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2011 marked a year of substantial development for the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy. Having consolidated its structures, the Faculty was able to recruit some new academics to its ranks to take up vacancies that had arisen in recent years. We were particularly delighted to have Professor Kevin Hart FAHA join the University as Professor of Philosophy and that the Archdiocese of Melbourne, which funds the Chair in Philosophy, agreed to name the Chair after the distinguished Australian philosopher, Archbishop Eric D’Arcy.

ERA 2010:
2011 began with the news of the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2010 Report. In this assessment, the University achieved a score of 4 (“above world average”) in the Field of Research (FoR 2204), Religion and Religious Studies, which placed our research performance in Theology at equal top ranking in Australia. By way of comparison, of the 41 eligible institutions in Australian higher education, 15 were assessed in the FoR 2204 and 19 were assessed in Philosophy (FoR 2203). The national average in 2204 was 2.9, while in 2203 it was 3.3. Our aim now is to achieve even higher ratings in each discipline by ERA 2014.

Course reviews and developments:
The Course Review for the Graduate Certificate/Master of Arts (Theology), undertaken in 2010, was presented to and approved by Academic Board in February. The Faculty is confident that the outcomes of the adoption of the recommendations of the Course Review Report, will be (i) a leaner but stronger suite of courses, (ii) improved enrolment numbers, and (iii) improved profitability for the Faculty overall. A very important adjunct to this suite of changes will be the implementation of a marketing plan to promote the courses of the Faculty, as well as systematic attention to strengthen the student experience of our courses.

Review of provision in philosophy:
Following the review of the Faculty’s provision in Theology in 2010, the Faculty established a taskforce to undertake a comprehensive review of our Philosophy offerings, with a view to increasing the strength and profile of the discipline at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The recommendations of the report were approved by Faculty Board in 2011 and have laid a strong foundation for development of the Faculty’s offerings in philosophy.

Catholic Leadership Centre in Melbourne:
The establishment of a Catholic Leadership Centre in Melbourne, to deliver executive education and professional development for leaders in Catholic agencies, is an exciting and visionary project and the Faculty looks forward to playing a part in it. The centre aims to provide lifelong learning opportunities for personnel in Catholic agencies and ministries, from middle management and aspiring leaders through to senior executives. Its goal is the theological, spiritual and faith education of the leaders of Catholic agencies and ministries, in tandem with their professional and executive development. The centre will offer a wide range of programs, both award and non-award, including professional development (non-award) programs and a suite of award courses, including graduate certificates and masters degree programs through to doctoral programs. The signature program will be a master’s program which will focus on developing a refined understanding of Catholic thought and culture, mission and ethos. The Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Catholic Culture will be offered as part of the suite of programs.

Australian EJournal of Theology:
The redesign of the Australian EJournal of Theology (AEJT) was another important project in 2010-2011. A high priority in its redevelopment was to increase the profile of the Faculty by
raising the profile of the journal. The redesigned AEJT website went live in 2011 and the journal is now listed in the EBSCO database, greatly increasing access to it. By year’s end, the site recorded more than 16,000 visits, including approximately 11,600 unique visitors, who came from across the world: from Australia (with 6,700 hits) through USA, UK, Canada, New Zealand, Philippines, India, Italy, Kenya, Brazil, Germany, France, Norway, Netherlands, to Indonesia (with 100 hits). Faculty eLearning Coordinator Kate Fannon played an instrumental role in the redesign of the journal website and the outcome is a credit to the Faculty. Credit is due to Rev. Associate Professor Gerard Hall SM who first established the journal and steered its early development, and to Rev. Associate ProfessorOrm Rush who served as editor in Semester 1, 2011 and steered the journal through its redevelopment. Professor Neil Ormerod took over as editor in Semester 2, 2011, in a three year term of appointment to the role. The Editor is supported by a team of peer-reviewers who bring expertise in a wide range of areas of theology to the peer-review process, and the Editorial Board was comprised as follows:

- Stephen Bevans SVD, Louis J. Luzbatek, S.V.D, Professor of Mission and Culture, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
- Brendon Byrne SJ, FAHA, Professor of New Testament at Jesuit Theological College, Melbourne
- Anthony Kelly CSsR, Professor of Theology, Australian Catholic University
- Francis J Moloney, SDB, AM, FAHA, Emeritus Professor New Testament, The Catholic University of America
- Neil Ormerod, Professor of Theology, Australian Catholic University
- Peter Phan, Ignacio Ellacuría Chair of Catholic Social Thought, Theology Department Georgetown University, Washington DC

Ex-officio members of the Faculty:

- Editor, Orm Rush (then Neil Ormerod in Semester 2)
- Chair of the Board, Executive Dean Anne Hunt OAM
- Associate Dean (Research) James McLaren

Faculty eLearning Coordinator: Kate Fannon
Administrative officer: Jennifer Imperial

**eConference:**

After more than a year’s planning, the Faculty was pleased to produce its first eConference, entitled “Conversations with Islam” as part of a larger project, steered by Faculty Marketing Manager Ms Therese Vassarotti, to raise the profile of the Faculty and extend its reach into secondary schools, parishes and the wider community. Approximately four hundred Catholic school and college students from ACT and NSW participated in it on the Canberra and North Sydney campuses, with sixty schools participating via the web. Feedback on the eConference was very positive. The main aim of this eConference was to raise awareness and understanding of Islam that is not only integral to the students’ studies in other subject areas but also essential to the strengthening of Australia’s social fabric and cohesion. The conference program included four main topics: History of Muslims in Australia, Islamic Ritual and Practice, Notions of Hijab and Jihad in Islam, and Muslim-Christian Dialogue. Credit is due to Ms Therese Vassarotti, who led the project, and to Professor Raymond Canning for advice on this particular topic.

**Review of the Plunkett Centre for Ethics:**

As part of Australian Catholic University’s normal cycle of organisational reviews, the Plunkett Centre for Ethics was reviewed in late 2011. The Centre, originally the “John Plunkett Centre for Ethics in Healthcare,” was established in 1992, and is conducted in a partnership with St Vincent’s and Mater Health Sydney. Vice-Chancellor Professor Craven asked that the Review Committee also give consideration in the process to the establishment of a national centre for Catholic ethics, following a suggestion from Catholic Health Australia that the University move in this direction. The Report will be finalised in early 2012 and submitted to the Vice-Chancellor for his consideration.

**A Patron Saint for the Faculty:**

Members of Faculty participated in the process of choosing a patron saint for the Faculty. Eight candidates were proposed for consideration and a preferential voting system resulted in the nomination of Blessed John Henry Newman who was beatified in 2010.

Thanks are due to members of Faculty who have contributed so much to all that has been achieved by the Faculty in 2011. Thanks, firstly, to our two Associate Deans, Associate Professor James McLaren, Associate Dean (Research), and Associate Professor Robyn Horner, Associate Dean (Learning & Teaching), who have worked tirelessly to develop in their areas of responsibility, and to our two Heads of School, Rev. Associate Professor David Pascoe (Theology) and Dr Richard Colledge (Philosophy), who have worked diligently and with great generosity of spirit in leading the Schools. The Faculty is also greatly blessed to have a dedicated and hard-working administrative team who together ensure the smooth and effective running of the Faculty. Thank you too to the Directors of Centres, the members of the various working parties and committees that have served to advance the interests of the Faculty in 2011, including the Assistant Heads of School (Theology) and the website committee, the Philosophy Task Force, the AEJT Board, and course implementation and course review committees. The Faculty has many fine scholars and teachers in its ranks, a diligent administrative staff and a strong Executive Team. The University can justly be pleased with and proud of all that has been achieved in 2011.

The Faculty Executive Committee comprised the following members in 2011:

**Executive Dean:** Professor Anne Hunt (Chair)
**Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching):** Associate Professor Robyn Horner
**Associate Dean (Research):** Associate Professor and Reader James McLaren
**Faculty Marketing Manager:** Ms Therese Vassarotti
**Faculty Manager:** Ms Pam Buscemi
**Faculty Executive Officer:** Ms Frances Wilkinson
**Faculty Executive Assistant:** Ms Linda Tracey
**Head of the School of Theology:** Rev. Associate Professor David Pascoe
**Head of the School of Philosophy:** Dr Richard Colledge
The Faculty Board comprised the following members in 2011:

**Executive Dean:** Professor Anne Hunt (Chair)  
**Associate Dean (Learning & Teaching):** Associate Professor Robyn Horner  
**Associate Dean (Research):** Associate Professor James McLaren  
**Head of School (Philosophy):** Dr Richard Colledge  
**Head of School (Theology):** Rev. Associate Professor David Pascoe  
**Elected Professoriate Member:** Professor Robert Gascoigne  
**Elected Professoriate Member:** Professor John Ozolins  
**Ex-officio – Professor of Religious Education:** Professor Peta Goldburg RSM  
**Elected Academic Member, QLD:** Dr Ian Elmer  
**Elected Academic Member, NSW:** Dr John Quilter  
**Elected Academic Member, ACT:** Ms Therese Vassarotti  
**Elected Academic Member, VIC:** Dr Richard Wade  
**Centre for Indigenous Education and Research Representative:** Mr Ken Ralph  
**Student Representative:** Ms Lucienne Paul  

In Attendance at Faculty Board:  

**Senior Academic:** Professor Neil Ormerod  
**Student Administration Representative:** Ms Joy Magee  
**Faculty Manager:** Ms Pam Buscemi  
**Faculty Executive Officer:** Ms Fran Wilkinson  

The following strategic priorities were addressed in 2011:

- Re-design of the Faculty website, aiming for greater effectiveness as a marketing tool for the Faculty  
- Development of a Faculty Marketing Plan to increase student enrolments  
- Implementation and review of a national portfolio structure of responsibilities for Assistant Heads of School in School of Theology  
- Completion of the Workforce Planning project  
- Completion of the re-development and re-positioning of the Australian eJournal of Theology

In terms of the Faculty administrative and operational structures:

- Review of administrative staff roles and responsibilities across all campuses  
- Identification of individual professional development requirements that will enhance and improve skills required for administrative staff to exercise their roles and tasks  
- Development of administrative procedures  
- Establishment of financial and budgetary policies and procedures to ensure effective and efficient fiscal operations
Membership of the Faculty Learning and Teaching Committee for 2011:

Chair: Associate Professor Robyn Horner
Nominee of Head of School (Philosophy): Dr Richard Colledge
Nominee of Head of School (Theology): Dr Anne Tuohy
Chair of Assessment Review Committee (Philosophy): Dr John Quilter
Chair of Assessment Review Committee (Theology): Associate Professor David Sim
Faculty Flexible ELearning Coordinator (non-voting): Ms Kate Fannon
Student representative: Ms Kimberley Dever
Nominee of the University Learning and Teaching Committee: Dr Annette Schneider RSM
Administrative Officer: Ms Kerry Capon

The following major goals were addressed in 2011:

