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ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|-----------|--|
| AQF | Australian Qualifications Framework |
| AUCD | Australian University College of Divinity (formerly SCD) |
| BBI-TAITE | BBI The Australian Institute of Theological Education |
| TEQSA | The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency |

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A GOVERNANCE

BBI The Australian Institute of Theological Education (BBI-TAITE) is a not-for-profit public company limited by guarantee and registered, pursuant to the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*, as a Charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC). Our annual reports to ACNC can be found at [BBI The Australian Institute of Theological Education | ACNC](#). The Institute is a wholly owned subsidiary of *The Educational Centre for Christian Spirituality Limited (ECCSL)*. The ECCSL has a trading name *Catholic Leadership Foundation*.

The Commissioner of Taxation endorses the Institute as a **deductible gift recipient**.

HISTORY: BBI-TAITE officially registered as a Higher Education Provider (HEP) on 1 September 2016. Following the TEQSA 2021 category reclassification, the Institute became an independent Higher Education Provider (HEP). Due to the impact of COVID-19, TEQSA extended the Institute's registration renewal date to 1 September 2025. On 1 November 2023 BBI-TAITE became a Member Institute of the Australian University College of Divinity (AUCD).

OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY

(Constitution of BBI The Australian Institute of Theological Education, Section 3)

BBI-TAITE's Objects are a reiteration of the original intent of the trust: "...to undertake the education of persons in Christian spirituality and adult education and to give to any person who is desirous of undertaking or continuing their education in Christian spirituality and adult education the opportunity to do so" (Trust Deed (A.) 11/6/1979).

As set out in the BBI-TAITE Constitution, the Objects of the Company are:

- (a) To operate, maintain and promote the Company in accordance with the mission of the Roman Catholic Church, its beliefs, traditions and practices.
- (b) To embody and promote a Catholic ethos with an ecumenical spirit, engaging faith, culture and society.
- (c) To engage and teach students consistently with high quality educational methods and practices, offering opportunities for growth in knowledge and further transformation.
- (d) To foster and promote excellence in teaching and scholarship that is grounded in and contributes to contemporary research and draws from the rich intellectual life of Catholic and other faith traditions, so as to further the goals of theological learning and human development.
- (e) To deliver educational opportunities in Christian spirituality and adult faith formation.
- (f) To deliver quality education through a variety of partnerships, linkages and cooperative ventures, including with other tertiary institutions.

MISSION STATEMENT

BBI The Australian Institute of Theological Education's mission is to provide quality Catholic theological education to all members of the community with a commitment to teaching excellence grounded in contemporary and applied research.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

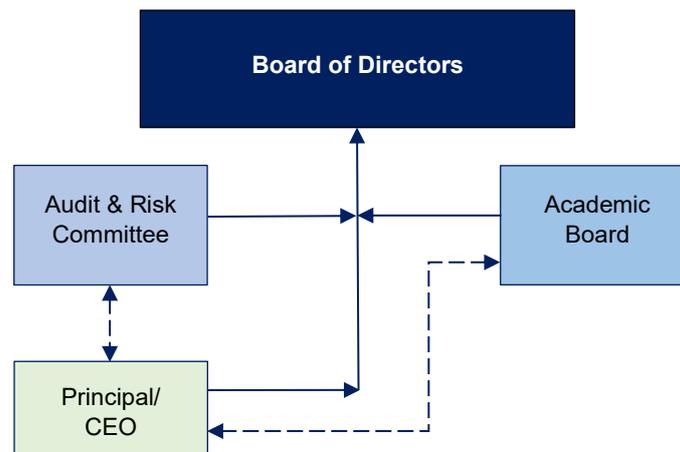
The current **Strategic Directions** are to provide:

1. through the AUCD, online TEQSA accredited tertiary education courses in Theology, Religious Education, Leadership and Governance, and Canon Law
2. adult faith and leadership development courses and opportunities, including online and face-to-face adult faith and leadership short courses, a lecture series, online retreats, and correspondence courses (in particular for prisoners)
3. conferences, eConferences and learning events that complement the tertiary awards and are accessible for adult faith and leadership development, and
4. events and products that offer service to the church through partnerships with community and industry bodies.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The BBI-TAITE Board of Directors undertakes the governance of the [Institute](#). The Board has two sub-committees that contribute to the oversight of the Institute: the Audit and Risk Committee and the Academic Board. The Principal/CEO is the Company Secretary for BBI-TAITE (refer to the Institute’s website at [BBI-TAITE - Our Governance](#)).

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MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

The Principal/CEO is assisted in leading the Institute by the Executive Team (Academic Dean + senior faculty). Entry to the AUCD led to the modification of the Institute structures. These are still in development as the future requirements of BBI-TAITE are under review.

B OUR INSTITUTION

ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Principal/CEO and the Executive Team

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Prof Gerard Moore | Principal/CEO |
| Dr Jonathan Thambyrajah | Academic Dean |
| Dr Cristina Lledo Gomez | Senior Lecturer |

Administrative Team

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mr Gavin Glenn | Library Manager |
| Mr Gavin Glenn | Engagement and Support Officer |
| Mrs Cheryl Martin | Student Registrar |
| <i>Obsidian Advisory</i> | Accounting |

POLICIES

Our public policies are available on the Institute's website at [Policies – BBI](#)

WORKPLACE

BBI-TAITE is located within the Caroline Chisolm Centre (CCC) at Pennant Hills, however many staff work remotely. The remote workplace approach enables us to embrace the online environment, draw staff and faculty from across Australia, and provide students and faculty with a fully digital library collection.

LIBRARY

On 1 January 2023, BBI-TAITE joined the Digital Theological Library (DTL), a cooperative digital collection managed in the United States and contributed to by member institutions worldwide. The DTL provides access to over 500,000 eBooks, 75 million journal articles, 35,000 individual journal titles, and more than 120 online databases. The AUCD also subscribes to the DTL, and the Institute subscription has been transferred to the consortium arrangement.

On an historical note, in August 2023 the former hard copy library including books and shelving were incorporated into the Antonino Ventimiglia Inter-Diocesan Seminary Borneo, for use there and for a proposed Catholic University on that island. The BBI-TAITE library donation was a result of the efforts of Mr and Mrs Astono who initiated the contacts, packed the library, and arranged transport to Indonesia. We received a letter of appreciation from the seminary rector, Fr Edmund Nantes OP.

