides' in *Malphono w-Rabo d-Malphone: Studies in Honor of Sebastian P. Brock*, ed. by George A. Kiraz, (Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2008), pp.383-403.

Seminars

Michael Lattke also participated in the Seminar 'Christian Literature of the Late First Century and the Second Century' at the 63rd General Meeting of the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, Lund, Sweden, July 29 - August 2, 2008.

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► *Centre for Early Christian Studies, Australian Catholic University*

Ongoing research projects

- **Geoffrey Dunn**, ARC Research Fellow (2007-2011), *The Clash of Sacred and Secular Authority in the Letters of Pope Innocent I*.
- Poverty and Welfare in Late Antiquity, ARC Discovery Project (2006-8). Chief Investigators: Pauline Allen, Wendy Mayer and Bronwen Neil. Research Associates: Silke Sitler, Edward Morgan, Anna Silvas. Monograph forthcoming: *Preaching Poverty: Perceptions and Realities in Late Antiquity*.
- **Bronwen Neil**, Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship, University of Bonn, Germany, July 2008-January 2009, on *Leo the Great and poverty in fifth-century Rome* in conjunction with a Return-to-work Award (\$10 000) awarded by ACU for second semester 2008. Forthcoming publication: *Leo the Great, The Early Church Fathers* (Routledge, 2009?).

Collaborative research projects

- The Korean project on *Poverty and Riches in the Later Roman Empire* has been funded by the Korean Government for two years (2008-) (\$100 000 p.a.).
- The Japanese team (Kazuhiko Demura, Miyako Demura, Shigeki Tsuchihashi, Satoshi Toda and Naoki Kamimura) have been awarded a grant of \$50,000 for two years by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) and the Bilateral Joint Research Project between JSPS and the Australian Research Council (ARC) for their project *Joint Studies in the Perspectives on Poverty in an Era of Crisis: Testing Some Social Models of Early Christianity*. Pauline Allen met with the Japanese team in Tokyo for a work-in-progress report in June 2008.

Postgraduate completions

Ian Elmer, *Paul, Jerusalem and the Judaizers: The Galatian Crisis in Its Broader Historical Context*, supervised by David Sim, James McLaren and Pauline Allen. Publication forthcoming, Mohr Siebeck, 2008.

Seminars

Claudia Dobrinski of the University of Paderborn, 17 January 2008: *The baptistery of the Arians in Ravenna*.

Professor David Runia, Master of Queen's College, University of Melbourne, 6 March 2008: *Why Philo is an important figure in late Antiquity*.

Dr Ian Elmer, Brisbane New Testament and Patristic Seminar, hosted by CECS, ACU McAuley, May 2008: 'I, Tertius: Secretary or Co-Author of Romans', and published in *Australian Biblical Review* (vol 56, 2008: 45-60).

Workshops

'Poverty in Late Antiquity' workshop with members of the Japanese team and one member of the Korean team (Monmo Su), ACU McAuley Campus, 30 September 2008. See Collaboration research projects, above.

Conferences

Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church V, ACU St Patricks, Melbourne, 9-12 January 2008. Theme: *Poverty and Riches*. Guest speakers: William Loader (Murdoch University, WA), Miyako Demura (Sendai, Japan), Samuel Rubenson (Lund University, Sweden).

Moderators: Geoffrey Dunn and James McLaren. Proceedings forthcoming (2009).

Welcoming the Stranger in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages, keynote speakers: Wendy Mayer (Hon. Research Fellow, ACU); Anna Silvas (University of New England). Fifth annual Conference of the Australian Early Medieval Association, 1-3 October 2008, Brisbane. Hosted by CECS. Convenors: Bronwen Neil and Geoffrey Dunn. Selected papers forthcoming in *Journal of the Australian Early Medieval Association* (2009).

Keynote papers and invited presentations

Pauline Allen, public lecture at Chuo University, Japan, *Challenges in Approaching Patristic Socio-ethical Texts from a Twenty-first Century Perspective*, June 2008.

Pauline Allen, five-day workshop on *Poverty and the Economy in John Chrysostom, Jerome and Augustine* in the Department of Ancient Languages, University of Pretoria, Republic of South Africa, October 2008.

Wendy Mayer, *Welcoming the Stranger in the Mediterranean East*, Welcoming the Stranger in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages, keynote address, 1-3 October 2008.

Bronwen Neil, *Gifts and Giving: Modelling Evergetism in the Fifth Century*. Keynote address, North American Patristics Association, Chicago, 22-24 May 2008.

Bronwen Neil, *The Political Hagiography of Anastasius Bibliothecarius*. Centre for Hellenic Traditions seminar, Central European University, Budapest, 16 October 2008.

Correspondent: Bronwen Neil, Australian Catholic University

South Australia

Publications

Josephine Laffin, *Matthew Beovich: A Biography* (Kent Town, SA: Wakefield Press, 2008).

Matthew Beovich was Roman Catholic archbishop of Adelaide from 1939 to 1971 and an influential figure in the wider church. He led the archdiocese through the Second World War, the post-war expansion of the Catholic community through immigration from Europe, the 'Movement' and the ALP split of 1954-55, the Second Vatican Council and the challenges of the late 1960s. This is an important episcopal biography that illuminates many areas of Australian Catholic life of the twentieth century.