1. Enhancing the quality of the Faculty’s course offerings
   • Preparation for the incorporation of the Core Curriculum in Bachelor of Theology and Diploma of Theology in 2012
   • Implementation of the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies/Masters in Theological Studies and Master of Theology (Research) following the Graduate Certificate/Master of Arts (Theology) Course Review
   • Completion of the reviews of the Graduate Certificate in Interfaith Relations and the Certificate in Guiding Meditation
   • A review of Philosophy units and courses
   • Preparation for the review of the Bachelor of Theology in 2012
   • Investigation of the viability of multiple combined degrees and their implementation
   • Development of a Faculty policy on student workloads

2. Learning and teaching research
   • Completion of reports for the 2010 projects funded by Australian Learning and Teaching Council and the Bishops’ Grant
   • Implementation of a Teaching Development Grant project on flexible learning across campuses

3. Support for major University learning and teaching initiatives
   • Online Learning Environment implementation
   • Assessment Project

4. Academic staff development projects
   • Assistance in implementation of Assistant Head of School (Theology) national portfolios
   • Assistance with professional learning of Heads of School of Theology and Philosophy, especially with regard to the strategic priorities of the Faculty

As part of a strategy to increase enrolments in the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies, the Faculty had variants of this program approved for offering through Open Universities Australia (OUA). OUA students can now undertake either a biblical or an ancient languages specialisation. Dr Michael Theophilos has been working to reconceptualise and revitalise some of our online ancient language units, with a view to making ACU a centre for this study.
Research Report 2011

ASSOCIATE DEAN (RESEARCH) ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND READER JAMES MCLAREN

Membership of the Faculty Research Committee for 2011:

Chair: Associate Professor James McLaren
School of Philosophy Research Coordinator: Dr Stephen Buckle
Nominee of Head of School (Philosophy): Dr Peter Drum
School of Theology Research Coordinator: Rev. Associate Professor Orm Rush
Nominee of Head of School (Theology): Professor Neil Ormerod
Representative of the Faculty Research Centres: Rev. Dr Geoffrey Dunn
Representative of the Research Support Teams: Associate Professor Mary Coloe PBVM
Representative of the Senior Proven Research Team: Dr Nick Trakakis
Head of School of Philosophy: Dr Richard Colledge
Higher Degree Research student representative: Ms Lucienne Paul
Administrative Officer: Ms Kerry Capon

The following goals were addressed in 2011:

3. Enhancing the Research Productivity of the Faculty
   • Supporting the newly established Faculty Senior Proven Research Team in Philosophy
   • Supporting the newly instituted Faculty Research Support Teams
   • Increasing the number of National Competitive Grant Applications
   • Increasing the number of Research Outputs for the Faculty
   • Enhancing the level of engagement of honorary appointees in Faculty Research Activity

4. Expanding the Faculty Research profile in Philosophy
   • Support for the Faculty Senior Proven Research Team in recruiting HDR students
   • Supporting the Faculty Senior Proven Research Team in applications for National Competitive Grants
   • Increasing the number of honorary appointees with a research profile in Philosophy

5. Preparation for ERA 2012
   • Review the outcomes of ERA 2010
   • Conduct professional development activities regarding ERA and beyond

The second annual inaugural Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Student Conference was organized in the Semester 2 Study Week, in collaboration with Melbourne College of Divinity in Melbourne, and one day conferences in Sydney and Brisbane. Over sixty HDR students from across the participating institutions were involved in presenting papers, chairing sessions and assisting with the conference in various capacities.
A major focus for the School of Theology in 2011 was the further consolidation of the national character, cohesion and operation of the School of Theology. This involved restructuring the School’s administration and management roles of the Head of School and the three Assistant Heads of School. In the re-structure, coordination for all academic staff and their workloads remains the responsibility of Head of School. The roles of Assistant Heads of School were restructured with a focus on three national portfolios: Student Matters, Course Matters and Sessional Teaching. The re-structure will continue to be refined in consultation with the Executive Dean and Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching).

The School of Theology was pleased to have a number of its lecturers involved in preparations for the introduction of the University Core Curriculum in 2012. A significant number of academic staff also participated in the redevelopment, for delivery in 2012, of undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate Theology units in conjunction with Faculty Project Officer Kath Boyle and E-Learning Coordinator Kate Fannon. Professional development for academic staff focussed on the use of Adobe Connect for flexible delivery of units offered by the School. All academic staff participated in professional development for conversion of the learning management system from Blackboard to LEO.

The introduction of Career Pathways and a new Workload Model involved a valuable process of discernment for each individual academic staff member, concerning their academic pathways in the context of the new Workload Model. An important goal was the development of more equitable and transparent distribution of academic staff workloads across the campuses and nationally.

The School was delighted to welcome a number of new academic staff in 2011, who together have enhanced the strength and profile of the School of Theology and the Faculty: Dr Joseph Lam OSA, Dr Jonathan Tan and Dr Dermot Nestor to the Strathfield Campus; Dr Edmund Chia, Dr Gemma Cruz and Dr Christiaan Jacobs-Vandegeer to the Melbourne Campus; and Dr David Kirchhoffer and Mr Ren Perkins to the Brisbane Campus.
The year saw a range of significant staffing changes. The School was pleased to welcome Dr Stephen Matthews to the School in July in a two year research-intensive appointment within the Plunkett Centre for Ethics. In May, Professor Raimond Gaita FAHA, Foundation Professor of Philosophy, completed his term of appointment to the University. Professor Gaita commenced in 1993 as Foundation Research Professor of Philosophy in what was then the University’s Institute of Advanced Research. Professor Kevin Hart FAHA, who joins us from the University of Virginia took up his appointment as the Eric D’Arcy Professor of Philosophy. One of the highlights of the year was the Masters level unit taught by Professor Hart on the theme of “contemplation” in the history of western philosophy and theology (the topic of a forthcoming book).

Among the most exciting developments of 2011 was the establishment in the School of Philosophy of the Faculty’s Senior Proven Research Team (SPRT). The team, which is based at the Melbourne campus, is led by Professor Kevin Hart, and includes Dr Nick Trakakis (previously with Monash and Deakin Universities) and Dr Jeff Hanson (previously with Boston College). The final member of the team, Dr Chris Hackett (previously with University of Virginia and a research fellowship at the prestigious École Normale Supérieure) will take up his position in January 2012. This strategic investment in Philosophy at ACU promises much for the future of the discipline and its research profile, particularly in the area of Philosophy of Religion. This development has also been instrumental in securing a range of world class scholars as adjunct professors and honorary research fellows in the School.

Professor Hart delivered the 12th annual Simone Weil Lecture on Human Value in 2011. Speaking on the theme of forgiveness, drawing especially on thought from Jacques Derrida, French Jewish thinker Vladimir Jankélévitch and various Biblical passages, Professor Hart delivered the lecture in three very well-attended stagings in July at the Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane campus (this being the first time the event had been held in Brisbane).

The review of Philosophy coursework offerings was a very important strategic project in 2011. Its many recommendations concern issues around teaching and learning at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, and the marketing and promotion of Philosophy at ACU. An important initiative resulting from the review focuses on building structures by which students within our undergraduate cohort (which span several courses, including the Bachelor of Arts) can be more effectively identified and tracked, with a view to encouraging those with interest and potential to proceed further in their Philosophy studies. A second initiative focuses on expanding and diversifying postgraduate coursework in Philosophy and this will inform the considerations of the review of the Graduate Certificate in Applied Ethics, which has been offered in partnership with St Vincent’s and Mater Health Sydney since 2008.

The School of Philosophy will be proud to host the 2012 Australasian Philosophy of Religion Association conference with a program that will feature an impressive list of keynote speakers, including Professor Marilyn McCord Adams and our Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow, Professor Richard Kearney. The School looks forward to involvement in the introduction of the University Core Curriculum in 2012 and the visionary opportunity it offers to more deeply promote and embed the riches of the Catholic intellectual tradition across the University. The School keenly awaits the redevelopment of the Faculty website and, within it, the School’s sub-website, which will be an important new tool in the promotion of Philosophy at ACU. Finally, the School’s journal, Ethics Education, is also in the midst of a substantial redevelopment under the watchful eye of editor, Professor John Ozolins. Catholic teachers to help their students discover for themselves that their faith is just as intellectually serious, just as well-grounded and articulate, and just as integral to contemporary culture, as are the other things they study.
2011 was the second year of the operation of the Affiliation Agreement between Trinity and the University and the relationship continues to develop and strengthen.

With a different timetable arrangement during 2011, a greater number of units were taught at the College in Auchenflower. This has been a real gain for the College as it has brought a wide cross-section of ACU students onto our site and into our community. We are pleased to be able to make our teaching and library facilities available to ACU students.


The curriculum of our ministry formation programme remains subject to ongoing development. To this end, we have developed several new units to replace older ones: ‘Biblical Languages for Ministry,’ ‘The Bible and Ethics,’ ‘Jesus God and Salvation,’ and ‘Preaching’. We are pleased and grateful that all of these units have been approved for inclusion in the Bachelor of Theology from 2012, and we look forward to teaching them.

Two significant highlights of the year involved public lectures. In July the College co-hosted a public lecture by Professor Daniel Smith-Christopher from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles who addressed the topic, ‘Lamentations and the Blues.’ This was a fascinating exploration of the parallels between the book of Lamentations and the music genre, the Blues. In August we hosted the 2011 Rollie Busch Memorial Lecture (Rollie Busch having been a previous Principal of the College and the third President of the Uniting Church in Australia). The speaker for this year’s lecture was Professor Nancey Murphy of Fuller Theological Seminary and her topic was ‘Did My Neurons Make Me Do It?’ The respondent to the lecture was Professor Peter Harrison, formerly the Andreas Idreos Professor of Science and Religion at Oxford University and now the Director of the Centre for the History of European Discourses at the University of Queensland. Over one hundred people, including ACU staff and students, attended this very stimulating evening. Through such lectures Trinity is very pleased to be facilitating opportunities for the public discussion of significant contemporary theological issues.

Towards the end of the year, the representatives of both the Queensland Synod of the Uniting Church and the University began the task of renewing the affiliation prior to the renewal date of February 2012. This has been a very smooth process and in itself indicative of the constructive and fruitful relationship that has developed so quickly between our two institutions.
The Centre for Early Christian Studies (a University Priority Research Centre)

Director: Professor Pauline Allen FAHA
Administrative Officers: Ms Dinah Joesoef and Mr Tom Buchanan

The annual meeting of the Centre for Early Christian Studies (CECS), held on Brisbane’s McAuley campus in March had a record number of twenty-three participants, including four honorary members and two Japanese colleagues, Professors Kazuhiko Demura (Okayama) and Naoki Kamimura (Tokyo). The two annual formal lectures presented on this occasion were by Dr Alan Cadwallader (“Greeks in Kolossai: centre and periphery in the Letter to the Kolossians and its context”) and Dr Stephen Lake (“A failed cultural transfer: aspects of the Roman non-appropriation of Greek medicine in the early Christian West”). Other members contributed shorter reports on their research, teaching, and related activities. A session was devoted to strategic planning, particularly in view of the pending review of University Priority Research Centres.

