

## State News

### *New South Wales*

#### **Australian Catholic University**

In the reorganisation of the ACU into Faculties, the School of Religion and Philosophy has been situated in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. In NSW, the School itself has two Departments; The Department of Theology and Philosophy, and the Department of Religious Education.

Professor Peter Carpenter is the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. In NSW, Dr Patricia Malone is the Head of the School of Religion and Philosophy; Dr Robert Gascoigne is the Head of the Department of Theology and Philosophy; and Associate Professor Graham Rossiter is the Head of the Department of Religious Education.

Members of the Departments teach Religion units in the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education, and the Bachelor of Teaching Programs; as well as teaching a number of Values and Ethics units in the Bachelor of Nursing, and the Bachelor of Human Movement Studies Programs. There are members of the Department of Theology and Philosophy who are involved in the John Plunkett Centre for Ethics in Health Care, which is a joint venture of the University and St

Vincent's Hospital; and is located on the Darlinghurst Campus of St Vincent's. Dr Bernadette Tobin is Director of this centre. As a result of Mechanism B funding a Moral and Religious Education Project has commenced, under the co-ordinating role of Associate Professor Graham Rossiter.

The Senate of the University has approved the first intake of PhD students to commence in 1995, and there are several applicants in the area of Religious Studies and Religious Education.

The University has advertised a position for a Professor of Theology, whose role during the next five years is to advise and assist the Vice-Chancellor in the development of suitable arrangements for Theology, and to undertake and develop teaching, scholarship, and research in the area.

*Pat Malone*

#### **University of New England - Armidale**

A tenurable/tenured lectureship in Studies in Religion has been approved

and will be advertised shortly to be available from January 1, 1994. Informal inquiries should be directed to Professor Peter Forrest (Tel: 067-732765, Fax: 067-733317, Email: pforrest@metz.une.edu.au). Roland Boer, who has been instrumental in beginning the teaching of Religion at Armidale, has been appointed to a position at the United Theological College in Parramatta which he takes up in the new year.

Peter Hobson will be on study leave in England from August 20 to November 29 and will be Visiting Fellow at the Department of Arts Education, University of Warwick. He will present a paper at the British Society for the Study of Religions Annual Conference at the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne.

*Peter Hobson*

## **University of Sydney**

At the University of Sydney, the Head of School, Jim Tulip, has been concentrating on the Postgraduate Centre for Religion and Theology, which has within it over 80 students pursuing higher degrees. He is concerned to strengthen the Centre further with a still greater encouragement of theological college graduates to enter the University at the higher degree level. Remaining high on his administrative agenda is his support for the new NSW Religious Studies high school curriculum, through the provision of in-service training. Recent moves at Melbourne and

Monash to offer combined Arts/Theol undergraduate degrees have led him to explore similar possibilities for Sydney and to assess the cross-accreditation issues involved, perhaps with a partial usage of course offerings in the Sydney College of Divinity (SCD).

Bill Jobling has returned from holding the Dorot Research Professorship in Jerusalem. Garry Trompf and John Cooper have become editors of a new monograph series on Gnostic Studies, published from the University of Groningen. Jim Tulip is working towards a large collaborative Research Grant in relation to social welfare. Recent thesis submissions include Colleen Mallone on Josephite Missionaries to the Aborigines (MPhil), Maurice Rimon on Kiribati Pastoral Theology (MThHons), Jennifer Farrell on Human Movement and Liturgy (PhD).

A feast of conferences at New England and Macquarie early in July brought welcome opportunity for the exchange of ideas. Garry Trompf and his research assistant Ruth Lewin-Broit were invited to deliver papers at the Augustinianum in the Vatican in early May. Eric Sharpe will make a special contribution to the American Academy of Religions meeting, Washington DC in November. Jim Tulip is organising a forthcoming Sydney conference on Religion and the Arts, with Dr David Jasper, Glasgow University, being the key speaker (in January 1994).

*Garry Trompf*

## Queensland

### University of Queensland

The Department of Studies in Religion at UQ is offering several new courses this year, including Aboriginal Religions, Women in Religion, New Religious Movements, Belief and Unbelief, and Buddhist Meditation in Theory and Practice. Enrolments in all subjects are high, indicating a continuation of the upward trend of the last few years: in 1992 the Department had the largest number of internally enrolled students in its history.