D.J. Gleeson, 'Hannah Buckley: South Australia's first Catholic social worker', *Journal of the Historical Society of South Australia*, no. 36 (2008), pp.91-100.

Robert Rice, 'Robert William Spence, third archbishop of Adelaide and sixth occupant of the see: aspects of his theology and practice', *Australasian Catholic Record*, vol. 85, no. 3 (July 2008), pp.274-87.

Successfully completed postgraduate degree

W.H. Edwards completed a PhD at Flinders University with a thesis on 'Moravian Aboriginal Missions in Australia'.

Other News

History of Anglicanism in Australia

Until recently Anglicanism was the sleeping giant of Australian religious historiography. There was no substantial history of the national church and many areas of the church's life were unexplored. This is no longer the case. A general history, edited by Bruce Kaye and others, was published in 2002. The last two years have seen the publication of a number of major works relating to the history of Anglicanism in Australia and histories of several important parishes, written by professional historians.

These publications include:

Geoffrey L. Barnes, *ANZATS: The First 35 Years: The Story of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools* (Macquarie Centre, NSW: Sydney College of Divinity Press, 2007). [Includes the Anglican theological colleges.]

- Marcia Cameron, *An Enigmatic Life: David Broughton Knox: Father of Contemporary Sydney Anglicanism* (Brunswick East, Vic.: Acorn Press, 2006). [Knox was principal of Moore Theological College, Sydney, 1959-85.]
- T.W. Campbell, *Religious Communities of the Anglican Communion: Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific* (Braddon, ACT: the author, 2007). [Obtainable from Box 5063, Braddon ACT 2612].
- Benjamin Edwards, *Wasps, Tykes and Ecumaniacs: Aspects of Australian Sectarianism, 1945-1981* (Brunswick East, Vic.: Acorn Press, 2008). [Includes material on Anglicanism.]
- Brian H. Fletcher, *The Place of Anglicanism in Australia: Church, Society and Nation* (Mulgrave, Vic.: Broughton Publishing, 2008).
- Tom Frame, *Anglicans in Australia* (Sydney: University of New South Wales Press, 2007).
- Jennifer Harrison (comp. and ed.), *The Brisbane Anglican Companion: A Dictionary of the Diocese of Brisbane, 1859-2009* (Brisbane: Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane, 2008). [Available from: Diocesan Registry, GPO Box 421, Brisbane, Qld 4001.]
- Colin Holden, *Saints, Sinners and Goalposts: A History of All Saints East St Kilda* (Melbourne: Australian Scholarly Publishing, 2008).
- Colin Holden and Richard Trembath, *Divine Discontent: The Brotherhood of St Laurence: A History* (Melbourne: Australian Scholarly Publishing, 2008).
- Bruce Kaye, *An Introduction to World Anglicanism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008). [Includes material on Australia.]
- Brian Kyme and Edward Doncaster, *The Wollaston Legacy* (Perth: John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School for the Institute of Anglican Studies, St George's Cathedral, 2007). [A history of Anglican theological education and ministry training in Western Australia.]
- Paul Nicholls, *Highs & Lows: The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Brunswick, 1855-2002* (Brunswick, Vic.: Christ Church Press, 2007).
- Brian Porter, *Frank Woods: Archbishop of Melbourne, 1957-77* (Parkville, Vic.: Trinity College, 2007).
- John Rickard, *An Assemblage of Decent Men and Women: A History of the Anglican Parish of St Mary's North Melbourne, 1853-2000* (North Melbourne: St Mary's Anglican Church, 2008).
- D.W.B. Robinson: Selected Works*, ed. Peter G. Bolt and Mark D. Thompson, 3 vols (Camperdown, NSW: Australian Church Record, 2008). [Robinson was vice-principal of Moore Theological College, Sydney, 1959-72, archbishop of Sydney, 1982-93.]
- Pamela Welch, 'Constructing colonial Christianities: with particular reference to Anglicanism in Australia, ca 1850-1940', *Journal of Religious History*, vol. 32, no. 2 (June 2008), pp.234-55.

Conference on 'The Oxford Movement, Europe and the Wider World', Pusey House, Oxford, 15-18 September 2008

This international conference, convened by Professor Nigel Yates of the University of Wales, Lampeter, was held to mark the 175th anniversary of the beginning of the Oxford Movement in the Church of England. Some twenty papers were given by historians from Britain, Europe, the United States and Australia, exploring particular aspects of the Oxford Movement, European perceptions and reactions, and the influence of the Movement outside England. Three historians from Australia presented papers:

- **Austin Cooper** (Catholic Theological College, Melbourne): 'The Oxford Movement and the Australian Bishops'.
- **David Hilliard** (Flinders University), 'Anglo-Catholicism in Australia, c.1860-1960'.
- **Rowan Strong** (Murdoch University), 'The Oxford Movement and the British Empire: Manning, Newman and the 1841 Jerusalem Bishopric'.

It is expected that the conference papers will be published in 2009.

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New South Wales

► *University of New South Wales*

Staff and student publications

Patricia Curthoys (with Susan Emilsen, Ben Skerman and William Emilsen) *Pride of Place: A History of the Pitt Street Congregational Church*, Melbourne: Circa, 2008.

Ben Edwards, *Wasp, Tykes and Ecumaniacs: Aspects of Australian Sectarianism, 1945-1981*, Melbourne: Acorn Press, 2008.