The Centre’s website (www.cecs.acu.edu.au) is a valuable tool for disseminating news of the Centre’s activities and, with the valuable assistance of our colleagues in ACU Information Technology, Wil Daniels and Mark Laffan, the website was migrated to a virtualised server in October and is therefore less liable to down-time.

Plans are well in hand for the next Centre for Early Christian Studies conference, to be held on St Patrick’s Campus in October 2013. As usual, the event will be organised by Associate Professor Lawrence Cross OAM, ably assisted by Tom Buchanan. The topic is “Men and Women in the Household of God” and the three keynote speakers are Professor Elaine Wainwright (Auckland), Professor Claudia Rapp (Vienna), and Professor Mathijs Lamberigts (Leuven).

Professor Kazuhiko Demura (Okayama) visited the McAuley campus in July and delivered a lecture on “Cor (heart) in the Writings of Augustine of Hippo.”

Rev. Dr Barry Craig’s book, Fractio Panis. A History of the Breaking of Bread in the Roman Rite (Rome: Studia Anselmiana 2011), was launched by Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Canberra-Goulburn) in July and the launch was attended by a number of ACU staff, religious, and clergy, and friends from Queensland.

The second international collaborative conference between Macquarie University and Australian Catholic University on the topic “Epistolary Conversations in Late Antiquity” was convened by Dr Bronwen Neil and held at ACU North Sydney on 30 September. A third conference will be held in November 2012 and a book, to be published by Brepols (Belgium), will result from the project.

A book edited by Associate Professor David Sim and Professor Pauline Allen, entitled Ancient Jewish and Christian Texts as Crisis Management Literature, is currently in press with the publishing house Continuum. This volume will show-case the work of twelve members of the Centre, dealing as it does with the Centre’s research focus on the period from the advent of Christianity to the rise of Islam.

The Centre is pleased that three levels of Ecclesiastical Latin are currently offered online by Centre members, and from 2012 Ecclesiastical and Mediaeval Latin will be offered online through Open Universities Australia.

As a mark of international scholarly esteem, Professor Pauline Allen and Dr Bronwen Neil have recently been commissioned to produce the Oxford Handbook on Maximus the Confessor, which will include twenty-three contributions from international scholars.
Asia-Pacific Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue (APCID)

Co-Directors: Professor Raymond Canning and Professor Anne Hunt
Project Officer: Mr Fatih Tuncer

A forum, Tackling Intolerance, held on 17 May in Canberra, attracted more than eighty attendees and featured keynote speakers, The Honourable Ed Husic MP, Member for Chifley, who is the first Muslim member of the House of Representatives, Bishop Pat Power, Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn, and Professor Kim Rubenstein, Director, Centre for International and Public Law, Australian National University, and Deputy President, Canberra Jewish Community, who spoke, respectively, from their Lebanese, Irish, Australian, Catholic and Jewish Australian situations. Responses were provided by Rev. Professor James Haire AM, Executive Director, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, and Professor Frank Brennan SJ AO, Public Policy Institute, Australian Catholic University. A vigorous discussion with the more than eighty attendees followed.

The ‘Islah of Islahi’ Seminar, on 2 July in Melbourne, was presented by Rev. Dr Herman Roborgh SJ, whose doctoral work was devoted to a critical analysis of a commentary on the Qur’an written by Amin Ahsan Islahi, a near contemporary Pakistani Muslim scholar. The seminar was moderated by Professor Ismail Albayrak, and attended by more than twenty distinguished guests from universities, community and religious organisations across Melbourne.

A National Social Cohesion Conference, Enrichment of a Socially Inclusive Society, held on 12 July in Canberra, was organised under the auspices of the Bluestar Intercultural Centre (Canberra), and co-sponsored by the Australian National University, the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture (Charles Sturt University) and the Asia-Pacific Centre for Interreligious Dialogue (ACU), and with the participation of Monash University. Professor Raymond Canning from APCID presented a paper on Social Inclusion and Australian Catholics. The event also included contributions from Minister Joy Burch, Minister for Multicultural Affairs (ACT), Senator Gary Humphries, and Dr Andrew Leigh representing the Honourable Senator Kate Lundy, Parliamentary Secretary for Immigration and Citizenship.

A Ramadan Iftar Dinner, for approximately one hundred Catholic and Muslim guests in Canberra on 26 August, was co-hosted at the Rheinberger Centre of the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, Bluestar Intercultural Centre, APCID, ACU Canberra Campus, and the Catholic Archdiocese. The keynote speaker was Professor Neil Robinson, Deputy Director, Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, The Australian National University, and the respondent, Bishop Pat Power, Auxiliary, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

The year concluded on a high note with the 2011 Fethullah Gülen Conference, with the theme, “Ethics in a Multifaith Society: Muslims and Christians in Dialogue,” which was held at Melbourne campus in November. The conference featured a long list of distinguished speakers, including Rev. Professor Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot mccj, Director Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies (PISAI), Rome and Dr Yuksel Aslandogan, Director of The Institute of Interfaith Dialogue, Texas. The conference covered a diverse range of topics ranging from morality in religion, violence and non-violence (war and peace), ethical dilemmas concerning the beginnings and end of life, to ethics in a pluralist society, and concluded with the discussion of possible pathways for interfaith collaboration in promoting the good of society. The objective of the conference was not only to discuss and better understand the differences and similarities between Christianity and Islam regarding ethics, but also to examine emerging trends and identify new directions by which interfaith dialogue can promote the common good of society.

The Golding Centre for Women’s History, Theology and Spirituality

Director: Dr Sophie McGrath RSM and Co-Director Dr Rosa MacGinley PVBM

In April, the Centre celebrated ten years of colloquia organised under the auspices of the Golding Centre. The colloquia are designed to contribute to the development of a strong research culture within the University through the enjoyment of the fruits of recent doctoral studies and published books. They have also provided for the involvement with members of other tertiary institutions as well as the Friends of the Centre.

2011 marked the eleventh year of the publication of the Centre’s biannual Newsletter. Produced inexpensively in black and white hard copy and financed by Golding Centre Friends, the Newsletter is designed to be read on trains and planes and at coffee breaks and passed around. From the regular feed-back we have received, it is evident that this happens.

A special delight of the year was the award of an ‘A’ pass to doctoral student Heather O’Connor for her thesis: “They did what they were asked to do”: An historical analysis of the contribution of two women’s religious institutes within the educational and social development of the city of Ballarat, with particular reference to the period 1950-1980.” Examiner Dr Susan O’Brien, from the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge UK, commented: “There is a freshness in the way the study creates a dialogue between the larger context and the depth of analysis of the two congregations, enabling the history of women religious to be set alongside the history of other women.” Both examiners encouraged publication, seeing this particular case-study as having wide application beyond Ballarat. Three successful Golding Centre doctoral students, all middle aged women, have now finished their projects within the prescribed time and there are four other students currently at various stages of their candidature.

Dr Rosa MacGinley PVBM continues to be much in demand as a consultant and assessor of historical research in the wider community and within the University. Her projects in 2011 included the history of the Australian Province of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary who came to Australia after being expelled from China; the Melanesian Anglican Brotherhood of St Francis; the Australian Sisters of Mercy in Papua New Guinea; and a book on human endurance by Dr Bill Sultmann of the Cairns Catholic
Education Office. In recent years, Dr MacGinley has also acted as a mentor to Dr Josephine Brady of the School of Education (ACU) supporting her in her post-doctoral research on the history of the Tasmanian Sisters of St Joseph, which is now ready for publication.

Dr Sophie McGrath RSM was invited to be a keynote speaker at the 10th Mercy Secondary Schools Association Conference held in Perth in July, with participants coming from all States of Australian as well as New Zealand. Dr McGrath’s paper focused on Australian women’s leadership in the wider community in general and in politics in particular. On request this paper was presented as a workshop at the Living Mercy: Past, Present and Future Conference as part of the 150th celebrations of the Sisters of Mercy in Brisbane. Dr Sophie McGrath prepared a “Summary Account of the Achievements and Future Aspirations of the Golding Centre for Women’s History, Theology and Spirituality, 2001-2010” to inform discussions with the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy-Vice Chancellor (Research) and the Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy in regard to the future of the Golding Centre in the longer term.

Dr Sophie McGrath accepted the invitation to write a chapter on “Women in the Church” for the forthcoming publication Catholics and Catholicism in Contemporary Australia: Challenges and Achievements. She is continuing a funded research project on a response to Forgotten Australians, the 2004 Senate Enquiry Report on children in institutional child care, from the perspective of Catholic women religious.

The Plunkett Centre for Ethics

**Director Associate:** Professor and Reader Bernadette Tobin  
**Administrative Officer:** Ms Kath Bradburn

The Plunkett Centre for Ethics, which is a joint centre of Australian Catholic University and St Vincent’s & Mater Health Sydney, was pleased to welcome Dr Stephen Matthews to the Centre in July in a two year research-intensive appointment.

In 2011, staff taught in the Graduate Certificate in Applied Ethics and in the Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Catholic Culture, and gave twenty two talks or papers at seminars and conferences (three of which were to international meetings).

The Director of the Centre, Associate Professor Bernadette Tobin, undertook thirty-three consultations and made seventeen contributions to public discussions via the public media, and served on numerous expert committees and boards of related organizations. She also contributed her expertise to related institutions by serving on boards and expert committees, by undertaking the responsibilities of positions as ‘conjoint’ academics at other universities, and by making submissions to enquiries both public and in the Catholic Church.

The Centre continued to produce the quarterly magazine, Bioethics Outlook, now in its 22nd year and volume. The Centre’s Annual Lecture, entitled “The ethical treatment of depression: shortcomings in contemporary practice” was delivered by Dr Paul Biegler of Monash University, winner of the 2011 Australian Catholic University Eureka Prize for Research in Ethics.

The Senior Proven Researcher Team – Philosophy of Religion

**Director:** Professor Kevin Hart FAHA  
**Assistant Director:** Dr Nick Trakakis

2011 saw the establishment of a new research team in the Philosophy of Religion, an area of Philosophy that explores the meaning and rationality of religious discourse and practices. The team is led by Professor Kevin Hart FAHA, who took up the Eric D’Arcy Chair in Philosophy in January, while also continuing his position as Chair and Professor of Christian Studies at the University of Virginia. In March, Professor Hart made a short visit to Melbourne to help formulate goals and directions for the newly formed team, while in July he made a more extensive stay.