C OUR PARTNERSHIPS and COLLABORATIONS

In line with the BBI-TAITE's Object that we *deliver quality education through a variety of partnerships, linkages, and cooperative ventures, including with other tertiary institutions*, the Institute has entered into a range of partnerships and collaborations:

International

- **Associate Member (Oceania region), the Catholic Biblical Federation (CBF):** *an international federation committed to biblical-pastoral ministry under the auspices of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.* [Australia](#)
- **University of St Paul,** Ottawa: hosting units in the SPU Licentiate in Canon Law courses

National

- **Armidale Catholic Schools:** *Cornerstones* program for teachers.
- **Calvary Health Care:** collaboration on formation programs for leaders
- **Catholic Diocese of Wagga Wagga:** ongoing professional development of teachers
- **Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst:** agreement with Charles Sturt University and BBI-TAITE to offer the GradCertRE as concurrent study for trainee teachers; partnership in the Dubbo Religious Education Symposium, October 2023.
- **Catholic Education Diocese of Maitland Newcastle:** ongoing professional development of teachers
- **Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta:** ongoing professional development of teachers
- **Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton:** *Cornerstones* program for teachers
- **Catholic Education Northern Territory:** MoU accredited units and *Cornerstones* program
- **Catholic Education Western Australia:** ongoing professional development of teachers
- **Catholic Health Australia:** collaboration on writing the *Decoding the Code* program
- **Catholic Mission Australia:** collaboration on *Introduction to Mission* program as well as with governance programs for parishes and dioceses
- **CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay:** a service agreement concerning the provision of a Student Assistance Program and assistance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- **Diocese of Toowoomba Catholic Schools:** *Cornerstones* program
- **Gerard Rummery Institute:** recognition of GRI program *Together for Mission* as accredited by the AUCD through BBI-TAITE, ongoing consultation
- **Marist Schools Australia:** recognition of Marist Tertiary Education programs by the AUCD through BBI-TAITE
- **Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools:** collaboration in the provision of formation and professional development for teachers
- **Mission and Education Board:** research and publications in Religious Education and its orientation to Mission
- **Nagle Education Alliance Australia (NEAA):** in recognition of the Wagga Wagga Presentation Sisters Grant
- **Presentation Sisters Wagga Wagga:** BBI-TAITE is a recipient of a Presentation Sisters Grant
- **Queensland Education Leadership Institute (QELi):** Recognition of Prior Learning for [QELi](#) courses in leadership, with diocesan input
- **Sydney Catholic Schools:** collaboration in teaching graduate programs, credit arrangements for the PEARL and Together in Faith internal SCS programs

- **The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Office of Justice, Ecology and Peace** *Catholic Social Teaching* program
- **The Brown Collective**: credit agreements for Brown Collective courses in leadership and the development of integrated leadership/faith programs
- **Vaughan Publishing** (Garratt Publishing): a joint venture in publishing scholarship and research in religious education and mission.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CANON LAW FACULTY, UNIVERSITY OF ST PAUL OTTAWA

Our partnership with the Canon Law faculty at the University of St Paul, Ottawa is overseen by the Dean of the Faculty, Prof Chad Glendenning. It allows for St Paul’s to teach two units each year by Intensive in the *Licentiate of Canon Law* (JCL) program, utilizing the BBI-TAITE site. Units are offered in rotation across a number of years. The intensive component allows JCL students from Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, Singapore, and other countries in our region to meet face-to-face with the St Paul’s faculty, to develop international networks, and build a comprehensive learning and formation experience as a supplement to their online study.

In August 2025 eight students, from Australia, New Zealand, and Samoa, gathered for two courses offered during the final two weeks of August. The JCL courses were *DCA 6321 Seminar on Tribunal Practice*, taught by Professor Michael Nobel and *DCA 6366 Privacy and Data Protection*, taught by Professor Chad Glendenning, Dean of the Faculty.

Pathway to the JCL program: In collaboration with the St Pauls Canon Law faculty, the AUCD/BBI-TAITE Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies is a pathway into the Licentiate program for those laity who do not have the STB or equivalent yet wish to serve the church through canonical expertise.

COLLABORATIONS WITH UNIVERSITIES & CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICES

BBI-TAITE has grown the number of agreements with Universities and Catholic schools’ offices with the inclusion of *Western Sydney University* and the *University of Southern Queensland*. These arrangements enable students in secular teaching awards at undergraduate and graduate levels to access BBI-TAITE Graduate Certificate units in Theology and Religious Education. Upon graduation these students are better equipped to teach in Catholic schools. These partnerships provide an opportunity for diocesan schools’ offices to prepare new teachers for the experience of teaching in a Catholic diocesan school. Each arrangement with a university aims to link students directly to the diocesan schools’ office.

There are different arrangements with each university:

| UNIVERSITY | CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE |
|---------------------------|---|
| University of Wollongong | Catholic Education Diocese of Wollongong |
| Charles Sturt University | Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst |
| Western Sydney University | Catholic Education Diocese of Wollongong, Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese Sydney Catholic Schools |

We are currently in conversation with more universities.

D AUCD COURSES AND PROGRAMS taught by BBI-TAITE

As a Member Institution of the Australian University College of Divinity, BBI-TAITE teaches a targeted set of nested accredited tertiary awards to service the faith development needs of teachers in catholic schools and catholic organisations, and more broadly to members of the faithful.

- Graduate Certificate in Religious Education
- Graduate Diploma in Religious Education
- Master of Religious Education
- Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Theology
- Graduate Diploma in Leadership and Theology
- Master of Leadership and Theology
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies
- Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies
- Master of Theological Studies
- Graduate Certificate in Governance and Canon Law
- Graduate Diploma in Governance and Canon Law

This list can be broadened if required, given the range of awards under the umbrella of the Australian University College of Divinity.

ACADEMIC STAFF 2025

These award courses are taught by accredited faculty, fulltime and fractional.

Fulltime and fractional

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dr Ken Avenell | Leadership and Theology |
| Professor Kath Engebretson | Religious Education |
| Dr Cristina Lledo Gomez | Theological Studies |
| Professor Gerard Moore | Theological Studies |
| Dr Jonathan Thambyrajah | Theological Studies |
| Dr Ann-Maree O'Beirne rsm | Theological Studies |

Sessional Online Lecturers

- Rev Dr Chris Budden
- Dr John Cantwell FSC
- Dr Mark Craig
- Dr Monica Dutton
- Dr Sandra Harvey
- Dr Brendan Hyde
- Mrs Ennis McLeod (online tutor)
- Mr Andrew Murray
- Dr Beth Nolen
- Rev Matthew Muller
- Dr Debra Snoddy
- Rev Dr Charles Waddell
- Mr Paul Wilson.

CURRICULUM REVIEW

All accredited courses, units and academic staff are reviewed under the cyclic review of programs undertaken by the Academic Board of the Australian University College of Divinity.