John Gascoigne, 'Introduction: Religion and Empire, an historiographical perspective', *Journal of Religious History*, vol. 32, no. 2, June 2008.

Kama McLean, *Power and Pilgrimage: the Kumbh Mela in Allahabad, 1765-2001*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

Kama McLean, 'Hybrid nationalist or Hindu nationalist? The life of Madan Mohan Malaviya' in Kate Brittlebank (ed.), *Tall Tales and True: India, Historiography and British Imperial Imaginings*, Melbourne: Monash Asia Institute, 2008.

Kama McLean, 'Situating the Role of Religion in the Rebellion: the Case of the Prayagwals of Allahabad', in Crispin Bates (ed.), *Mutiny at the Margins*, Delhi: Sage, 2008 (forthcoming).

Kama McLean, 'Teaching Hinduism through Visual Culture' *Studies in Asia, Curriculum Support Section, ACT Department of Education and Training*, Feb 22, 2008.

Geoffrey Nathan, 'Remapping the Landscape: Early Christianity and the Graeco-Roman World. A Review Article', *Journal of Religious History*, vol. 32, no. 3, Sept. 2008, pp. 361-370.

Anne O'Brien, 'Missionary masculinities, the homoerotic gaze and the politics of race: Gilbert White in Northern Australia, c 1885-1915', *Gender and History*, vol. 20, no. 1, April 2008, pp 68-85.

Anne O'Brien, 'Creating the Aboriginal Pauper: Missionary ideas in early 19th century Australia', *Social Sciences and Missions*, 21, 2008, pp 6-30.

Anne O'Brien, 'Kitchen Fragments and Garden Stuff: poor law discourse and Indigenous People in early colonial New South Wales', *Australian Historical Studies*, vol. 39, no. 2, 2008.

Anne O'Brien, "'All creatures of the Living God": Religion and leprosy in turn of the century Queensland', *History Australia*, vol. 5, no. 2, August 2008, 40.1-40.16.

Anne O'Brien, 'Saving the Empty North: Religion and Empire in Australia' in Hilary Carey (ed.) *Empires of Religion*. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan, 2008.

Mina Roces, 'The Filipino Catholic Nun as Transnational Feminist', *Women's History Review*, vol. 17, no. 1, February 2008, pp. 57-78.

Conference papers

David Cahill, 'The Crisis of Ecclesiastical Privilege in Spain and Spanish America: The Question of Insurgent Clergy 1780-1815', Church and State in Old and New Worlds Workshop, University of Newcastle, December 2008.

Anne O'Brien, 'Landed on the borders of hell: poverty, place and perdition in colonial Australia', Australian Historical Association Conference, Melbourne, June 2008.

Peter Ross, 'The Beatification of Ceferino Namuncurá and the Struggles for Control of Popular Indigenous Religion in South America', AILASA 2008 Conference The Popular in Spain, Portugal and Latin America, Monash University.

Grants and contracts

Nick Dumanis has a contract with Oxford University Press (UK) to write a book on everyday Christian-Muslim relations in the late Ottoman Empire. He expects to finish the book by the end of 2009.

David Cahill holds an ARC Discovery Grant Scheme for 2007-09 for the project, 'Religion and Political Transformation: A Transnational Study of South American Independence, 1750-1840'.

Anne O'Brien holds an ARC Discovery Grant for 2007-9 for a project on 'Religion, welfare and problem populations in Australia, 1788-2009'.

Teaching

Kama McLean's 'Religion in World History' continues to attract large numbers of students. Religion takes a central role in a number of courses including:

- **Mina Roces and Jean Taylor:** Women in Southeast Asian Societies; and
- **Helene Bowen Raddeker:** Women, Gender and World History.

Correspondent: Anne O'Brien, University of NSW

► *University of Sydney*

News from the Studies in Religion Department

The Studies in Religion department at the University of Sydney welcomed Dr Paul Fuller, who joined the department in March 2008 from Webster University in Thailand, where he had been teaching in the Buddhist Studies Program since 2004. Paul is originally from England, and graduated with a PhD from Bristol University in 2003. Prior to that he completed a Master of Arts (Buddhist Studies) at Bristol and a Master of Arts (Religious Studies) at Edinburgh. Paul's role at the University of Sydney will be to build up undergraduate numbers in Buddhist Studies and make a contribution to the Master of Buddhist Studies program that Studies in Religion and Indian Subcontinental Studies jointly convene.

Grants and awards

Iain Gardner was successful in receiving an ARC Discovery Grant (\$360,000 over four years): 'The digital restoration of the Dublin Kephalaia codex and its importance for the history of religions' which is held with Jason BeDuhn and Paul Dilley. This is a project at the forefront of the emerging use of digital technology to render legible manuscripts long regarded as unreadable. The unique fourth century codex, now housed at the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin Castle, has been known of since 1929. The latest developments in image enhancement, especially the pseudocolour technique, offer the first chance for an international team led from the University of Sydney to read and publish the text. Its contents record discussions about religion, human nature and the natural world held by sages from East and West at the court of the Persian king; and illuminate the dynamic cultural interchange between India and the Mediterranean world that characterised late antiquity. During 2008, the department also congratulated Carole Cusack who was promoted to Associate Professor, and doctoral candidate Alex Norman, who has received an Excellence in Tutoring Award.