In January the team was joined by Dr Nick Trakakis, previously at Monash and Deakin Universities. Apart from his research in the philosophy of religion, Dr Trakakis also continued working on his ARC-funded project on Philosophy in Australasia, with a two-volume work, The Antipodean Philosopher, appearing in 2011. In July, Dr Trakakis was nominated President of the Australasian Philosophy of Religion Association (APRA) and as President he will be bringing the annual APRA conference to ACU in 2012, a conference that will feature the internationally acclaimed philosophers Richard Kearney and Marilyn McCord Adams. Professor Richard Kearney will be coming to our shores as a Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow as well as an Honorary member of the School. The team has also drawn a number of other prominent overseas philosophers as Honorary Fellows and Adjunct Professors, including Jean-Luc Marion (a member of the French Academy), Eleonore Stump (University of St Louis), Merold Westphal (Fordham University), John Manoussakis (College of Holy Cross, Boston), Jeffrey Kosky (Washington and Lee University, Virginia), Emmanuel Falque (Institut Catholique de Paris), and Jeffrey Blochl (Boston College).

Dr Jeffrey Hanson joined the team in February from the United States, where he taught philosophy at Boston College. In addition to local presentations (at ACU and at La Trobe), he also took part at a major theology and philosophy conference in Krakow, Poland (in June), and later in the year gave an extensive series of talks and lectures in the UK and the US, while also publishing several papers and a co-edited volume on the thought of Michel Henry.

The final member of the group – Dr Chris Hackett, a graduate of the University of Virginia – although not due to arrive in Melbourne from USA until January 2012, has been actively working on various projects and collaborating with the team during 2011.

The team looks forward to taking on doctoral scholarship students in the near future who will help to create and build a dynamic and vibrant community of philosophers at ACU.
Dr Meredith Secomb was awarded the Faculty Award for Excellence in the PhD Thesis, “Hearing the call of God: toward a theological phenomenology of Vocation” and also received the Vice Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in the PhD Thesis. Dr Secomb’s supervisors were Professors Anne Hunt OAM and Anthony Kelly CSSR.

Holy Spirit Seminary (ACU Banyo) student Nigel Sequeira Anthony Ekpo, Augustine Obi and JohnBosco Ofor were ordained to the priesthood.

PhD student Steven Stolz won the Philosophy of Education Society of Australasia (PESA) doctoral scholarship, valued at $10,000 for 2011. His thesis is entitled, “Does sport and physical education have an important role to play in educational institutions?” His supervisors are Professor Jānis (John) Ozolins (principal supervisor) and Dr John Quilter (co-supervisor).

Doctoral student under the supervision of Professor John Ozolins, Sean McKenna, was one of the finalists in the ACU Three Minute Thesis competition.

**Dean’s List Commendations**

The following students were awarded a place on the Executive Dean’s List Commendations on the basis of their results in 2011:

Antonia Pizzey, BTh (Hons), Brisbane, was awarded the Faculty Honours Medal and a University Medal.

Robert Nixon, BTh, Brisbane, was awarded the Faculty Medal.

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**Doctor of Philosophy - Graduations in 2011**

Birute Arendarcikas RSM. *Mary’s Relationship to the Holy Spirit: A focus for the union of East and West*. Principal supervisor Associate Professor Lawrence Cross and Co-Supervisor Professor Anthony Kelly CSsR.


Robert Ireland. *The Metaphysical Realism of E L Mascall and Anglican Doctrine*. Principal supervisor Dr Damien Casey and Co-Supervisor Professor Anthony Kelly CSsR.


Andrew Peters. *The Effect of the emerging Paradigm of Diversity on the Church and its Leadership*. Principal Supervisor Associate Professor Gerard Hall.

Meredith Secomb. *Hearing the call of God: toward a theological phenomenology of Vocation*. Principal Supervisor Professor Anne Hunt and Co-Supervisor Professor Anthony Kelly CSsR.

Ruth Sheridan. *Retelling the Scripture: The Rhetorical Function of the Old Testament Citations vis-a-vis the Jews in John 1:19 – 12:15*. Principal Supervisor Associate Professor Mary Coloe and Co-Supervisor Dr Laurie Woods. Ruth Sheridan was awarded Summa cum Laude for her doctorate and won a two year post-doctoral fellowship at Charles Sturt University.

**Thathathai Singsa. Matthew’s Wisdom Christology in its Jewish and Early Christian Contexts*. Principal Supervisor Associate Professor David Sim and Co-Supervisor Professor James McLaren.

**Doctor of Practical Ministry - Graduations in 2011**

Peter Carlsson. *A Critical Assessment of the Various Models of Priestly Ministry within the Changing Patterns of Rural Parishes*. Supervisor Professor Anthony Kelly CSsR.

**Diploma, Bachelor, Graduate Certificate and Master: Graduations in 2011**

Bachelor of Theology: 19
Diploma in Youth Ministry: 1
Graduate Certificate in Arts (Theology): 9
Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Catholic Culture: 15
Graduate Certificate in Catholic Studies: 42
Master of Arts (Theology): 36
Graduate Certificate in Arts (Applied Ethics): 6
Master of Practical Ministry: 2
Doctor of Practical Ministry: 1
Doctor of Philosophy: 8
Visiting Distinguished Research Fellows and Visiting Scholars in 2011

The Faculty was honoured to welcome and to engage with the following internationally esteemed scholars who visited the Faculty in 2011:

Biblical scholar, Professor Donald A. Hagner, George Eldon Ladd Professor Emeritus of New Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary, California, USA.

Systematic theologian, Professor Gerard Mannion, Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies and Director of the Frances G. Harpst Center for Catholic Thought and Culture, University of San Diego, USA.

Biblical scholar, Professor Jens Herzer, Professor of New Testament Studies at the University of Leipzig, Germany.

Early Christian studies scholar, Professor Kazuhiko Demura, Classics Department, University of Okayama, Japan.

In collaboration with the Office for Evangelisation of the Archdiocese of Melbourne:

Archbishop Charles Bo, Secretary General & Treasurer of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Myanmar.

Father Greg Boyle SJ, Dean of Studies at Allen Hall Seminary, London.

Monsignor Professor Tomáš Halík PhD DD, member of the European board of experts (Comité des sages) of the Commission of the Bishops’ Conferences of the European Community (COMECE) in Brussels.
The Faculty was delighted to welcome a number of new honorary fellows and adjunct professors in 2011. It is honoured to have the following honorary fellows, adjunct and emeritus professors among its ranks:

- Rev. Dr Sarah Bachelard, Honorary Fellow, to the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy
- Associate Professor Jeffrey Bloechl, Honorary Fellow, to Philosophy
- Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Adjunct Professor, to the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy
- Bishop Tim Costelloe SDB, Adjunct Professor, to the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy
- Dr Michael Costigan Adjunct Professor, to Theology
- Rev. Dr John Dupuche, Honorary Fellow, to the Asia-Pacific Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue
- Professor Rifaat Ebied, Adjunct Professor, to the Centre for Early Christian Studies
- Rev. Dr Thomas Elich Honorary Fellow, to the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy
- Professor Emmanuel, Adjunct Professor, to Philosophy
- Dr Jonathan Gillis, Honorary Fellow, to Philosophy/Ethics
- Dr Margaret Ghosn MSHF, Honorary Fellow, to the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy/IACE
- Dr Stefano Girola, Honorary Fellow, to the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy
- Dr Peter Hai, Honorary Fellow, to Theology
- Rev. Dr Chris Hanlon, Honorary Fellow, to the Centre for Early Christian Studies
- Dr Margaret Hannan SGS, Honorary Fellow, to Theology
- Emeritus Professor Tony Johns, Adjunct Professor, to the Asia-Pacific Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue
- Professor Richard Kearney, Adjunct Professor, to Philosophy
- Dr Richard Leonard SJ, Honorary Fellow, to Theology
- Professor Jeffrey Kosky, Adjunct Professor, to the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy
- Rabbi John Levi, Adjunct Professor, to the Asia-Pacific Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue
- Dr Joan Barclay Lloyd, Adjunct Professor, to the Centre for Early Christian Studies
- Dr Daniel Madigan SJ, Adjunct Professor, to the Asia-Pacific Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue
- Dr Rosa MacGinley PBVM, Honorary Fellow, to the Golding Centre, Co-Director
- Dr Sophie McGrath RSM, Honorary Fellow, to the Golding Centre, Director
- Rev. Dr Patrick McInerney SSC, Honorary Fellow, to the Asia-Pacific Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue
- Very Rev. Dr John Manoussakis, Honorary Fellow, to Philosophy
- Professor Jean-Luc Marion, Adjunct Professor, to the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy
- Professor John D’Arcy May, Adjunct Professor, to the Asia-Pacific Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue
- Dr Wendy Mayer, Honorary Fellow, to the Centre for Early Christian Studies
- Dr Robert Mihajlovski, Honorary Fellow, to the Centre for Early Christian Studies
- Professor Francis J Moloney SDB, AM, FAHA, Emeritus Professor of the University
- Dr Daniel Monsour, Honorary Fellow, to the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy
- Rabbi Frederick Morgan, Honorary Fellow, to the Asia-Pacific Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue
- Dr Alan Moss CFC, Honorary Fellow, to Theology
- Rev Emeritus Professor Gerald O’Collins SJ, Adjunct Professor, to Theology
- Professor Patrick Olivelle, Adjunct Professor, to the Asia-Pacific Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue
- Dr Anita Ray, Honorary Fellow, to the Asia-Pacific Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue
- Dr Herman Roborgh SJ, Honorary Fellow, to the Asia-Pacific Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue
- Dr Tom Ryan SM, Honorary Fellow, to Theology
- Dr Ruth Sheridan, Honorary Fellow, to the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy
- Dr Peter Stork, Honorary Fellow, to the Asia-Pacific Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue
- Professor Eleanor Stump, Adjunct Professor, to Philosophy
- Professor Merold Westphal, Adjunct Professor, to Philosophy

Honorary Fellows, Adjunct Professors and Emeritus Professors in 2011
Faculty Events, Conferences and Seminars 2011

The 2nd Joint Symposium between the Centre for Early Christian Studies, Australian Catholic University and the Macquarie University Ancient Cultures Research Centre was held at the North Sydney campus of Australian Catholic University on 30 September 2011. The theme was “Epistolary Conversations: Letters and Letter Collections in Classical and Late Antiquity.”

Rev. Dr Ian Ker, Senior Research Fellow in Theology at St Benet’s Hall, Oxford University, an internationally renowned expert on the life and thought of John Henry Newman and author of his most comprehensive biography, *John Henry Newman: A Biography*, together with numerous books and articles about him, delivered a public lecture at Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus, on 21 February 2011, entitled *John Henry Newman’s Idea of a University and its Relevance for the 21st Century*.

The inaugural Bishop Joseph Grech Memorial Colloquium on Ethics and Migration was held in September at the Melbourne campus and was organized by the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office in association with the Faculty of Theology and had as its theme, *One Human Family without Borders*. Presenters included Rev. Maurizio Pettena CS, Director, Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office; Anton Enus of SBS Television; Dr Graham Thom, Refugee Coordinator, Amnesty International, Bishop Christopher Prowse, Bishop of Sale; and Mrs Azhar Karbalalee.