STATISTICS: BBI-TAITE AT A GLANCE STATISTICS

AWARD PROGRAMS

| CATEGORY | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|----------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Current Students | 210 | 244 | 295 | 301 | 301 | 329 |
| Unit Enrolments | 865 | 820 | 622 | 570 | 420 | 432 |
| EFTSL | 108.75 | 103.125 | 77.75 | 71.25 | 52.626 | 54.375 |
| Australian First Nations | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 9 |
| Women/Men Ratio | 167/43 | 180/64 | 210/85 | 223/78 | 223/78 | 246/81 |
| Graduates | 160 | 135 | 153 | 129 | 106 | 41 <i>(S1&S2 only)</i> |
| Course Completions | 160 | 135 | 153 | 129 | 106 | 41 <i>(S1&S2 only)</i> |
| Full-time Equivalent Staff | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 |

NON-ACCREDITED COURSES AND PROGRAMS

True to our origins in the correspondence courses and programs of the Centre for Spirituality, Randwick, our non-accredited programs have wide application in spiritual formation, faith education, and the ongoing accreditation of teachers and health professionals.

Participants in many of our non-accredited courses are eligible for a digital certificate/badge through **Digitary (Credly)**. Participants in the adult faith and leadership development programs run on the **Teachable** site receive a certificate generated from the Teachable site.

Our programs are:

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

To meet a steady demand, the Institute continues to make available several correspondence courses, many of which we are updating. The courses are an important faith resource for prisoners who can access them for free, and the offerings are well supported by prison chaplains.

| Subject Code | Subject Name | Subject Code | Subject Name |
|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| BRD106 | Introduction to the OT | SRD100 | Christian Spirituality |
| BRD108 | Introduction to the NT | SRD110 | Prayer & Prayerfulness |
| BRD126 | The Psalms | SRD115 | The Rosary |
| BRD153 | Gospel of Mark | SRD152 | Cloud of Unknowing |
| BRD164 | Letters of Paul | SRD157 | Teresa of Avila |
| BRD168 | The Teaching of St John | SRD158 | John of the Cross |
| ERD101 | Moral Decision Making | SRD159 | Julien of Norwich |
| ERD145 | Christian Social Ethics | TRD101 | Revelation & Faith |
| HRD111 | The History of the Early Church | TRD109 | Introduction to Philosophy |
| HRD150 | The Reformation | TRD123 | Sacramental Life |
| LRD100 | Introduction to Liturgy | TRD131 | Jesus Christ - Centre of Faith |
| | | TRD141 | Mary, Disciple and First Believer |

BBIAdultFaith

New BBIAdultFaith courses are hosted on the BBI *Teachable* site, with the [website](#) launched in November. Our current offerings, soon to be supplemented, are:

| Course | Author |
|--|------------------------|
| <i>An Advent Retreat with Women Doctors of the Church</i> | Dr Michelle Jones |
| <i>Prayer Matters</i> | Dr Michelle Jones |
| <i>Divine Footprints</i> | Rev Dr Charles Waddell |
| <i>Becoming Church</i> | Dr Michelle Jones |
| <i>The Treasures of the Tradition I: Hildegard of Bingen and Catherine of Sienna</i> | Dr Michelle Jones |
| <i>The parables</i> | Rev Dr Charles Waddell |
| <i>Disciples and Leaders I to IV</i> | Prof Gerard Moore |
| <i>Lent book club</i> | Dr Michelle Jones |
| <i>Conscience</i> | Rev Dr Tom Ryan |

CORNERSTONES Program

In 2025 the Cornerstones program was taken up by Toowoomba Catholic Schools, Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton, Catholic Education Northern Territory and Catholic Schools Armidale.

The program comprises eight modules, each consisting of four sessions, with one module taught per school term. The topics, content, and pedagogy were designed collaboratively between Toowoomba Catholic Schools (Dr Ken Avenell) and BBI-TAITE, and are reviewed annually. The program is delivered on the BBI Blackboard site, and the Institute holds the copyright of the material.

The program is accepted in the four dioceses as a pathway to accreditation to teach Religious Education. For BBI-TAITE, it aligns with our mission to provide adult faith education to the baptised and serves as an introduction to the Institute for those seeking accredited programs.

The cumulative statistics for the program are:

| Subject | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | TOTAL |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Catholic Forms of Prayer | 33 | | 162 | | 105 | 300 |
| How Catholics Approach Scripture | 38 | | n/a | | n/a | 38 |
| Catholic Moral Decision Making | n/a | | 195 | | 95 | 290 |
| Catholic Social Teaching | 40 | | 200 | | 122 | 362 |
| Introduction to the New Testament | 45 | | 161 | | 112 | 318 |
| Introduction to Sacraments | | 158 | | 128 | | 286 |
| Introduction to the Old Testament | | 121 | | 125 | | 246 |
| Introduction to Worship | | 151 | | 125 | | 276 |
| Understanding the Gospels | | 172 | | 161 | | 333 |
| TOTAL | 156 | 602 | 718 | 539 | 434 | 2449 |
| | | | | | | |

In 2025 the subjects and learning leaders were:

- Catholic Forms of Prayer Rev Dr Charles Waddell
- Catholic Social Teaching Professor Gerard Moore
- Catholic Moral Decision Making Dr Debra Snoddy
- Introduction to the New Testament Dr Jonathan Thambyrajah

Online Professional Development program

The Institute offer 16 online professional development short courses. Each school term four short courses were taught, one each in the areas of theology, biblical studies, sacraments & liturgy, and spirituality & prayer. Each short course comprised 2 x 1.5 hour interactive zoom presentation (4.00-5.30 pm), 3 hours required reading, and 2 hours formative assessment: 8 hours in total. Participants received a digital certificate on completion.

The Institute also offer bespoke professional development programs as requested.

Our professional development and faith formation programs are accredited by Melbourne Archdiocesan Catholic Schools (MACS).

| THEOLOGY | BIBLICAL STUDIES | SACRAMENTS AND LITURGY | SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER |
|---|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholics Faith and Science • Science and the Bible • Human dignity • Conscience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Beatitudes • The Exodus • The Prophets • Christ at Christmas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptism and Confirmation • Reconciliation • The Mass in 3 hours • Preparing a Mass, preparing a liturgy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The great Christian prayers: Lord's prayer, Hail Mary, Sign of the Cross, Rosary • Praying with Images and Praying with Our Experiences • What is Prayer? • Exploring Praying with the Bible and Christian Meditation |