Postgraduate and honours completions

The following research postgraduate students graduated on Friday May 9 2008:

Paris Mawby (PhD), thesis 'The Good Man's Croft: A Exploration of Pragmatist Sympathies Between William Clifford and William James'.

Lauren Bernauer (MPhil), thesis 'Age of Mythology: The Perils of Representing Pagan Gods in Popular Culture'.

Vanessa Crosby (MPhil), thesis 'Illuminating Sacred Space: Jewish and Christian Illuminated Manuscripts from Medieval Spain'.

Renee Lockwood (Honours Class 1), thesis 'The Subjective Turn: Werner Erhard, EST and Landmark Education'.

Allan Sun (Honours Class 1), thesis 'Myth and Culture: Explorations in Expression and Reciprocity'.

Staff and Student Publications

Katharine Buljan and Christopher Hartney, 'Ken Unsworth' (peer reviewed) in *Dictionary of Australian Artists Online*, 2008. <http://www.daa.org.au/main/read/7161>.

Carole M. Cusack, 'Konkokyo (Golden Light Teachings) and Modernity: A Test of the Faivre-Hanegraaff Six-Point Typology of Western Esotericism', *Australian Religion Studies Review*, vol. 20, no. 3, December 2007, 317-333.

Carole M. Cusack and Justine Digance, 'Shopping for a Self: Pilgrimage, Identity-Formation and Retail Therapy,' Chapter 11 in Graham St John (ed.), *Victor Turner and Cultural Performance*, Berghahn, 2008, pp. 227-241.

Carole M. Cusack, 'Introduction', in John R. C. Martyn (ed. and trans.), *King Sisebut and the Culture of Visigothic Spain*, Lewiston, Edwin Mellen Press, 2008, pp. i-ii.

Carole M. Cusack and Jason Prior, 'Ritual, Liminality and Transformation: Secular Spirituality in Sydney's Gay Bathhouses,' *Australian Geographer*, vol. 39, no. 3, 2008, pp. 71-81.

Paul Fuller and David Webster, 'A View from the Crossroads: A Dialogue', *Buddhist Studies Review*, vol. 25, no. 1 (2008), pp. 106-112.

Jay Johnston, *Angels of Desire: Esoteric Bodies, Aesthetics and Ethics*. London: Equinox (Gnostica Series), 2008.

Christopher Hartney, 'Spiritism and Charisma: Caodaism from its Infancy', *Australian Religion Studies Review*, vol. 20, no. 3, December 2007, 334-356.

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► *University of Newcastle*

Much activity in religious history during 2008 at the University of Newcastle took place under the umbrella of GRIT (Research Group for Religious and Intellectual Traditions). The group is part of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Education and Arts and is involved in collaborative work focusing on the cultural and historical study of religion and other intellectual traditions. The following is a summary of GRIT and GRIT-member activities in religious history during 2008.

GRIT workshops in religious history 2008:

11-13 December Church and State in Old and New Worlds (hosted in conjunction with the Religious History Society; see page 2 for details).

GRIT seminars 2008:

12 August 'Figuring the Gods in Ancient Greece: relations of anthropomorphism and 'aniconism'' Professor F. Lissarrague, 2008 AAIA Visiting Professor, Director, Louis Gernet Centre for the Comparative Study of Religion.

15 August Professor Harold Tarrant (University of Newcastle): 'The Derveni Papyrus: Religion and Cosmology in the Earliest Greek Papyrus'.

30 September Dr Troy Duncan (University of Newcastle): Public Lecture to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the departure from Newcastle of Bishop Francis de Witt Batty (1879-1961), seventh Anglican Bishop of Newcastle and a figure of great significance within the Australian Anglican Church during the mid 20th Century. He was a leading campaigner for an autonomous university in Newcastle during the 1940s and 1950s. Dr Duncan is currently writing Batty's biography, which he plans to complete in 2009. A video of the lecture can be viewed on youtube: <http://au.youtube.com/watch?v=dD1LML7Xytk&feature=related>

23 October Professor Terry Lovat and Dr Inna Semetsky (University of Newcastle): 'Practical Mysticism and Deleuze's Ontology of the Virtual'.

20 November guest seminar presented by Dr Gunner Mikkelsen (Macquarie University): 'Manichaeism meets Buddhism: Manichaean missionary techniques in Central Asia and China'.

Publications

Books - 2008 & Forthcoming

Carey, Hilary Mary (ed.) *Empires of Religion*. London: Palgrave, 2008.

Articles & Book Chapters – 2007/8 & Forthcoming

Carey, Hilary Mary, 'The Vanished Kingdoms of Patrick O'Farrell: Religion, Memory and Migration in Religious History.' *Journal of Religious History* 31, no. 1 (2007): 40-58.

Carey, Hilary Mary, 'Introduction: Remembering the Religious History of A.E. Cahill (1933-2004) and Patrick O'Farrell (1933-2003).' *Journal of Religious History* 31.1 (2007): 1-17.

Carey, Hilary Mary. 'Religion and Identity.' In: *Australia's Empire. Oxford Companion to the British Empire*, edited by Deryck M. Schreuder and Stuart Ward, 186-210. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008, pp. 186-210.

Carey, Hilary Mary. 'Religion.' In: *Cambridge Dictionary of Australian Religion*, ed. James Jupp. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

Carey, Hilary Mary. 'Religion.' *Sydney Journal*, December 2007.