The 2011 Simone Weil Lecture on Human Value was delivered by Eric D’Arcy Professor of Philosophy Kevin Hart FAHA and focussed on the theme of “Forgiveness” and was presented on three campuses: Melbourne on 14 July, Sydney on 18 July and (for the first time) in Brisbane in July.

The conference of the Association of Practical Theology in Oceania was conducted in Goroka Papua and New Guinea, in June, on the theme “Living with the Land: Theology and the Environment” and included papers present by Associate Professor Gerard Hall SM, Dr Bet Green, and Aunty Joan Hendriks.

Associate Professor David Sim and Professor Donald A. Hagner, George Eldon Ladd Professor Emeritus of New Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary in California, debated Matthew’s relation to Judaism, at the *Matthew in Context* conference which was co-hosted by Australian Catholic University (ACU) and the Melbourne College of Divinity in April.
Associate Professor Lawrence Cross, in a ceremony in April, was awarded the right to wear the mitre in all liturgical functions by Archbishop Issam John Darwish, the Eparch of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church in Australia and New Zealand. Already an Archpriest, this now makes him a Mitred Archpriest, which is the highest clerical rank for married clergy in the Eastern Churches.

Associate Professor Mary Coloe taught a two-week Summer Course in June on the New Testament at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, and two courses at the Jesuit School of Theology Berkeley, California in the Fall Semester on the Gospel of John and the Gospel of Luke.

Dr Michael Costigan, and his late twin brother Frank Costigan QC, were honoured at a celebration in Melbourne to mark the 80th anniversary of the births of the brothers, with Professor Blainey, along with other speakers including Rev. Professor Frank Brennan SJ, Dr Val Noone, Brother Mark O’Connor FMS and members of the Costigan family paying tributes.

Dr Geoffrey D. Dunn completed the Graduate Certificate in Higher Education at Australian Catholic University.

Rev. Dr John Dupuche recorded a 50 minute DVD lecture on ‘Tantra’ at National Centre of Excellence for Islamic Studies (NCEIS) for its series on world religions.

Professor Rifaat Ebied was appointed Co-Editor of Sayyab Translation Group (STG). Translation Studies, London, UK; and Associate Editor of Sayyab Journal (STJ), an internationally peer-reviewed Journal of Arabic/English translation studies, London, UK.

Dr Stefano Girola was awarded the annual “Abbot Placid Spearritt Memorial Scholarship” by the Benedictine Community of New Norcia (WA) in September. The scholarship involves a $15,000 grant that will assist with the costs of a translation from Italian into English of a 1883 Report to Propaganda Fide written by Bishop Rosendo Salvado.

Dr Chris Hackett was Pensionnaire étranger, Ecole Normale Supérieure (Ulm), 2010-2011; he was awarded Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Virginia, having completed a dissertation on “Philosophy from Oracles: Meditations on Last Philosophy”; and was placed 2nd in the Telos Essay Competition for his paper, “Philosophy and Prophecy: Aquinas, Heidegger and the Metaphysics of Prolepsis,” forthcoming in Telos.

Associate Professor Gerard Hall SM was appointed as a member of the Scientific Committee, Centro Interculturale Raimon Panikkar, November.

Dr Jeff Hanson was invited to contribute to the Cambridge Critical Guide on Fear and Trembling.


Dr Joel Hodge played an instrumental role in the organisation of the inaugural conference of the Australian Girard Seminar, entitled “Violence, Desire, and the Sacred,” which was held in January, at St Paul’s College, University of Sydney.

Dr Christiaan Jacobs-Vandegeer was awarded the Faculty Recognition Award, Salve Regina University, in May.
Professor Anthony Kelly CSsR continued service as a member of the International Theological Commission. After seven years service in Banyo and three in Canberra, he returned to the Melbourne campus at the end of 2011.

Rev. Dr Richard Leonard SJ was Visiting Professor, at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome in October/November.

Rev. Professor Daniel Madigan SJ was invited to give one of the public lectures, “Muslims and Christians at Prayer: Mutual Perceptions,” on the first day of the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Building Bridges Seminar, in May at Georgetown’s Qatar Campus.

Associate Professor and Reader James McLaren was promoted to the rank of Professor in December 2011.

Rev. Professor Francis Moloney SDB, AM, FAHA completed six years as the Provincial Superior of the Salesians of Don Bosco in Australia and the Pacific (New Zealand, Fiji and Samoa). He was awarded Doctor of the University (Honoris Causa) by the Australian Catholic University, and delivered the occasional address at that ceremony.

Professor Neil Ormerod initiated a webinar series on “Lonergan and systematic theology,” bringing in participants from Australia and North America for three 90 minute webinars utilising Adobe Connect software provided by ACU and set up for the group by Ms Kate Fannon. There were up to twelve participants in each webinar, which allows both video and audio connections between participants. Plans are in place for a possible six meetings in 2012.

Dr Anita C Ray, a founding member of the Australian National Sanskrit Conference, held at Australian National University in 2007 and 2010, was appointed in 2011 to organise the Australasian Sanskrit Conference to be held at Sydney University in mid-2012. She will do so on behalf of the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy of Australian Catholic University.

Associate Professor Orm Rush was awarded the 2010 Lynlea Rodger ATF Press Theological Book Prize for the most outstanding Theological Book authored by a theologian in the Australasian region.

Associate Professor David Sim was invited to remain for a further period of one year on the Editorial Board of New Testament Studies, the leading journal in the field.

Dr Michael P. Theophilos was nominated and elected as a Council member for the Australian Institute of Archaeology.

Dr Nick Trakakis was interviewed regarding his edited anthology, Southern Sun, Aegean Light: Poetry of Second-Generation Greek-Australians, with programs broadcast on 2MM Radio, SBS Radio, and 3ZZZ Radio.

Dr Nick Trakakis was elected President of APRA (Australasian Philosophy of Religion Association).

Dr Laurie Woods was one of the top nominees in the 2010 UniJobs Lecturer of the Year Award, which placed him among the top ten Lecturers at Australian Catholic University for that year.


Associate Professor Mary Coloe, “Creation and New Creation: Considering Johannine Soteriology,” 74th International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, Worcester, MA, August.

Associate Professor Mary Coloe chaired two sessions of the Johannine Literature Section Society of Biblical Literature Conference, San Francisco, November.

Dr Gemma Cruz, “Being Asian-Pacific, American and Catholic Today,” keynote address, USCCB Asian and Pacific-American Catholics Seminar, Catholic University of America, May.

Dr Gemma Cruz, Administrative Team Member and Convener, Topic Session: “Catholicity and Mission,” Catholic Theological Society of America 2011 Convention, San Jose, CA, June.

Dr Gemma Cruz, For Better or For Worse: Migrant Women and ICT,” Ecclesia of Women in Asia International Conference Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, November.

Dr Gemma Cruz, “In God We Trust: (Popular) Religion in the Context of Migration,” Migration Theology Interest Group of the Catholic Theological Society of America 2011 Convention, San Jose, CA, June.

Dr Geoffrey D. Dunn, “Episcopal Crisis Management in Late Antique Gaul: The Example of Exsuperius of Toulouse,” Australasian Society for Classical Studies, Auckland, New Zealand, January.

Dr Geoffrey D. Dunn, “Innocent I’s Appointment of Boniface as Papal Legate to Constantinople,” Australian and New Zealand Association for Medieval and Early Modern Studies, Dunedin, New Zealand, February.

Dr Geoffrey D. Dunn, “Innocent I on Schismatics and Heretics,” Canadian Society of Patristic Studies, Fredericton, Canada, May-June.

Dr Geoffrey D. Dunn, “Innocent I and the First Synod of Toledo,” 16th International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, August.


Professor Rifaat Ebied, Chairman of ARAM Society for Syro-Mesopotamian Studies 30th International Conference on Trade Routes and Seafaring in the Ancient Near East, The Oriental Institute, Oxford University, July; Chairman of ARAM’s 31st International Conference on The Amorites, The Oriental Institute, Oxford University, July.

Dr Stefano Girola, “A comparison between the missionary policies and attitudes of two early missionaries to the Indigenous peoples of Australia: Bishop Rosendo Salvado (1814-1900) and Don Angelo Confalonieri (1813-1848),” International symposium: “Monasticism between Culture and Cultures,” Pontificio Ateneo Sant’Anselmo, Rome, June.


Associate Professor Gerard Hall SM, “Raimon Panikkar’s Intercultural and Interreligious Hermeneutics,” Institute for the Study of Religion (Festschrift in Honour of Francis D’Sa SJ), Religion and Culture: A Multicultural Discussion, Goa, India, November.

Associate Professor Gerard Hall SM, “Is the Trinity of any Earthly Good?” Association of Practical Theology in Oceania, Theology & Environment Conference, Goroka PNG, June.

Associate Professor Gerard Hall SM, “Radicalizing the Trinity: A Christian Theological Reflection on Raimon Panikkar’s Radical Trinity in ‘The Rhythm of Being,’” Panikkar Rhythm & Vision Conference, George Mason University, Virginia, USA, April.


Dr Jeffrey Hanson, “The Mechanism of Belief in Kierkegaard’s Fear and Trembling,” The Dallas Socratic Society, the “Veritas House Study Centre” in Dallas, Texas, December.


Dr Jeffrey Hanson, “Being at Home with Totality and Infinity,” Society for Continental Philosophy and Theology American Catholic Philosophical Association Session, 85th Annual Meeting, Saint Louis, Missouri, October.


Dr Jeffrey Hanson, “For this is the central issue: A New Interpretation of Fear and Trembling,” Loyola Marymount University Philosophy Department Invited Lecture, Los Angeles, California, November.

Dr Jeffrey Hanson, “Kierkegaard and Levinas on the Absolute Relation,” Baylor University Philosophy Department, Invited Lecture, Waco, Texas, December.

Dr Jeffrey Hanson, “The Mechanism of Belief in Kierkegaard’s Fear and Trembling,” Dallas Socratic Society, invited Lecture, Dallas, Texas, December.

Professor Kevin Hart, “Blanchot’s Community,” Conceiving Communities through the Post-Theistic Sacred, American Academy of Religion, November.

Professor Kevin Hart, “Parable and Phenomenon,” Yves Simon Memorial Lecture, Lumen Christi Institute, University of Chicago, February.

Professor Kevin Hart, “Phenomenology of the Trinity,” Lumen Christi Lecture, University of Chicago, February.


Professor Anthony H. Johns, public lecture, “The Prophet Job in three religious traditions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam),” Heythrop College, University of London, November.


Rev. Dr Richard Leonard SJ presented papers at the Religious Education Congress, Anaheim, California; at the Jesuit Spirituality Institute, Hong Kong; and in the Archdioceses of Dublin, New York and Orlando, Florida, on “Where the hell is God?”


Dr Wendy Mayer, “Disambiguation or damnatio memoriae? Cults, sites, and their appropriation by alternate religions in Late Antique Antioch,” Invited seminar, Department of Classics and Religion, University of Ottawa, September.