2025 Offerings

| Date | Presenter | Module | Registrations |
|---------------|-------------------------|--|----------------------|
| 14 Mar | Dr Jonathan Thambyrajah | Understanding the Beatitudes | 5 |
| 18 Mar | Prof Gerard Moore | The Gospel of Luke | 35 |
| 25 Mar | Prof Gerard Moore | Preparing a Mass & a Liturgy of the Word | 3 |
| 27 May | Prof Gerard Moore | Ethical Foundations: Human Dignity | 23 |
| 27 Jun | Dr Jonathan Thambyrajah | Biblical Exploration: Moses and the Exodus | 8 |
| 30 Jul | Prof Gerard Moore | Catholic Social Teaching | 35 |
| 13 Aug | Prof Gerard Moore | Interpreting the scriptures | 19 |
| 5-Sep | Dr Jonathan Thambyrajah | The Prophets | 2 |
| 8 Oct | Dr Debra Snoddy | Christ at Christmas: the biblical narratives | 12 |
| 21 Oct | Prof Gerard Moore | Teaching the scriptures | 26 |
| 28 Oct | Prof Gerard Moore | Catholics Faith and Science | 5 |
| 7 Nov | Dr Jonathan Thambyrajah | Christ at Christmas: the biblical narratives | 15 |
| 12 Nov | Prof Gerard Moore | Catholic Social Teaching | 19 |
| 21 Nov | Prof Gerard Moore | The Mass (in three hours) | 5 |
| TOTAL | | | 212 |

Catholic Education Western Australia: Ongoing Accreditation & Graduate Micro-credentials

In collaboration with Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA), the Institute has created and taught a series of 2-day short courses, delivered online and face-to-face, to assist the professional development of teachers. These can be taken for ongoing professional development, accreditation to teach or as graduate level micro credentials.

For 2025 these short courses were:

| SHORT COURSE | WHEN | LECTURER | ENROLMENTS |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---|------------|
| Ecological Theology | Jan 2025 | Dr Ann-Maree O’Beirne rsm & Professor Gerard Moore | 12 |
| Catholic Faith and Science | April 2025 | Professor Gerard Moore | 60 |
| The Parables | May 2025 | Dr Jonathan Thambyrajah & Dr Debra Snoddy | 13 |
| The Synoptic Gospels | July 2025 | Professor Gerard Moore | 20 |
| Workshop on Synodality | July 2025 | Professor Gerard Moore | 15 |
| Introduction to Mission | Oct 2025 | Mr Patrick Fox | 43 |
| Catholic Social Teaching | Dec 2025 | Prof Gerard Moore | 151 |
| TOTAL ENROLMENTS | | | 314 |

Studies in Catholic Thought curriculum professional development

In collaboration with Catholic Education Diocese of Wollongong, the Institute offers four professional development opportunities for staff teaching the senior curriculum Studies in Catholic Thought. The modules are taught face to face and comprise 6 hours each. The professional development day topics are:

- The Trinitarian God: Year 11
- Virtue, Vice and Salvation: Year 12
- The Re-Imagining of Creation: Year 11
- Who is the Human Person: Year 11

Online Short Courses

Introduction to Mission

| Partnership | Description | |
|----------------------------|--|--------------|
| Catholic Mission Australia | The course consists of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8 asynchronous modules available weekly, ○ Under the oversight of an online lecturer ○ All material is available online. ○ Participants are required to complete a post for each session, which is responded to by the online lecturer ○ A digital certificate is provided for successful completion of the modules and the posts | |
| Online lecturer | Date | Participants |
| Mr Patrick Fox | March & August | 8 |

Decoding the Code

Partnership

Created in collaboration with Catholic Health Australia

Description

The course consists of

- 8 asynchronous modules available weekly,
- Under the oversight of an online lecturer
- All material is available online.
- Participants are required to complete a post for each session, which is responded to by the online lecturer
- A digital certificate is provided for successful completion of the modules and the posts.

| Online lecturer | Date | Participants |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Dr Debra Snoddy | March & August | 8 |

Catholic Social Teaching

Partnership

Created in collaboration with the Office for Justice Ecology and Peace of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

Description

The course consists of

- 8 asynchronous modules available weekly,
- Under the oversight of an online lecturer
- All material is available online.
- Participants are required to complete a post for each session, which is responded to by the online lecturer
- A digital certificate is provided for successful completion of the modules and the posts.

| Online lecturer | Date | Participants |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Mr Peter Ardnt | March & August | 7 |

E. EVENTS

Prof Leo Lefebure

In conjunction with the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations, the Diocese of Parramatta and the University of Notre Dame, we hosted Rev Prof Lefebure for three events across June. On the faculty at Georgetown University in Washington DC, he is a specialist in interreligious dialogue.

Associate Professor Patricia Kieran

BBI-TAITE hosted Associate Professor Patricia Kiernan, Director of the Irish Institute for Catholic Studies, Mary Immaculate College Limerick www.mic.ie/iics as part of her Erasmus Interinstitutional Visit, June 23rd to July 3rd. Patricia delivered a public lecture online. The visit completed an international collaboration between the two institutions that was interrupted by the COVID pandemic.

Canon Law teaching intensive

In August eight students, from Australia, New Zealand, and Samoa, gathered for two courses offered during the final two weeks of August. The JCL courses were *DCA 6321 Seminar on Tribunal Practice*, taught by Professor Michael Nobel and *DCA 6366 Privacy and Data Protection*, taught by Professor Chad Glendenning, Dean of the Faculty.

Book launch

ONLINE book launch, in collaboration with Garratt Press, on 25 November of Therese and Jim D’Orsa, *Dialogue for Mission*, Melbourne: Vaughan Press 2025.

F. BBI-TAITE CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOLARSHIP, RESEARCH, CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Collaboration: Mission and Education Project 2025

The Mission and Education Project has continued to operate with the support of an editorial board of well-known Catholic educators from various parts of the country in collaboration with BBI-TAITE.

The primary duties of the Board are to:

- i. approve titles to be researched and published within the Project
- ii. provide advice and support to the Chair in developing the overall project and taking forward the various approved topics, including supporting and encouraging those involved, and
- iii. oversee the project’s finances and ensure that the costs of producing and publicising titles are covered.

Members of the Editorial Board are:

- Catherine Mead RSJ (Catholic Education Northern Territory) (*Chair 2023-*)
- Jim D’Orsa (Executive Officer)
- Paul Fumei (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools)
- Andrew Wilson (Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta)
- Tony Clarke (Director: Mission and Life Formation, Marist Schools Australia)
- Gerard Moore (Principal/CEO BBI-TAITE)
- Bill Sultmann (ACU Brisbane – Deputy Director La Salle Academy)

Publications

During the past year, the Project published the following title in collaboration with Garratt Publishing: Jim and Therese D’Orsa, *Dialogue in Mission: Dialogue as an orientation to Living*. Mulgrave: Vaughan Publishing, 2025

To be launched in February 2026 we have:

- Jill Gowdie, *An Educator’s Guide to Student Retreats*

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO) Human Research and Ethics Committee: Professor Gerard Moore is in his second three-year term as an external member of the RANZCO Ethics Committee.

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES REPORT 2024/ 2025

FULL-TIME AND FRACTIONAL ACADEMIC STAFF

CRISTINA LLEDO GOMEZ

Awards 2024-25

2025

College Theology Society Best Article of 2024 Award, \$500 USD

Publications 2024-2025

EDITED BOOKS

Lledo Gomez, Cristina and John Sheveland (eds.) (2025). *Vulnerability and Flourishing*. New York: Orbis.