- Carey, Hilary Mary. 'Religion and Evil Empire.' *Journal of Religious History*, March 2008 (Vol. 32 Special Issue: Religion and Empire, Edited by John Gascoigne).
- Lovat, T. and Samarayi, I. 'Restoring justice to Islam: An historical, theological and artistic exploration.' In M. S. Becker & J. N. Schneider (Eds.), *Human rights issues in the twenty-first century*. (pp 27-72.) New York: Nova Science Publishers. (2008).
- Roberts, David A. and Carey, Hilary Mary. 'Beong! Beong! (more! more!)': John Harper and the Wesleyan Mission to the Australian Aborigines. *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, forthcoming.

Current theses under supervision

- MA (Atkinson): The Scottish Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge.
- MPhil (History) (Watts): The Life and Work of Reverend James Robert Beattie Love (1889–1947): transforming, and being transformed by, cross-cultural and cross-language relationships.
- M Philosophy (Classics) (Dawe): The Question of Jewish Identity in the 1st Century.
- M Philosophy (Humanities) (Evans): Bewitched! Rediscovering the Secret History of Ritual, Magic and Witchcraft in Old Australian Houses and Buildings.

Theses submitted

- PhD (History) (Potts): Religion and Society in Early Modern England.

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► Macquarie University

1. Ancient History Department, Macquarie University

Publications

Two collections of the writings of Edwin Judge were published in 2008:

- **James R. Harrison**, (ed.), E. A. Judge, *The First Christians in the Roman World: Augustan and New Testament Essays* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008).
- **David M. Scholer**, (ed.), *Social Distinctives of the Christians in the First Century: Pivotal Essays by E. A. Judge* (Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 2008).

There also appeared in 2008, E. A. Judge's entry 'Kultgemeinde', in *Reallexikon für Antike und Christentum* (ed. G. Schöllingen; vol 22, Stuttgart: Anton Hiersemann).

Publications by other members of the Department include:

Peter Edwell, *Between Rome and Persia: The Middle Euphrates, Mesopotamia and Palmyra under Roman Control* (Routledge, 2008).

Paul McKechnie and **Philippe Guillaume** (eds), *Ptolemy II Philadelphus and his World* (Leiden: Brill, 2008).

This edited book includes the following chapters on subjects in religious history:

Martin Bernal, 'Egyptians in the Hellenic Woodpile: Were Hekataios of Abdera and Diodoros Sikeliotes Right to See Egypt in the Origins of Greece?' (pp.119-134), discussing priestly families at Eleusis.

Amos Kloner, 'Maresha in the Reign of Ptolemy II Philadelphus' (pp.171-182), dealing with Edomite religion and Greek influence in the third century BC at Maresha.

Johann Cook, 'Ptolemy Philadelphus and Jewish Writings: Aristobulus and Pseudo-Aristeas as Examples of Alexandrian Jewish Approaches' (pp.193-206).

William R.G. Loader, 'Sexuality and Ptolemy's Greek Bible: Genesis 1-3 in Translation: "... Things which they Altered for King Ptolemy"' (Genesis Rabbah 8.11)' (pp.207-232).

Paul McKechnie, 'Ptolemy Philadelphus: a New Moses' (pp.233-246).

Philippe Guillaume, 'Philadelphus' Alexandria as Cradle of Biblical Historiography' (pp.247-256).

Elaine Wainwright, 'Gendering Healing both Human and Divine: the Case of Sirach 38.1-15' (pp.257-274).

Joachim Friedrich Quack, 'Innovations in Ancient Garb? Hieroglyphic Texts from the Time of Ptolemy Philadelphus' (pp.275-290), discussing the Mendes stela, the Pithom stela, and priestly synods.

Steve Vinson, 'Through a Woman's Eyes, and in a Woman's Voice: Ihweret as Focalizer in the *First Tale of Setne Khaemwas*' (pp.303-352), dealing with correspondences between the fictional heroine Ihweret and Isis.

Stefan Pfeiffer, 'The God Serapis, his Cult and the Beginnings of Ruler Cult in Ptolemaic Egypt' (pp.387-408).

Paul McKechnie, 'Apollonia: an early testimony for Christianity in Anatolia' forthcoming in *Epigraphica Anatolica*.

Paul McKechnie, 'Business and Wealth in the *Shepherd*' forthcoming in *Classicum*.

K. Parry (ed.), *Art, Architecture and Religion along the Silk Road*, Silk Road Studies XII (Turnhout: Brepols 2008) 340pp.

Articles in this book by Macquarie authors include:

Peter Edwell, 'Palmyrene Art, Architecture and Religion on the Euphrates', op. cit. 223-246.

Sam Lieu, 'Manichaean Art and Architecture along the Silk Road', op. cit. 79-102.

Ken Parry, 'The Buddha as Colossus', op. cit.179-98.

S. Lieu, 'Manichaeism', S.A. Harvey and D.G. Hunter (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Christian Studies* (Oxford, 2008) 221-236.

Seminars, workshops, conferences

1. Hermas *Shepherd* seminar series at Macquarie University in Semester 1.

2. *Life of Abercius* workshop at Macquarie in Semester 2.

3. 'Decoding the Canon', annual conference of the Society for the Study of Early Christianity (SSEC) was held on 10 May 2008. There were 13 papers and four international speakers. One paper, John Dixon, 'The Nouveau Atheists on the Historical Jesus', was published in the *Society's Newsletter*, 61, June 2008, 3-7.