Dr Wendy Mayer, “Cathedral Churches in Syrian Antioch from the Late Antique to Crusader Periods,” Byzantine Studies Conference, DePaul University, Chicago, October.

Associate Professor James McLaren, “The Jews in Rome in the Flavian Period,” Culture, Identity and Politics in the Ancient Mediterranean World, Research School of Humanities and the Arts, Australian National University, September.


Associate Professor James McLaren, “A Roman Perspective on the execution of Jesus,” Institute of History, Archaeology and Education, New York, November.

Professor Francis Moloney SDB, AM, FAHA, two invited papers, “Johannine Studies in the Australia-Pacific Region” and “Mark as Story: Retrospect and Prospect,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, November.

Rev. Professor Gerald O’Collins SJ, by invitation, delivered a paper on “Wisdom and the Incarnation” at a Templeton Foundation conference, “Is God incarnate in all that is?” at Elsinore, Denmark in August (published papers forthcoming).


Professor Neil Ormerod, “Virtues in a globalized context”, public lecture; and “Identity and Mission in a Catholic University,” seminar, University of San Diego, May.

Professor Neil Ormerod, “The Four Point Hypothesis – Transpositions and Complications,” panel presentation, West Coast Method Institute, an annual workshop on Bernard Lonergan’s work, Los Angeles, April.


Professor Paul Oslington, session coordinator, “What do Economists and Theologians have to Say to Each Other” at American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Denver, January.


Professor Jānis (John) Ozolins, invited plenary presenter, 1st International Philosophy Congress, titled “Thomism and
Asian Cultures: Celebrating 400 Years of Dialogue Across Civilizations,” University of Santo Tomas, España, Manila, The Philippines, May.


Professor Jānis (John) Ozolins, “Confucianism, Christianity and the Sources of Common Understanding”, invited paper, Confucianism and Christianity Conference, Wuhan University, Hubei, China, June.

Professor Jānis (John) Ozolins, “Thomism and East Asian Philosophy: Comparing Aquinas and Mengzi (孟子) on Human Nature”, keynote address, Thomism and East Asian Cultures Conference, University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines, May.


Professor Jānis (John) Ozolins, “Church and Culture in Public Life: A Response”, paper presented at ICUSTA 10th Biennial Conference, University of Santo Tomas, Manila, January.


Associate Professor David Sim, “Matthew’s Theological Location,” Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas Meeting, New York, August.


Dr Jonathan Tan, “Asian American Catholics And Contemporary Liturgical Migrations From Tradition-Maintenance To Traditioning: Shaping Asian American Liturgies For The Twenty-First Century,” Einladung Tagung Liturgie und Migration, “… der Fremdling, der in deinen Toren ist’: Liturgie und ihr Beitrag zur Integration von Migranten” (“… the Stranger
“at your Gates: Liturgy and its Contribution to the Integration of Immigrants”), Erfurt, Germany, May.

Dr Jonathan Tan, “Asian American Catholics and Contemporary Liturgical Migrations From Tradition-Maintenance To Traditioning: Shaping Asian American Liturgies For The Twenty-First Century,” Yale Institute of Sacred Music and Divinity School International Conference, Liturgy in Migration: Cultural Contexts from the Upper Room to Cyberspace, New Haven, CT, February.


Dr Nick Trakakis, “Truth, or the Futures of Philosophy of Religion,” “The Future of Continental Philosophy of Religion” Conference, Syracuse University, USA, April.

Community Engagement, Service and Professional Contributions 2011

Members of the Faculty contributed in numerous ways in service to the Church and its agencies, including input in professional development programs for various agencies, as well as faith development programs, adult education programs and parish development programs. The following list is representative of the range of service and engagement of the Faculty.

Professor Ismail Albayrak participated in numerous Muslim and interfaith activities, including presentations, “Reading the Bible in the Light of the Qur’an: from isra’iliyyat to islamiyyat,” at Monash University, Seminar for Theology and Religion in July 2011); “Personal Reflection on Tenth Anniversary of 9/11 Terrorist Attack in USA,” on 11 September 2011, in St Paul’s Cathedral, Melbourne; weekly study circles and seminar for Isik College Teachers; participating in three retreat programs as a guest speaker; meeting Imams on regular basis and with international guests from Indonesia, Japan, Turkey, Malaysia, Jordan, USA; and participating in numerous Australian Intercultural Society activities. He is a referee for Asian Politics & Policy; Journal of Global Responsibility; Islam and Christian Muslim Relations; Journal of Usûl (Methodology); Islam-Christian and Muslim Relations; Journal of Sakarya University/Sakarya Üniversitesi İlahiyat Fakültesi Dergisi; Scientific Journal of Religious Presidency of Turkish Republic; and Journal of Scientific Research of Islam.

Professor Ismail Albayrak and Rev Dr Herman Roborgh SJ organised a Weekend Retreat for Muslims and Christians with the theme, “Finding God Through Prayer,” held in Melbourne in November.

Rev. Dr Sarah Bachelard facilitated a 2-day seminar ‘Meditation and Mental Health’ sponsored by Meditatio, an outreach of the World Community for Christian Meditation, at Regents’ College, University of London in May; conducted 5-day clergy retreat, Anglican Diocese of Grafton in June; and two 1-day meditation retreats, Hobart and Launceston in November.

Ms Kathryn Boyle is a member of the Editorial Board of The Summit, a publication of the Archbishop’s Office for Evangelisation in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and for several years has been the principal writer of the scriptural material for the RCIA program published in that periodical. She presented workshops for secondary students at the ACU Student Social Justice Day at St Patrick’s Campus; was one of the keynote speakers at a formation day for teachers in the three parish based primary schools which are affiliated to St Peter’s, Epping; presented a staff formation day on the Catholic social justice tradition at St Brigid’s, North Balwyn; presented on the justice tradition of the Church for Caritas Australia in their preparation program for people undertaking immersion in Africa; ran a two day seminar for the Catholic Education Office, Melbourne on “Jesus and his Jewish Background” for secondary teachers; conducted a workshop for the staff of Salesian College, Sunbury on reading the Genesis creation texts in a scientific age; and acted as consultant to St Columban’s Mission Society in the production of resource materials for schools for Mission Month. Kath continues to participate in the Fair Trade market days at St Patrick’s Campus supporting an income generation project for the Subanen women of Mindanao.

now released as a DVD and are available on the web.) Dr Alan Cadwallader is General Editor, ATF Press.


Dr Damien Casey was a referee for the journals Sophia: International Journal for Philosophy of Religion and The Journal of Early Christian Studies; and gave three presentations to parents in the parish of St John the Baptist, North Tamborine as part of their sacramental program on the subjects of sacramentality, reconciliation and the sacraments of initiation.

Dr Antoinette Collins, among a number of interfaith activities in 2011, was one of the two narrators at the annual Holocaust Memorial service in May at St Mary’s Cathedral Sydney supported by the Council of Christians and Jews NSW; and presented a paper by invitation at the Dead Sea Scrolls Conference at the University of Sydney in October-November, “The day of blessing or the day of creation? The Temple of the Temple Scroll versus the Temple in Jerusalem. Are they rivals?”

Associate Professor Mary Coloe PBVM is an Australian Research Council Assessor in FoR code 220401 - Christian Studies (incl. Biblical Studies and Church History); a member of the Editorial Board of the Australian Biblical Review. She co-supervised a doctoral student to successful completion at Graduate Theological Union Berkeley, Rev. Sang-Kyu Park, “Spatial Eschatology: A Reading of the New Temple of God in the Fourth Gospel.” She presented a reflection at the Women’s Day of Prayer at St Mary Magdalene’s, Jordanville, in March; led a day’s reflection on “The Gospel of John in Holy Week” for the priests of the Diocese of Townsville in April; presented a paper, “Christianity 101” at the Jewish Christian Muslim Women’s Association Conference in February; presented an afternoon workshop, one of a monthly series of six days leading up to Pentecost, for over 200 participants in Burleigh Heads for the Southern Gold Coast Deanery in March, on the topic, “Jesus of the Gospels;” led a day long retreat in April on “Celebrating Holy Week with John,” at New Norcia Monastery in WA, for the monks and the wider community; a day’s workshop on the Gospel of Luke in Atherton and in Cairns, QLD in May. While in USA, she also led a week’s retreat on The Gospel of John, in Cap May, New Jersey, in July; a day’s reflection for sabbatical students on the Gospel of John in Berkeley, CA, in September; and a day’s Retreat on Advent, in San Francisco in December.

Adjunct Professor Michael Costigan is a member of the editorial board of the new on-line social justice journal, Solidarity, the first issue of which was published in 2011 by the University of Notre Dame Australia in collaboration with the Sydney Archdiocese’s Office for Justice and Peace; chairs the Archdiocese’s Advisory Council on Justice and Peace, as well as the Judging Committee for the annual Patrick White Literary Award; contributed a number of book reviews and other articles to the Catholic Weekly and to Justice Trends, the journal of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council; acted as a theological consultant to Professor Geoffrey Blainey when the historian was writing A Short History of Christianity.

Dr Gemma Cruz is Editorial Board Member, Solidarity: The Journal of Catholic Social Thought and Secular Ethics; a member of the National Advisory Committee of the Center for the Study of Latino/a Catholicism, University of San Diego (California), and refereee/peer-reviewer for the journal, Theological Studies.

Dr Elizabeth Dowling RSM is a member of the Ballarat Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Sub-Committee; the Board of Damascus College, Ballarat and its Catholic School Culture Subcommittee; the Sisters of Mercy, Ballarat East Leadership Team; Mercy International Working Party Against Human Trafficking; elected delegate for the First Chapter of Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea. She presented a biblical education session for RCIA candidates from three Ballarat Parishes in March.

Dr Geoffrey D. Dunn is an Australian Research Council Assessor in FoR codes 200305, 200510, 210306, 220401 - Latin and Classical Greek Languages, Latin and Classical Greek Literature, Classical Greek and Roman History, Christian Studies (incl. Biblical Studies and Church History); editor of Journal of the Australian Early Medieval Association; associate editor of Journal of Early Christian Studies; member of the council of Association Internationale d’Études Patristiques, member of the executive of North American Patristics Society, member of the executive of Australasian Society for Classical Studies, member of the executive of Australian Early Medieval Association, member of the editorial board of Early Christian Studies monograph series from Centre for Early Christian Studies, Australian Catholic University.

Rev. Dr John Dupuche, among many interfaith activities during the year, addressed the day-long seminar Meditation Matters at Melbourne University, presented a talk in August on interfaith meditation as a meditative technique; and was guest speaker at the Multifaith Iftar Dinner at the Quang Minh Buddhist Temple, Braybrook, Victoria in August.

Rev. Dr Thomas Elich is the Director of The Liturgical Commission in Brisbane, responsible for publications, including editorship of the quarterly journal Liturgy News. He is also parish priest of the Parish of Sts Peter and Paul, Bulimba.