Lledo Gomez, Cristina and Julia Brumbaugh (eds.) (2025). *Divine Interruptions: Maternal Theologies and Experiences*. Mahwah NJ: Paulist Press.

Lledo Gomez, Cristina, Brazal Agnes M., and Ibita, Ma. Marilou S. (eds.). (2024). *500 Years of Christianity and the Global Filipino/a: Postcolonial Perspectives*. Pathways for Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue. London: Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.

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Lledo Gomez, Cristina, Brazal Agnes M., and Ibita, Ma. Marilou S. (2024). "Philippine Christianity: 500 Years of Resistance and Accommodation". In Lledo Gomez et.al.(eds.) *500 Years of Christianity and the Global Filipino/a*.

(2024). "Bangon Na, Pinays Rise Up: Reclaiming Pinay Power Dismantled by a Christian Colonial Past and Present". In Lledo Gomez et.al.(eds.) *500 Years of Christianity and the Global Filipino/a*.

(2024) "Mariology as Patriarchal Theological Construct: An Ongoing Challenge for Feminist Theologies". In Katherine Massam and Stephen Burns (eds.). *SCM Companion to Feminist Theologies*. London: SCM.

(2024) "Mary." In *SCM Companion to Feminist Theology*, edited by Stephen Burns. London: SCM Press, *forthcoming*.

INVITED JOURNAL ARTICLES

(2025). "Believing in the Spirits is not 'woo woo': Christian and Philippine Anitist Belief". *Critical Theology Journal* Vol.7, no.2 (Winter): 17-25.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Lledo Gomez, Cristina. (2024). "Women's Consultation on Constructive Theology". *Catholic Theological Society of America Proceedings* Vol. 78.

Future publication projects

Lledo Gomez, Cristina and Brian Flanagan (eds.). *Embodying Ecclesial Diversity*. London: Palgrave. Expected Publication in 2026.

Lledo Gomez, Cristina. "The Church." In *The Oxford Handbook of Asian Christian Theologies* edited by Peter Phan. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Expected publication in 2026.

Lledo Gomez, Cristina and Kristine Suna-Koro (eds.). *Conversions and Deconversions in Christian Thought*. London: Palgrave. Expected Publication in 2027.

Pagbabalik Sa Loob (A Return to the Self): A Decolonial Filipina-Australian Theology. New York, Orbis. Expected Publication in 2027.

Conference Participation and Guest Lecture 2024-2025

2025

Conference Paper. "Ecotheology, wellbeing, and indigenous arts: Philippine Indigenous Arts as a lens for ecotheologising and increasing wellbeing of the racially oppressed." *Religion, Health, and Wellbeing Sessions*. European Academy of Religion annual conference, Vienna, Austria

Conference Paper. "Theological Response to the Story of David, his intellectual disability and capacity for reception of the Sacraments." *Disability and Theology Conference*, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, VIC.

Guest Lecture. "Feminist Ecclesiologies." *Feminist Theologies Course with Judith Gruber*. KU Leuven, Belgium.

2024

Chair. "500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines and the Global Filipino/a Book Launch." *Berkeley Centre for Religion, Peace, & World Affairs*

<https://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/events/500-years-of-christianity-and-the-global-filipin>

Conference Paper. "Filipin@ Catholic Marian belief as a double-edged bolo (sword)" *Catholic Studies unit, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA*

Conference Paper. "Believing in the Spirits is not 'woo woo': Christian and Philippine Anitist Belief." *Catholic Theological Society of America 78th Annual Conference*. Baltimore, Maryland
Australian Catholic Theological Association Annual Conference. Brisbane, QLD
Ecclesiological Investigations Research Network 15th Annual Conference. Chicago IL

Journal Article Reviewer

- Theological Studies
- Journal of World Christianity
- Studies in Religion
- International Journal of Christianity and Education

Research Examiner

2025

University of Divinity, Melbourne – Research Essay entitled "Purple and Lavender Talking Trauma: Toward a Theology of Going Through." (2024). Master of Theological Studies Minor Thesis, Pilgrim Theological College. University of Divinity. Melbourne, VIC.

Conference Organising

Member of Organising Team

Ecclesiological Investigations Network Conference. 2024 Theme: “Embodying Ecclesial Diversity.” Chicago

Co-Organiser

College Theology Society Conference. 2024 Theme: “Vulnerability and Flourishing.”

Other Leadership Roles

Associate Editor, *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society* (2025 – current)

Board Member

- Board Member-at-Large, *Ecclesiological Investigations Network* (2019 - current)
- Board Member-At-Large, *College Theology Society* (2022 – 2025)

Chair/Convenor

- Co-Chair, *Ecclesiological Investigations, American Academy of Religion* (2023-current)
- Co-convenor, *Women’s Consultation on Constructive Theology, Catholic Theological Society of America* (2022-2026)
- Co-Chair, *Feminisms, Gender and Theologies, College Theology Society* (2021-2025)

Mentorship

Co-Lead, Bi-annual *Mentorship Programme for Students of Colour and Minority Backgrounds, KU Leuven* (2024-current)

https://theo.kuleuven.be/en/research/centres/centr_lib/cfa-mentorship-programme-for-students-of-colour.pdf

Others

- Member, Gender Justice Working Group, *Australian Catholic Theological Association* (2018 – current)
- Member, Research Committee, *Australian University College of Divinity* (2025 – current)
- Member, Academic Committee, *Australian University College of Divinity* (2025 – current)

Public Engagement

2025

Interview. “What Would an Asian Pope Mean for the Catholic Church?”

SBS Filipino Radio Interview 2025.

<https://www.sbs.com.au/language/filipino/en/podcast-episode/what-would-an-asian-pope-mean-for-the-catholic-church/28v21xsty>

Public Lecture. “Mothers, Maternity and Mothering.”

Catholicism and Gender Series 2025, *Commonweal in Conversation*.

<https://events.fairfield.edu/event/catholicism-and-gender-commonweal-in-conversation-9111>

Theological Consultant. *Australian Catholic Bishops Conference* Social Justice Council 2026 statement on “Social Cohesion.”

2024

Reflection for Holy Trinity Sunday 2024. *Australian Women Preach*.

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/1FM2jaur3dFWVSYZApmhftf>

Statement of impact – Cited In

2025

Coloma, Anthony V. (2025). "Attunement and Safeguarding in the Parishes: Perspectives of a Diocesan Priest."

In Lledo Gomez et.al. *Vulnerability and Flourishing*. New York: Orbis.