4. The 2009 SSEC conference (9 May) will be on 'The Paradox of Paul'. Distinguished international speakers include Professor Judith Lieu, Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity, Cambridge University and Professor Beverley Gaventa, Helen Manson Professor of New Testament Interpretation and Exegesis at Princeton Theological Seminary.

2. Centre for the History of Christian Thought and Experience (CTE), Macquarie University (Associate Professor Stuart Piggin, Director)

CTE is a research centre of the Department of Ancient History. Its purpose is to conduct research into the origins and continuity of the Christian tradition and to foster research into Australian Christianity in the light of its background from ancient to modern times.

Postgraduate students

Research into the Christian tradition

Postgraduate students in 2008 were working on the following thesis topics: 'The Heart in the Trinitarian Theology and Experience of Augustine of Hippo and Jonathan Edwards' (PhD, completed and passed); The interface of Reformed Epistemology with evangelical theology; Homiletics in Chrysostom and Calvin; Holiness in Christian History; Experience and Action: Philo, Jesus and the School of Moreno.

Research into Modern and Australasian Christianity

Postgraduate students in 2008 were working on the following thesis topics: Politics in the Diocese of Sydney; Sydney University Evangelical Union; The Healing Ministry at St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney; Prophetism in 19th C America; From Clapham to Bloomsbury: The Decline of an Evangelical Dynasty; Melbourne Evangelicalism 1875-1914; The Sermons of Samuel Marsden; Strategies for Christian Ministry in Rural Australia; Developing a Museum on Australia's Christian Heritage; Life & Work of Archbishop Campbell West-Watson. A thesis in revivals in Australian history was awarded the MA in 2007.

Publications by staff and students associated with CTE

Stuart Piggin, 'Evangelical Christianity in Australia', *Encyclopedia of Australian Religions* (CUP forthcoming).

Stuart Piggin with Peter Lineham, 'Christianity in Australia and Oceania c1800 – 2000', in *Blackwell Companion to World Christianity*, Edited by Lamin Sanneh and Michael J. McClymond (Blackwells, forthcoming).

Paul Egan, *Serving the Cross: St John's Darlinghurst, a short history* (Darlinghurst, St John's, 2008, 2nd edition).

In the last three years **Robert Evans** has published privately three books on the History of Evangelism and Revivals in Australia between 1880 and 1914. These were:
Evangelism and Revivals in Australia. 1880 – 1914 (Hazelbrook, NSW: published by the Author, 2005).

Emilia Baeyertz - Evangelist. Her Career in Australia and Great Britain (Hazelbrook, NSW: published by the Author, 2007).

Thomas Cook - Evangelist British Evangelist in Australia and New Zealand, 1894 and 1895. (Hazelbrook, NSW: published by the Author, 2007).

He is now projecting volumes four and five in the series. The fourth volume is a basic biography of Matthew Burnett, who was arguably the greatest Australian Evangelist and Temperance Advocate before 1914. The fifth volume will be a book of selected contemporary newspaper documents about Burnett's Australian and New Zealand work up to 1890.

Seminars and forums

CTE's seminar series in 2008 included an address from Professor Robert Jewett, 'Has American Religion Become a Threat to the World?' and one from Professor Edwin Judge: 'Who needed a third race and why?'

The Director of CTE attended conferences on the new National History Curriculum and the Global Foundation Roundtable.

A second forum in Parliament House, Canberra, on Australia's Christian Heritage is in planning for 7 and 8 September 2009.

3. Modern History Department, Macquarie University

Bridget Griffen-Foley (Modern History, Macquarie University): 'Radio ministries: Religion on Australian commercial radio from the 1920s to the 1960s', *Journal of Religious History*, vol. 32, no. 1, March 2008, pp. 31-54.

Correspondent: Stuart Piggin, Macquarie University

Tasmania

Publications other than by members of the School of History and Classics, University of Tasmania

Adkins, Keith, 'Scottish Enlightenment Ideals in Colonial Tasmania', *Tasmanian Historical Studies*, vol. 11, 2006.

Core theme is that church, library and schoolhouse in some parts of rural Tasmania reflected Scottish enlightenment ideas in a visual and symbolic manner, in a way which accords with Gascoigne's interpretation of these in *The Enlightenment and the Origins of European Australia*.

Apex Clubs of Tasmania, *St Paul's Church: Erected 1861 — Demolished 1975*, Tasmania, 2007(?)

A curious publication, but of a kind which may appear more often. This brief booklet, offering short notes on the history of this long non-existent church, had its genesis in a fund-raising appeal by the Apex Clubs of Northern Tasmania aiming to raise funds for a non-denominational chapel for use by residents of the Ainslie Geriatric Hospital at Low Head. St. Paul's had been nearby. A Geertzian 'thick description' of this aspect of the fund-raising campaign might be of interest, but that is not offered here.

Brown, George, and others, *The Penitentiary Chapel: Historical Site, Hobart: intersection of Brisbane and Campbell Streets, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia*, National Trust of Australia (Tasmania), Hobart, 2007, 42 pp.

The history of a well restored and finely illustrated set of buildings is carefully researched.

Bouchard, Marjorie, *A Celebration of Faith and Commitment. Star of the Sea 1864, Church of Mary, 27 September 1931*, Tasmania, 2007, 16 pp.