Dr Ian Elmer continued his collaboration with the Brisbane Catholic Education (Brisbane Catholic Archdiocese), providing in-service training and professional development days for teachers and Assistant Principals (Religious Education) in Catholic schools, with sessions on “Teaching Religious Education in the Year of Matthew” at the O’Shea Centre, Wilston, in February, at North Brisbane Catholic Education Office, North Lakes, in January and June, and at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary, Kenmore, in July; “The Gospel and Gospel Writers” at St Joseph’s College, Nudgee Junior, Indooroopilly, in July; and “The Gospel as Story” at St Antony’s Catholic Primary, Kedron, in August. Dr Elmer is working with the Brisbane North Religious Education Training Team in the “Early Years Scripture Project” which is aimed at developing strategies and resources for teaching scripture to children in the Early Years (P-3) as part of the implementation of a new Religious Education curriculum for Brisbane Catholic Education.

Professor Robert Gascoigne is a member of the Sydney College of Divinity Academic Board; the Editorial Board of the Australasian Catholic Record; and served as a member of a panel
appointed by Department of Education, NSW Government, to assess the application for Self-Accrediting Status by Moore Theological College.

Dr William (Chris) Hackett is referee for *Sophia: International Journal for Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysical Theology and Ethics* and for the University of Virginia Press.

Dr Peter Hai delivered occasional talks on religion to the ANU Catholic Society; is a member of the ANU Catholic Chaplaincy, including Sunday Mass Liturgy Coordinator and a member of the ANUCS choir; writes regularly on Catholic Social Teaching in the bimonthly *Chan Ly (Truth)*, which has more than six hundred subscribers belonging to the Vietnamese Dominican Laity in Australia; and provided research assistance to seminary professors in Vietnam and other Asian theology students.

Associate Professor Gerard Hall SM was interviewed by Maria Roberta Cappellini, Director, Centro Interculturale Raimon Panikkar, Siena, Italy, November; gave an invited presentation to students at Siena University, Italy, on Raimon Panikkar’s intercultural philosophy, November; and was elected to the Provincial Council for the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers, Australian Province) in October.


Dr Joel Hodge is inaugural Secretary and Treasurer of the Australian Girard Seminar; a member of the Editorial Board, *Champagnat: an International Journal of Charism in Education,* a regular contributor to ABC’s The Drum and the CathNews Blog; and contributes regularly to ABC’s Religion & Ethics website, The Punch (News Limited online opinion site), and the Australian Council of Educational Leadership (ACEL) Online.

Associate Professor Robyn Horner, Professor Robert Gascoigne and Associate Professor Orm Rush are members of the Editorial Board of the *Australasian Catholic Record*. Robyn Horner is a member of Harvest Bible College Academic Board.

Associate Professor Robyn Horner is an Australian Research Council Assessor in FoR codes 220317, 220310, and 220401
Professor Anne Hunt presented a talk on "Learning from the Mystics for the Commission for Women, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, in February; was respondent to keynote speaker, Bishop Eugene Hurley, on the topic “Governing the ministry: The call of scriptures,” at the CHA Governance Conference, Reconfiguring Catholic Governance, in Sydney, in April; addressed the Penola Partnership Schools Community in Catholic Education Week on “Religious Education: Changing Contexts and Perennial Constants, in March in Melbourne; presented a half-day seminar to Religious Education Coordinators on “The Contemporary Context of Religious Education: Religious Education for our Time and Place: Constants and Contexts, Opportunities and Challenges,” in Melbourne in March; presented at a workshop at the Catholic Health Australia annual national conference in Canberra in August, on the theme of formation and education for leaders of Catholic health care; was keynote speaker on the topic “Catholic Education: Constants and Contexts,” for the National Catholic Education Convention in Adelaide in September; and presented a half-day in-service for the priests of the Sale Diocese (VIC) on the topic, “Trinity, Mission and Church,” in September. Anne Hunt is a member of the Melbourne College of Divinity Academic; the International Advisory Board of Irish Theological Quarterly; Editorial Board of the journal, Interface: A Journal of Cultural Studies; and the editorial board of the Australian Journal of Theology of Religion and Society. She served as member of the International Advisory Board of Irish Theological Quarterly; and of ATF Literary Trust Fund (incl. Biblical Studies and Church History). She was member of Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority Re-accreditation Panel for Tabor College Master of Vocational Practice; coordinated a successful grant application to the Institute of Catholic Identity and Mission for research on the Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Catholic Culture in 2012; addressed the National Pastoral Planners’ Network Conference, “On Hope,” Sydney, June; Melbourne College of Divinity staff on “Learning and Teaching in the Higher Education Sector: Challenges for MCD,” November; and, with Ms Therese Vassarotti, “Ministry to Self and Ministry to Others in Postmodern Contexts,” Annual Symposium on Religious Education, Sydney, July.

Professor Anthony H. Johns serves as reader for papers submitted to Islamic Studies, Journal of the Islamic Research Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan, and Hamdard Islamicus, Karachi, Pakistan. He presented a public lecture to the ANU Catholic Society at John XXIII College ANU on Abraham in Judaic, Christian and Islamic Traditions.

Dr Clare Johnson is a member of the National Liturgical Council advising the Bishops’ Commission on the Liturgy of the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference; an Assistant Editor for Studia Liturgica; and the editorial board of the Australian Journal of Liturgy. She founded the ACU Strathfield Choir in August and is its director.

Rev. Professor Anthony Kelly CSsR, Rev. Associate Professor Gerard Hall SM, and Professor Anne Hunt served as occasional writers of the Sunday Reflections for Majellan Parish Series.

Rev. Professor Anthony Kelly CSsR is a member of the International Advisory Board of Irish Theological Quarterly; and an Australian Research Council Assessor in FoR codes 220315, 220401, and 22040 - Philosophy of Religion, Christian Studies (incl. Biblical Studies and Church History), and Religion and Society. He served as member of the International Advisory Board of Irish Theological Quarterly. He frequently presided over Canberra Campus liturgies; deputised for the Campus Chaplain; collaborated with the Campus Ministry Team; and contributed to staff induction programs. His pastoral involvements outside of the University included priestly service in St Christopher’s Cathedral and Parish; and assistance in the parishes of Gunghuln, Burrowa and Jugiong.

Dr David Kirchhoffer was invited to address the Tertiary Campus Ministry Association National Conference, held at Ormiston, QLD in September, on the relevance of understandings of human dignity for tertiary chaplains.

Rev. Dr Richard Leonard SJ is assistant priest and local superior of the Jesuit Community of St Mary’s Parish, North Sydney. He is a member of the editorial board of Australian Catholics and the Jesuit Communications Board. He delivered more than seventy lectures, seminars and workshops during 2011 in the following dioceses: Bathurst, Sydney, Perth, Sale, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville, Cairns, Wollongong, Hobart, Maitland, Ballarat, Port Pirie and Sandhurst. By appointment of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, he is Director, Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting; Consultant, Bishops Commission for Mission and Faith Formation; and member of the Australian Catholic Media Council. For the Australian Jesuit Province, he is member of the Australian Jesuit Provincial’s Consult, Provincial Delegate for Mission and Faith Formation, and Chair, Jesuit Province Board of Graduate Studies.

Rev. Professor Dan Madigan SJ gave the keynote address, "Abraham's Baggage: What our three traditions have forced him to bear," in Sydney at the Sydney conference: Abraham for the 21st Century; presented two talks for the National Conference of Ecumenical and Interfaith Commissions of the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference; for a meeting of the “Jesuits Among Muslims” group, a paper on the history of Jesuit reflection on the maxim Extra Ecclesiam Nulla Salus, particularly as this relates to our relation with Muslims; gave lectures to State Department personnel doing in-service training at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center in Arlington, VA; presented a paper on Christian understandings of the Qur'an, and on recent research on the historical Muhammad as part of a series of seminars at Campion Hall, the Jesuit house at Oxford, on Christian Theological Engagement with Islam; taught the introductory days of a month-long program on Islam for seminarians and Jesuit scholastics from different parts of Asia; initiated a three year project, in Oxford, convening a group of fifteen international scholars in the field of Muslim-Christian relations; has initiated an Interest Group on the subject of Christian Theologies Responsive to Islam for the Catholic Theological Society of America 2012-2014; participated in April in the second annual session of an intensive doctoral seminar funded by the EU on the comparative reading of scriptures, at Marmara University in Istanbul; is a member of the steering committee of the multi-year international project, entitled Contending Modernities: Catholic, Muslim and Secular, which is based at the Kroc Institute for Peace at the University of Notre Dame.
Dame (Indiana); is consulted about manuscripts and book proposals by the University Presses at Oxford, Cambridge, Princeton and Yale, as well as by Routledge, reviews articles for various theological, medievalist and orientalist journals; is a member of the editorial advisory boards of a number of journals; in 2011, joined the editorial advisory board of *Theological Studies*.


Dr Stephen Matthews is a member of the Ethics Committee of the Institute of Psychiatry.

Associate Professor James McLaren is an Australian Research Council Assessor in FoR codes 210105 - Archaeology of Europe, the Mediterranean and the Levant; 210306 - Classical Greek and Roman History; 220401 - Christian Studies (incl. Biblical Studies and Church History); and 220404 - Jewish Studies; Chair of the Melbourne College of Divinity Academic Audit Committee; editor of *Australian Biblical Review*; member of the Editorial Board of the Society of Biblical Literature *Early Jewish Literature Monograph Series*; a member of the Executive of the Fellowship for Biblical Studies; and of the Asia/Pacific Liaison Committee for the Society for New Testament Studies.

Rev. Professor Francis Moloney SDB, AM, FAHA presented a professional inservice program for all leaders in the Salesian educative mission on the theme, “The Good Shepherd and the Catholic Educator,” November; and a three day seminar at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, Sampran, Thailand for the Bishops of Thailand, Priests and lay Catholic Leaders: The Gospel of Matthew.

Rabbi Fred Morgan is Honorary President of the Council of Christians and Jews (Victoria). He presented an illustrated talk to the Council on the history of the Jews, Christians and Muslims in medieval and modern Spain and Morocco, following a three-week tour that he led to these countries in May 2011; and published a number of brief Bible commentaries and articles on Jewish topics in the *Australian Jewish News* and on the website of the Union for Progressive Judaism: Australia, Asia and New Zealand.

Dr Bronwen Neil is an Australian Research Council Assessor in FoR codes 200510, 210306, 210399, and 220401 - Latin and Classical Greek Literature, Classical Greek and Roman History, Historical Studies not elsewhere classified, and Christian Studies (incl. Biblical Studies and Church History).