Guthrie, Tyson Lee (2025). *Ex lapidibus et virgine the filial ecclesiology of irenaeus of Lyons*. Ph.D. diss.,

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

McEwan, Tracy (2025). *Women and the Catholic Church: Negotiating Identity and Agency*. London: Bloomsbury.

McRorie, C. G. "The Theology, Ethics, and Spirituality of Parenting". *Theological Studies* 86 (2025): 109-135.

Rompaey, J.V. "Weaving the Synodal Church. New Threads and the Entire Story". *International Journal*

for the Study of the Christian Church 3 (2025): 1-18.

Trolle, Astrid Krabbe. "Mission and Migration: Epistemological Tension in Two Research Fields" *Religions* 16,

no. 5 (2025): 587.

2024

Burns, Stephen (2024). "Gale A. Yee". In *Anglican Theology: Postcolonial Perspectives*. Edited by Stephen Burns and James Tengtenga. London: SCM, 2024.

De Mey, Peter. "The Restoration of Hope and Dignity in the Context of Sexual Abuse Crisis in the Church." *Communio Viatorum* 66 (2024): 28-37.

Jacobs, Brianne Bell (2024). *Holy Body: Gender and Sexual Difference in Theological Anthropology and Ecclesiology*. Lanham: Lexington.

Jugo, Jamina Vesta M. (2024). "Inang Diyos, Inang Bayan: The Virgin Mary and Filipino Identity." In *500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines & the Global Filipino/a*. Edited by Lledo Gomez et.al. Pathways for Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue. London: Palgrave.

Mendoza, S. Lily. "An Unholy Wedding: Christianity, Civilizational Supremacy, and the In/visibility of "Race" in Post-colonial Philippines." *Cross Currents* 74, no. 4 (2024): 465-482.

Phillips, Debra Joan. (2024). (Not) Mothering, Melancholia, and Christian Mysticism. In *Divine Interruptions: Maternal Theologies and Experiences*. Edited by Lledo Gomez et.al. New Jersey: Paulist.

Raphael, Augustine L. Yabut. *Learning with one another in the Spirit: A Decolonial and Synodal Religious Education*. Doctor of Philosophy in Theology and Education Dissertation. Faculty of the Clough School of Theology and Ministry. Boston College, August 2024.

Swift, Christopher (2024). "Mechanisms of Exclusion. The hidden forces that shape the development and fulfilment of vocations". In Burja, Katrin and Traugott Roser (eds.). *Queer im Pfarrhaus: Gender und Diversität in der Evangelischen Kirche*. Bielefeld, Germany.

Tang, Flora. "From Ecclesial Sin to Ecclesial Han: Ecclesiology Beyond 'A Church of Sinners and Saints'". *Theological Studies* 85 (2024): 56-77.

Zaker, Christina (2024). "Mothering with Pride." In *Divine Interruptions: Maternal Theologies and Experiences*. Edited by Lledo Gomez et.al. New Jersey: Paulist.

GERARD MOORE

Research and Scholarship 2024-2025

Books Edited

Sacrosanctum Concilium @60+: Exploring Liturgical Futures. Edited by Clare V Johnson, Gerard Moore and Peter Williams. Pallgrave MacMillan 2025.

Book Chapters

“Expanding the future *Lex*: the roles of tradition, culture and exchatology in critiquing liturgy’s founding principles”. Chapter in Clare V Johnson, Gerard Moore and Peter Williams.

Sacrosanctum Concilium @60+ Exploring Liturgical Futures. Palgrave macmillan: 2025, 23-39.

“Liturgy Unbound: the liturgical methodology of David N. Power”, chapter in Stephen Burns and James McFarland (eds) *Doing Liturgical Theology: Method in Context, forthcoming 2026*.

“The Origins and Place of Organic Development and Noble Simplicity: The Influence of German Neo-Classicism on the Reform of the Liturgy” Vol 4 in the series *Liturgiam Aestimare: Appreciating the Liturgy*, Documenta Rerum Ecclesiasticarum Instaurata. Series Moderator Ephrem Carr, Editors James Leachman, Daniel P. McCarthy, Patrick Regan. Farnborough, England: St Michael’s Abbey Press, *forthcoming*.

Articles

“Understanding our Obligations on Sunday” *Liturgy News* Winter (2025) 9-11.

“Commentaries on the four Sundays of Advent and Advent Meditation”, *Pastoral Liturgy* 56.1 (2025) [Pastoral Liturgy | The University of Notre Dame Australia](#)

“Remembering Pope Francis, Commentaries on Sundays 20, 21, 22, 25, 26 in Ordinary Time, the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica”, *Pastoral Liturgy* 55.3 (2025) [Pastoral Liturgy | The University of Notre Dame Australia](#)

“Liturgy and Justice: why is this still a question” *Australian Journal of Liturgy* 19 (3/ 2025) 5-22. Also in *Justice at the Heart of Liturgy: Questions Unresolved*, edited by Bryan Cones, 5-22. Adelaide: ATF Press, 2025.

“Commentaries on Lent, Ash Wednesday and the Sundays of Lent 1,2,3,4,5 *Pastoral Liturgy* 55.2 (2025) [Pastoral Liturgy | The University of Notre Dame Australia](#)

“Commentaries on the Sundays of Advent 1,2,3,4 *Pastoral Liturgy* 55.1 (2024) [Pastoral Liturgy | The University of Notre Dame Australia](#).

“Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy: questions incomplete”, *Australian Journal of Liturgy* 19/2 (2024): 71-76.

“Organic Development and Noble Simplicity: German Neoclassicism and the Reform of the Liturgy II”, *Australasian Catholic Record* 101/3 (2024): 278-292.

“Organic Development and Noble Simplicity: German Neoclassicism and the Reform of the Liturgy I”, *Australasian Catholic Record* 101/2 (2024): 204-217.

“Commentaries on the Sundays in Ordinary Time 12, 24, 25, 26, 27” *Pastoral Liturgy* 54.3 (2024).
[Pastoral Liturgy | The University of Notre Dame Australia \(nd.edu.au\)](#)

“Commentaries on the Sundays and Feasts: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Ascension, Pentecost, Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ” *Pastoral Liturgy* 54.2 (2024). [Pastoral Liturgy | The University of Notre Dame Australia \(nd.edu.au\)](#)

“What happens when the liturgical scene of the United States reaches through borders and across oceans”, *Liturgy*: 39/1 (2024) 5-12 <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ultg20/current>

Presentations

KEYNOTE: “Justice and Liturgy: Why is this still a question”. Keynote address Australian Academy of Liturgy Annual Conference, Brisbane January 2025.

“Eschatology, Worship and Hope” Australian Catholic Theological Association, July, Melbourne 2025.

Book review

Charles Waddell, Why the Risen Jesus Matters, *Australasian Catholic Record* 102 (4/ 2025), 502-503.