The title does not carry meaning well, but in substance this is a lively and thoughtfully arranged chronicle of aspects of the history of the Star of the Sea Roman Catholic church in Swansea on the east coast of Tasmania.

Cannell, Josephine, *To the Beckoning Shore, Urged On By the Love of Christ*, Hobart(?), 2007, 114 pp.

Written to commemorate the 160th anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of Charity in Australia. This study is well described by the historian Terry Southerwood, in the Foreword, as an enjoyable 'chronicle of advances, as well as setbacks, in the apostolate and ministry since 1838 of the Sisters.' This is often praise and blame history, yet with a serious attempt to allocate these fairly. Index is adequate, but notes on sources, which sometimes can be guessed but often not, would have helped future researchers.

Crocker, Dorothy, *Dover Community Church: Celebrating 130 years, 1877-2007*, Dover, 2007, 44 pp.

Formerly the Dover Congregational Church. Well researched and illustrated. A serious effort is made to trace aspects of early tensions in the locality relating to Congregationalists, and missionaries of the Brethren and Disciples of Christ (now Churches of Christ). Good on relevant names through the years. Important membership lists, and reports of congregational meetings have since come into the author's hands, and an enhanced version of this study can be looked forward to.

Fox, Noela M, *An Acorn Grows Among the Gums: The Presentation Sisters in Tasmania, 1866-2006*, Hobart, 2006, 194 pp.

This careful study begins helpfully with a glossary of the Order's institutional and liturgical vocabulary, which it then seeks seriously to integrate with the occasionally ripping yarn it has to offer. Recounted with conceptual verve is discreet yet consistently resilient toughness by the sisters in the face of occasional efforts by the Tasmanian secular hierarchy to diminish the Order's relative constitutional autonomy, as an Order, and hamper realization of their distinctive high-cultural educational mission.

Rigney, Victoria, *Many Doorways, One Journey: St. Anne's Homes Inc.* Hobart 2007(?) 34pp.

This is an aged persons' home, Protestant in ambience. Begun in 1919 with Quaker links, it was purchased by the Baptist Church in 1946. Since the Aged Persons' Act of 1954 (Commonwealth) it has flourished with increasing government assistance. This enthusiastic chronicle reflects, but does not notice as such, that the history of the home reflects significant patterns of change in the relations between religion and the State in Australia. Some of the material supplied would be of interest to historians interested in such changes.

Transition Team of the Anglican Parish of Northern Midlands, *The Anglican Parish of Northern Midlands: a Short Chronicle*, Tasmania, 2007, 28 pp.

Many groups of Tasmanian Anglican parishes, faced with diminishing attendance, have been slimming down to a structure in which ecclesiastical resources are more efficiently deployed. Northern Midlands was five parishes, none perceived to be separately viable. The 'chronicle', in its own terms, looks back in order to look forward. To this end, charming line illustrations of the respective churches are offered, and comprehensive and useful lists of the clergy who served in them.

Wyatt, Douglas M, *Caring Across Tasmania: Southern Cross Care Tas (Inc), 1969-2006*. Hobart, 2006. 142 pp.

Southern Cross Care began as a welfare initiative of a Roman Catholic lay organization, Knights of the Southern Cross. Similar ventures by this body took place around the same time in other states. Like Protestant St Anne's (see above), but on a much larger scale, Southern Cross Care is an instance of altering institutional relations between religion (and churches) and the State. By 2006 it held assets of 91 million dollars. The Commonwealth government has been, from the outset, the major funder of this body, as is made clear by this quantitatively detailed publication. Catholic clergy feature prominently in photographic illustrations, but interestingly, the body is identified in its mission statement only as 'Christian'. Degrees and kinds of denominational inflections in State-supported welfare institutions, and changes in these inflections, might be for some an inviting subject of research. This study is quantitatively detailed, and useful to historians in that way, but is compiled as a success-narrative rather than in a reflective or analytic way.

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(a) Material relating to the Quaker Collection

The Morris Miller Library is making available electronically a range of material relating to the history of the Quakers in Tasmania. The database includes images of items from the archives of the Society of Friends and books from the Quaker Collection in the Morris Miller Library. This material can be accessed by logging into the exhibition of Quaker life in the nineteenth century:

<http://www.utas.edu.au/library/exhibition/quaker/index.html> Then clicking on 'Quaker online documents'.

(b) *Display of Manuscripts and Printed Documents to the 1580s held by the Morris Miller Library, plus one item from St David's Anglican Cathedral, Hobart, and two from the collection of Professor Rod Thomson*

The URL is http://www.utas.edu.au/library/exhibitions/manuscript_print/index.html. This URL reproduces, usually, one or two pages from each item. The exhibition contains four manuscripts, the earliest from the 12th century, and twenty-one print items, two from before 1500. Print items include *Ecclesiastae sive de ratione concionandi libri quatuor* by Erasmus (1535), the first printed edition; and the *Bible* in German by Luther, 1535 (New Testament) and 1536 (Old Testament). Rod Thomson, of the School of History and Classics, University of Tasmania, contributes explanatory and provenance captions.

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Forthcoming conferences and events

3–4 April 2009: Religious History Society of Aotearoa New Zealand: a conference to celebrate the bicentenary of the births of George and Sarah Selwyn. For further details, please contact Peter Lineham, email: P.Lineham@massey.ac.nz

9 May 2009: The Society for the Study of Early Christianity (SSEC) conference on 'The Paradox of Paul'. Distinguished international speakers include Professor Judith Lieu, Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity, Cambridge University and Professor Beverley Gaventa, Helen Manson Professor of New Testament Interpretation and Exegesis at Princeton Theological Seminary.