Rev. Professor Gerald O’Collins SJ, gave a lecture on his recent book, *Jesus: A Portrait*, to school principals and teachers in the Parramatta diocese in January; a keynote address on the graces of Lent to fifty parish workers in the Thomas Carr Centre, Melbourne, in February; an interview on ecumenical theology for ABC Radio’s ‘Encounter’ programme; three lectures on Jesus, in Shepparton in February for fifty coordinators of religious education in the Sandhurst diocese; three lectures in March as a visiting fellow at Geelong Grammar School on the death and resurrection of Jesus and on our historical knowledge of Jesus; two lectures to the clergy of Port Pirie diocese in May; two lectures on “The Church in Post-modern Australia” and “Jesus in Post-modern Australia” to approximately ninety
principals and education officers of the Lismore diocese in May; a staff seminar on Rethinking Fundamental Theology at Catholic Theological College in August; for 8-28 September, held the St Thomas More College Chair in Jesuit Studies at the University of Western Australia and delivered a lecture, “Current Views on the Resurrection,” and two seminars, together with other engagements at the University of Notre Dame, St Charles Seminary and the Abbey of New Norcia; presented two lectures, “God in Our Lives” and “The Presence of Christ in the Liturgy,” for staff in education for the Sandhurst diocese in October in Harrietville (Victoria); a lecture, “Paul and Christian Life,” at the Institute for Spiritual Studies, St Peter’s, Eastern Hill, in October; the Walter Silvester Lecture in Melbourne on “The Future of Catholic (and Christian) Thinking,” in October; a lecture at St Mary’s Church, North Sydney on “Current Views of the Resurrection,” in November; a lecture on “Atonement” in November at Trinity College (University of Melbourne) for the Anglican Society of Priests; a lecture on the liturgical presences of Christ at Trinity College for the Prayer Book Society in November; and a lecture in Adelaide for the launch on the latest document from the Australian Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue, “Living Word. Living Tradition,” in December. Alongside his numerous publications and book reviews in scholarly journals, he contributes articles to The Tablet.

Professor Paul Oslington is an Australian Research Council Assessor. Professor John Ozolins is an Australian Research Council Assessor in FoR codes 2201-Applied Ethics, 2202-History and Philosophy of Specific Fields, 2203-Philosophy; member of Council, member of Academic Board, Chair of Grievances Sub-committee, and member of Professorial Promotions committee, of John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family; Chair, Mercy Health Human Research Ethics Committee; Australian Research Council International Panel of Assessors; Wellcome Trust Foundation Assessor for Research Fellowships and Grants, United Kingdom; Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Canada Research Grants Assessor. He is Immediate Past President, Philosophy of Education Society of Australasia; Secretary-General, World Union of Catholic Philosophical Societies; Review Editor, Educational Philosophy and Theory journal; Editor, Ethics Education; Regional Co-ordinator, Centre for Research in Values and Philosophy (based at Catholic University of America), and reviewer for a number of international journals; and Honorary Fellow, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia.

Rev. Associate Professor David Pascoe is a co-secretary of the National Roman Catholic – Uniting Church Dialogue, and the Archdiocesan Chair of the Brisbane Catholic Commission for Ecumenism and Inter-faith Relations; was a member of the Brisbane Archdiocesan Pastoral Council in 2011, and also the Chair of the local Brisbane chapter of ANZATS; presented the key note address at the National Stewardship Conference in Brisbane, “Living as God’s Stewards: Theological Foundations” in September; was a member of the presentation team for “Guiding Lights,” Brisbane Catholic Education; a member of the Review Panel for the Brisbane Archdiocesan Institute of Faith Education; presented the Clergy Retreat for the presbyterate of the Solomon Islands in September; is a member of the Brisbane Archdiocesan presbyterate and contributes to the liturgical life of the Archdiocese.

Mr Ren Perkins co-presented a paper, “Beyond Rhetoric: Widening the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in higher education through technology.” at the Social Justice in Higher Education Symposium, “Keeping the Door Open,” in Melbourne in November; and attended the Indigenous Studies Research Network Critical Reading Group at Queensland University of Technology in October.

Dr John Quilter is a member of the Editorial Board of Ethics Education; Chief Examiner, Board of Studies NSW, HSC Studies of Religion I and II; Chair of Australian Hearing’s national Research Ethics Committee; Chair of Academic Advisory Committee, St. Patrick’s Institute of Education, Sydney; Member, NSW Institute of Psychiatry Research Ethics Committee; Member, Anglicare Research Ethics Committee for dioceses of Canberra-Goulburn, Bathurst and the Riverina; taught “Faith and Reason” adult education course in the diocese of Canberra-Goulburn and the city of Goulburn; presented conference paper “Life is Sacred: Christian and Islamic issues of Life and Death,” Ethics in a Multi-faith Society: Muslims and Christians in Dialogue Conference, November, and “Questioning the Gods: Religion in the Public Forum,” Questioning God Conference, Uniting Church Ministry Centre, North Parramatta, October; gave a public lecture: “St Bonaventure - the Seraphic Doctor” for Tertiary Society of St Francis, July; a talk and discussion on “The very idea of Human Nature and the very idea of Mental Health” for the Personal Helpers and Mentors Programme (PHAMs) of the Richmond Fellowship of the ACT, October; and is an External Assessor, Projects in Philosophy, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Dr Anita C. Ray, in response to a request from the Sydney Municipal Council, provided expert advice in a detailed (10-page) written report in regard to whether materials submitted on behalf of a proposed Hindu temple faithfully represented the precepts, practices and activities of the Hindu religious tradition.

Rev. Dr Thomas Ryan SM presented a seminar for priests in the Redland-Bayside Deanery in March on the theme, What’s happening in Moral Theology: Trends and Developments; and a seminar for Priests and Catechists on Living Hope, at the Catholic Education Office, Perth in June.

Associate Professor David Sim is an Australian Research Council Assessor in FoR code 220401-Christian Studies (incl. Biblical Studies and Church History).

Dr Peter Stork delivered a public lecture, “A Theologian among Scientists: Exploring the Interface between Science and Theology based on the Work of Jürgen Moltmann,” in March, as part of the 2011 Annual Lecture Series of the ANU Emeritus Faculty.

Dr Jonathan Tan presented “A New Way of Being Church in Today’s World? Insights from the Documents of the Federation...”
Asian Bishops’ Conferences (FABC),” in Breaking Open the Lineamenta: A Consultation on the “New Evangelization” for the 2012 Synod, at Parramatta, NSW, in September; served as organist for the Advent Lessons and Carols, Barron Memorial Chapel, Strathfield Campus in November; and as accompanist to the Australian Catholic University Choir, Strathfield; is member of American Academy of Religion (AAR) World Christianity Group Steering Committee; National Advisory Committee of the Center for the Study of Latino/a Catholicism, University of San Diego; Steering Committee of the Society of Asian North American Christian Studies (SANACS) and of the Editorial Board of SANACS Annual; External Grant Reviewer for the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong, in the areas Religious Studies and Theological Studies; and Editor of Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

Dr Michael P. Theophilos was nominated and elected to the executive committee of the Fellowship for Biblical Studies; served as reader for Buried History: The Journal of the Australian Institute of Archaeology; and gave public lectures “The Law of Moses and the Code of Hummurabi,” “Genesis in Cosmological and Ancient Near Eastern Perspective,” and “Love, Lust and Poetry in Ancient Israel.”

Associate Professor Bernadette Tobin is a member of the Clinical Ethics Advisory Panel, New South Wales Department of Health; Member of Clinical Advisory Committee of NSW Organ and Tissue Donation Authority; Standing Committee on Blood Born Diseases, NSW Ministry of Health; Royal Australasian College of Physicians’ Conflict of Interest Working Group; Advisory Board, Anatomy Bequest Program, University of Technology Sydney; Advisory Board, DNA Data Bank, Children’s Hospital at Westmead; Bioethics Committee and the Mission and Values Committee, St Vincent’s & Mater Health Sydney; Mission, Advocacy and Community Relations, St Vincent’s Health Australia; and the Council of Guild St. Luke. She is a director of Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (member of Audit and Nominations & Remuneration Committees); Garvan Institute of Medical Research; Sydney Archdiocesan Catholic Schools Board; Scalabrinian Villages; and Founder & Trustee of Mary Philippa Brazill Trust. She is also member of the Editorial Board of Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics; and referee for Medical Journal of Australia. During 2011 she made numerous media presentations on topics of general interest to the public on ABC Local Radio, and featured in articles on ethical issues in The Australian and The Sydney Morning Herald. She is also an Australian Research Council Assessor in FOR code 2201- Applied Ethics.

Dr Nick Trakakis is Assistant Editor for Sophia: International Journal for Philosophy of Religion; Associate Editor for Ethics Education; referee of papers submitted to the Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Sophia: International Journal for Philosophy of Religion, Australian eJournal of Theology, and Ethics Education.

Dr Terry Veling is peer reviewer for Compass Theology Review, Australian eJournal of Theology, Journal of Culture, Theory and Critique, International Journal of Practical Theology; an Honorary Fellow in the School of History, Philosophy, Religion and Classics at the University of Queensland; member of the Education and Spirituality committee for “Earthlink,” a Mercy-Sisters sponsored centre for ecology and spirituality; attended training sessions at the Romero Centre, which provides support for refugee and asylum seekers, sponsored
by Mercy Family Services, with a view to providing volunteer placements for students undertaking Community Service; and participated in a tutoring program at the Brisbane Immigration Detention Centre.


Dr Laurie Woods is member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Religious Education; member of the board The Blue Mountain Education and Research Trust; director and accompanist of the Parish Choir at Our Lady of the Nativity, Lawson. He presented five morning sessions at Province Gatherings of the NSW Province of the Sisters of St Joseph at Baulkham Hills on “Building Community;” a reflection day for Catalyst for Renewal at Blackheath, NSW, on “The Spirituality of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew;” conducted staff reflection days on “Gospel Spirituality and Personal Growth” for Our Lady of Mt Carmel School, Wentworthville; St Canice’s School, Katoomba; and Our Lady of the Nativity, School, Lawson; conducted inservice sessions on Scripture for teachers at Catholic Education Office, Wollongong; St Matthew’s Central School Mudgee, NSW; and St Patrick’s Senior College, Mackay, Qld. He is reviewer of Biblical Studies units for The Broken Bay Institute; and writes weekly commentaries on the Sunday Readings for subscribing parishes and teachers.
DIISR-Recognised Publications by Category for 2010 (verified for DIISR in 2011)

Books (A1)


Book chapters (B1)


Girola, Stefano, “Le Missioni Cattoliche Fra Gli Aborigeni Australiani Nel XIX Secolo [Catholic Missions Among Australia’s Aboriginal Peoples in the XIX Century],” in Nagoyo: *La Vita Di Don Angelo Confalonieri Fra Gli Aborigeni D’Austral* 1846 -
1848 (Nagoyo: The Life of Don Angelo Confalonieri Among Australia’s Aboriginal Peoples 1846 - 1848) (Italy: Fondazione Museo Storico Del Trentino;2010) 80-101.


Journal Articles (C1)


Canning, Raymond, “Christ’s Self-identification with ‘the Least of Mine’ (Matthew 25:40,45) according to Augustine of Hippo: is this the humility of God?,” AEJT 15 (2010) 1-16.


Refereed Conference Proceedings (E1)


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