Podcast

“Introducing the Collect prayer: origins and genre”, at <https://www.podbean.com/eas/pb-cr38u-1751144>. ACU Centre for Liturgy.

[The Collect in the Liturgy: Part 2 | Speaking of Liturgy](#). ACU Centre for Liturgy.

Consultation

Member, The Liturgical Inculturation Working Group, a subcommittee of the National Liturgical Council of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

Consultant to Office for Peace Justice and Ecology, Australian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Ann-Maree O’Beirne RSM

Book Chapters

“Why a Feast for the Mystery of Creation in the Western Churches: Hope for a Troubled World?”, Chapter in Conference publication: *Pilgrims of Hope: Transformed through Sacrament & Song*, National Liturgy & Music Conference, 2025. Forthcoming.

Articles

“Commentaries on the Sundays and Feasts: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Holy Family, and Mary, the Holy Mother of God: ” *Pastoral Liturgy* 56, no. 1 (2025): 37-41, 68-73, 74-79. <https://researchonline.nd.edu.au/pastoral-liturgy/vol56/iss1/16>

“Third Sunday of Lent” and “Fourth Sunday of Lent”. Chapters in Clare Locke, Gerard Moore, Ann-Maree O’Beirne, Charles Waddell, *Lenten Program Year A: Our Hearts on Mission*, Garrett Publishing, Mulgrave Vic, 2025.

Presentations

“Cultivating Openness to Grace and Hope in a Distressed World: Consecrated Celibacy, Sublime Communion, and Comprehensive Compassion in Dialogue”, UISG Women Religious Theologians Symposium, Rome, 26 May – 2 June, 2024.

Keynote Address: “Captivated by Grace, Cultivating Hope: Denis Edwards’s Theological Gaze on the Natural World in these Troubled Times”, Catholic Earth Care Season of Creation Convocation, September 2024.

“Sublime Communion and Integral Ecology: Wisdom Towards a Hermeneutic of Grace and a Praxis of Hope for Inclusive, Relational Ways of Being.” Australian Catholic Theological Association, Melbourne, July, 2025.

“Graced Encounters in the Community of Creation: Cultivating Hope in Action”, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Season of Creation Presentation. September 2025.

“Integral Ecology and a ‘God of Mutual Friendship’: Ancient Wisdom Towards Grace and Hope for Giving Glory to God in All Things Ever New.” Good Samaritan Education Conference, Sydney, September 2025

Address: “Why a Feast for the Mystery of Creation in the Western Churches: Hope for a Troubled World?”, Pilgrims of Hope: Transformed through Sacrament & Song National Liturgy & Music Conference Adelaide 1-3 October 2025.

Webinars

“Jesus and the Natural World Webinar”, Garrett Publishing, 28 August 2025
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtfBvgPGoEI>

“What is Creation Day”, Webinar Presentations for Oceania Bishops Conference, Asia Bishops Conference, Meeting of Bishops in Rome during the Synod, Ecumenical Webinar for the Australian Church, IMBISA Bishops Conference, SECAM Bishops Conference (September 2024 – October 2025).

JONATHAN ARULNATHAN THAMBYRAJAH

Publications 2024-2025

In Press

“Intertextuality in the Versions of Esther,” in the IOSCS congress volume (proofs received, expected late 2025/early 2026)

Irrevocability/Versions (proofs received, expected Dec 2025)

“What do Herod and Peter Have in Common? Oath-Breaking in Matthew’s Discourse and Narrative” (CGAR volume, proofs received)

Review: Beatrice Bonanno. *The Septuagint of Ruth. Translation Technique, Textual History, and Theological Issues* (Turnhout: Brepols 2024) (accepted for publication)

Journal Articles

“אֶשְׁרָיָהּ and μακάριος: Contact Linguistics, Constrained Language, and the Nature of Judaic Greek,” *JBL* 144 (2025): 513–534.

“Distinguishing Loanwords and Short Code-Switches in Biblical Hebrew and Aramaic,” *Hebrew Studies* 65 (2024): 49–68.

“Plot, Structure, and the Motif of Anger in Esther,” *ABR* 72 (2024): 36–50.

“The Supposedly Irrevocable Laws in Esther and Dan 6 in Light of the Motif of the King’s Inability to Undo an Execution,” *VT* 75 (2024): 430–52.

Book Reviews

Isaac Kalimi. *The Book of Esther between Judaism and Christianity*, *ABR* 72 (2024): 127–29.

Dionisio Candido. *Synopsis of the Book of Esther. Masoretic Text, Old Greek, Alpha Text, Old Latin, Vulgate, Jewish Antiquities (CBET 102.1)*. *Rivista Biblica* 72 (2024): 409–13.

Future research directions

- A paper on the loanwords in 1QM
- Other projects relating to the book of Esther and other Second Temple literature.
- Other projects relating to the Gospel of Matthew.
- Paper on asking for a sign in Matthew
- Paper on Esther 7:8 (addressing shame and verbal semantics)

Statement of Impact

Contributions to ongoing discussions in the area of the exegesis and textual criticism of Second Temple texts at Australian conferences.

Contributions to ongoing discussions of ethnicity in the Hebrew Bible, ancient Israel, and its neighbours.

Editor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible for the *Australian Biblical Review*

Citations of my research in 2024-25

“Israelite or Moabite? Ethnicity in the book of Ruth” was cited in MCS Mawikere et al “Grace Unveiled: The Charm of תּוֹן in the Book of Ruth and Its Transformative Message for Christian Life,” *Jurnal Teologi Injili* (2024)

“Israelite or Moabite? Ethnicity in the book of Ruth” was cited in Michele Corgiat, “Shame, Identity and Reconciliation with Christ,” (Phd Diss. Liberty Universtiy, 2025)

“Israelite or Moabite? Ethnicity in the book of Ruth” was cited in Marco Kälint, “Bridge over Troubled Water: Crossing the Bridge between Biblical Confession and Pastoral Practice Regarding Divorce and Remarriage in Unie-ABC Congregations,” (DMin Diss. Liberty Universtiy, 2025)

“A New Etymology for Hebrew אֶלְגָּבִיט and Related Lexemes” was cited in ES Ayil, *Identifying the Stones of Classical Hebrew: A Modern Philological Approach* (2024)

“Other laws’: Haman’s accusation against the Jews in the book of Esther” was cited in PA Himes, “Genocide in Esther: A response to a recent attempt to defend Haman,” *JSOT* (2024)

“Other laws’: Haman’s accusation against the Jews in the book of Esther” was cited in A Fry, “The Myth of Multiculturalism in MT Esther: Comparing Western and Persian Hegemonic Tolerance,” *Religions* (2025)

“Mordecai’s dream in Esther—The Greek and Latin versions” was cited in EC Sorrow, *Women in Leadership: Biblical and Contemporary Perspectives* (2024)

“Moabite Ethnicity and Territorial Claims in the Mesha Stele (and the Hebrew Bible),” was cited in CD Hunt “Crying Gate Bars and Fleeing Refugees: The Polysemy of בריחה in Isaiah 15,” *CBQ* (2024)

“Jews in Susa- the significance of setting,” was cited in L Yang, ““Who Knows Whether You Have Not Come to the Kingdom for Such a Time as This?” An Intertextual and Biblical-Theological Study of Esther” (2024)

“Jews in Susa- the significance of setting,” was cited in Elisa Uusimäki, “Memories of Mixed Marriage: Women’s Mobility and Subaltern Agency in the Hebrew Bible and Beyond” *WdO* (2024)

Statements relating research activity to teaching

The methods I have developed in my research have proved very useful in teaching. In particular I have been able to use the narratological and rhetorical methods that are a cornerstone of my research methods to provide Biblical Studies students with tools to engage with Biblical texts.