May 28-30 2009: Joint session of the Society for Reformation Research (SRR) and Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (SCSC). Geneva, Switzerland.

The SRR, a North American scholarly organization and partner group to the Verein fuer Reformationgeschichte, is concerned with the Protestant and Catholic Reformations and all other aspects of religious life in the early modern era. The general theme of the session is Memoria: Witnessing and Remembering the Reformation. The SCSC marks the 500th anniversary of Calvin's birth. The SRR is interested in sponsoring papers that deal with questions of how the religious transformations of the 16th century were processed by contemporaries and held in memory by subsequent generations, which could involve papers from the perspectives of history, theology, literature, art, and other media and disciplinary fields: www.reformationresearch.org or www.sixteenthcentury.org/conf_proposals.shtml

19-20 June 2009: Writing religion in early modern and enlightenment Europe: an international conference on religious letters and correspondence. Montpellier, France.

This conference highlights the fact that letters are key documents for the study of religious communication, feeling and piety in Early Modern and Enlightenment Europe. This conference will examine epistolary writing from c.1600-1800, focusing on correspondence in which the writers explore their religious commitments and doubts, and investigating the way letters served as the principal means of communication between members of the clergy and believers, and between believers and the Churches.

Venue: Universite Paul-Valery, Montpellier. Organizers: Anne Duncan-Page and Clotilde Prunier. Contact: Clotilde Prunier, clotilde.prunier@univ.montp3.fr; fax: (+33) 4 67 14 24 26; www.clotildeprunier.fr/articles.php?Ing=fr&pg=107



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John N. King and James K. Bracken of The Ohio State University will direct a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Seminar on continuity and change in the production, dissemination, and reading of Western European books during the 200 years following the advent of printing with movable type. The governing question will be whether the advent of printing was a necessary precondition for the Protestant Reformation. Participants will consider ways in which adherents of different religious faiths shared common ground in exploiting

elements such as book layout, typography, illustration, and paratext in order to inspire reading, but also to restrict interpretation. Employing key methods of the History of the Book, the investigation will consider how the physical nature of books affected ways in which readers understood and assimilated their intellectual contents. This program is geared to the needs of teacher-scholars interested in the literary, political, or cultural history of the Renaissance and/or Reformation, the History of the Book, art history, women's studies, religious studies, bibliography, print culture, library science and more.

Includes visits to Antwerp, Belgium, to draw on resources including the Plantin-Moretus Museum and London, England, to attend a rare-book workshop and consider treasures at the British Library, and 4 weeks at Oxford drawing upon the rare book and manuscript holdings of the Bodleian Library. **Eligibility:** US citizens who are teaching at college or university level and independent scholars who have received the terminal degree in their field (usually PhD); non-US citizens who have taught and lived in the US for at least 3 years prior to March 2009. NEH will provide participants with a stipend of \$3,800.

Details: <http://people.cohums.ohio-state.edu/king2/Reformationofthebook/> or contact rankinmc@jmu.edu. **Application deadline: 1 March 2009.**

July 2009: Dr Nathan Wolski of Monash University is hosting an international conference at Prato, Italy on the Zohar, with the world's top Zohar-scholars.

August 2009: Religious History Society of Aotearoa New Zealand: a conference in Dunedin in August 2009 will recall the birth of John Calvin. For further details, please contact Peter Lineham, email: P.Lineham@massey.ac.nz

7–8 September 2009: A second forum in Parliament House, Canberra, on Australia's Christian Heritage is in the planning. For more information contact Stuart Piggin: Stuart.Piggin@humn.mq.edu.au

Of Interest

New Approaches to Contemporary Religious History in Europe

A workshop at the European University Institute in late 2008 and continuing into early 2009 is focusing on new approaches to contemporary religious history in Europe. In recent decades traditional church history, focusing on the church as an institution, has progressively given place to various 'religious histories', which often shift into an understanding of religion as a widespread social and cultural phenomenon. These new forms of religious history assume methodologies and present problems coming from other types of history, such as social, cultural and intellectual histories, gender history and histories of literature, art and science. This workshop aims to present an overview of these trends, stressing their national historiographical backgrounds. Questions being addressed are: With the emergence of new religious histories, how do traditional national church history schools evolve? Is it still relevant to speak of national schools in religious history? Would it be more accurate to consider these new forms of religious history in a broader perspective? Is there for instance a tendency to do European religious history and, if so, in which way?

The workshop organizers also point out that, at the same time, the important influence of historiographical patterns, not specific to religious history, invites reflection on the specificity of the religious object in history. They ask: Would it be pertinent to consider the reconfiguration of religious history in terms of historiographical schools rather than national schools? And, as a consequence, has religion still to be considered as a separate topic? In summary, the workshop's purpose is to promote common reflection on religious history, evolving initially from the European University Institute researchers whose focus of interest is in this field. The first session plans to present recent trends in Western European countries, namely Germany, France, and Italy. During the second session the intention is to take more international and interdenominational perspectives. This will include focusing on the confrontation of Western traditions of religious history with Eastern Church history and Islamic studies. The report on this workshop is likely to be of interest.

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