Researching the development of Biblical texts in the Second Temple period has also allowed me to develop a deeper understanding the formation and purpose of Biblical texts—something that has helped me to better put Biblical texts in perspective for the students.

SESSIONAL ACADEMIC STAFF

CHRIS BUDDEN

Articles

“A Brief History of the Construction of the Preamble.” *Uniting Church Studies* Volume 26, Number 1 (June 2024): 35-47.

“The Preamble Fifteen Years On.” *Uniting Church Studies*, Volume 26, Number 2 (December 2024): 7-14. [I also assisted in the editing of other papers from that conference that were published in this edition.]

“Confessing faith through the Nicæan Creed in settler-colonial Australia: What use is a Creed constructed under the protection of the Emperor?” This is an extended version of a paper presented at a Ecumenical Institute/WCC Conference held in Geneva (Switzerland) November 2024 to mark the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. It has been accepted for publication in the Proceedings of the Conference – late 2025.

“Not god-forsaken: A Trinitarian reply to the settler-colonial narrative in Australia.” I was invited to write this article for the *Handbook of Traditional Spirituality and Sustainability*. It will be published late 2025.

“Receiving the Nicene Creed in settler-colonial space,” to be published in *Uniting Church Studies*, Volume 27, Number 2 (December 2025).

Presentations

Opening address for “The Preamble: 15 Years On” Conference held at United Theological College (North Parramatta), 8-9 July 2024.

“Facing a Different Question from a Different Place”. Paper presented to “Towards Nicaea 2025 – Exploring the Councils Ecumenical Significance Today” Conference at Ecumenical Institute, Geneva (Switzerland), 5-7 November 2024.

“Nicaea and its implications for the Church”. Presentation to meeting of NSW.ACT Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia, 12 July 2025.

“Receiving the Nicene Creed in Settler-Colonial Space”. Opening keynote address at “Creeds, Confessions and Contexts” Conference held at Uniting Theological College (North Parramatta), 11-12 September 2025.

I also submitted my dissertation for the award of PhD to Flinders University in November 2025.
Topic: “The Generous Providence of the Triune God in Settler-Colonial Australia:
A conversation inspired and shaped by the Uniting Church’s 2009 Preamble”.

MARK CRAIG

Craig, M. “An Understanding of Reality That Is Linguistic, Robust, and Provisional: Language and Its Influence on the Claim to What Is True or Real.” Doctor of Philosophy thesis, University of Divinity, 2025. <https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.13057/6510>

Sultmann, W. F., Lamb, J. Ivers, P. & Craig, M. (2025). What matters to senior secondary students in RE: An Australian case study that compares an innovative curriculum with traditional approaches. In Sally Windsor & Olof Franck (Eds). *Intersections of Religion, Education, and a Sustainable World*. Singapore: Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-81809-7

Sultmann, William, Janeen Lamb, Peter Ivers, and Mark Craig. 2024. "Student Priorities for Topics, Pedagogies, and Outcomes in Senior Secondary Religious Education: An Australian Perspective"

Religions 15, no. 9: 1029. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel15091029>

ANDREW MURRAY

Book

Faith, Flourishing, and Well-being. Melbourne: Garratt Publishing, forthcoming 2026.

Current research

“What factors contribute to the flourishing and well-being of Catholic primary school leaders in New Zealand? An analysis of inhibitors and enablers”. Doctoral program, Australian Catholic University

Professional presentations

“Well-being for Future Focused Schools”. National Education Summit, Melbourne, August, 2025.

“Leadership, Human Flourishing, and School Culture”. National Education Summit, Brisbane, July, 2025.

Workshops facilitated

“Designing for Human Flourishing”. A full-day workshop for school leadership teams exploring culture, rhythms, and systems that support well-being with a theological lens: July 2025

“Anti-5am Club”. Staff well-being workshop focusing on sustainable energy, boundaries, and belonging: September 2025

“Surviving to Flourishing”. A formation day for Catholic educators exploring vocation, resilience, and hope. September 2025

Podcasts

“The Well.I.Am Podcast”. Co-host, focusing on human flourishing, resilience and leadership. Guest appearances on education and well-being podcasts across NZ, Australia and USA

- [Teacher Takeaway Podcast Season 5 Episode 27](#)
- [Catholic Schools Matters with Tim Uhl; Andrew Murray on Burnout and Balance](#)
- Wellbeing Australia: [Wellbeing Strategies - Building Your "Home" for Wellbeing](#)

THERESE AND JIM D’ORSA (MISSION AND EDUCATION BOARD)

D’Orsa, Jim and Therese D’Orsa. *Dialogue in Mission: Dialogue as an Orientation to Living*.

Melbourne: Vaughan Press, 2025

CHARLES WADDELL

Why the Risen Jesus Matters. Strathfield: St Pauls, 2024

Statements relating research activity to teaching

The articles and books inform my two primary teaching units in Christology and Ecclesiology: Encountering Jesus the Christ and Church: The Living Community of Faith.

PAUL WILSON

Papers and presentations

“Referendum Reflections for the Australian Church”: A 4000 word Proposal for BBI-based Research into the Next Steps with First Nations Brothers and Sisters: Toowoomba Diocesan Social Justice Commission. Accepted, November 2024

Preparation and presentation of “Formation for Indigenous Allies”, as preparation for Immersion to Cherbourg 2025 for the Indigenous Allies (and Partners) from Toowoomba ,February 2025, based on previously developed course for BBI on Indigenous Immersion, 2011

Social Justice Study group, St Matthew’s Parish, commencing July 2024, each month for 2 hours

Consultation

Advisor to Communitas Volunteers Australia Meetings from 2022 to 2024 providing knowledge and experience of Volunteering in Social Justice ministries within the Catholic Church see www.communitasvolunteersaustralia.org

Assistance to Jinibara Community in Governance matters under R. Jayawardhana, Board of Communitas Volunteers Australia, commencing September, 2024.

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