The Department's teaching staff has been augmented this semester by visiting lecturer Dr Ute Pietruschka of the Institut für Orientalistik at Martin-Luther-Universität, Halle. She is teaching the course in Islam.

Some of the regular teaching staff are back in the Department after spending time overseas for various reasons. Ed Conrad was on long service leave followed by six months as Visiting Scholar at Princeton Theological Seminary. While there he did research on a comparative study of the Book of the Twelve and the Book of Isaiah as prophetic books. Now back in Brisbane, he has been appointed

to the Sub-Committee for the Study of Religion by the Board of Secondary Schools Studies, where he is involved in re-writing the curriculum.

Also back from overseas is Majella Franzmann. She spent 19 months as Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow at the Protestant faculty of the University of Tübingen, where she was doing research on the character of Jesus in the Nag Hammadi Writings. While there she was awarded the Forschungspreis für jüngere Wissenschaftler, 1992.

Michael Lattke has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Letters, a rare honour conferred only four times in the history of the University of Queensland. He will be attending the Annual General Meeting of the SNTS at the University of Chicago in August.

Post-graduate numbers remain high. The most recent successful candidate is Mavis Rose, whose thesis *A History of Feminist Influences and Women's Response to them in the Australian Anglican Church 1901-1992* has recently been accepted for the PhD.

Rod Bucknell

## South Australia

### University of South Australia

Religion Studies and the Open Learning Initiative

In collaboration with religion studies staff at Deakin we have now developed two units in what is hoped will eventually be a full major in Religion Studies offered through the Open Learning Agency of Australia. These materials have been pro-

duced under enormous pressure (immediate deadlines seem to be a feature of the initiative).

The two subjects are *Religion Studies 1A: The Long Search* which is built around the television series *The Long Search* and focussed on Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Australian Aboriginal Religion, Buddhism, and Hinduism. The second subject is *Religion Studies 1B: Myth,*

*Ritual and the Sacred.* This is a text based subject (it has no television or radio component) which explores such religious phenomena as beliefs, sacred space, sacred persons, ritual, religious experience, sacred texts, ethics, and sacred stories.

Deakin will be co-ordinating the next subject in the series and it is planned that a fourth subject will also be developed. It is hoped that it will benefit the field of Religion Studies by giving it a higher profile nationally.

#### Awards

From 1994 Religion Studies at the University of South Australia will offer a full profile of awards in religion education and religion studies. This will include majors in undergraduate awards, MEd (course work or research), MA, and PhD.

#### Retirement of Jerome Crowe

Jerome Crowe retires from the department at the end of 1993. His departure will be a great loss to Religion Studies at UniSA. To honour his personal and academic contribution in establishing the Catholic Studies offerings in the department a Colloquium will be held in his honour on Friday 12 November at UniSA, Underdale.

#### Staff Notes

After seventeen years at the Salisbury campus, Robert Crotty has transferred to Underdale where he has become part of the Religion Studies Department. Robert is presently co-ordinator of the MA(Religion Studies). In 1975 at Salisbury he had established Religion Studies as a major. However, the demise of the BEd Secondary heralded the end of Religion Studies as a major discipline at Salisbury.

In recent times Robert has been involved in research on the letter of James and issues connected with it. This research gained momentum from a study leave program back in 1988 spent at the

Oxford Centre for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies. It has involved literary work on the letter and a study of the historical implications of the literary study. Robert hopes to continue his research next year during another study leave period.

Norman Habel delivered a paper at the AASR conference entitled 'Does the Bible support the land rights of indigenous peoples?'. He continues to research Land ideologies in the Hebrew scriptures and will have a book released on the subject in late 1994. He will lead a workshop of about 1000 clergy in Minneapolis in January.

Marion Maddox delivered a paper at the Philosophy and Applied Ethics Re-Examined conference on the impact of feminist and naturalised epistemologies on philosophical understandings of applied ethics, and also presented a paper entitled 'Ethics and Rhetoric of the Starving Child' at the Australian Systemic-Functional Linguistics conference. She was 'theologian-in-residence' at a three-day intensive workshop on domestic violence organised for church and welfare workers by the Joint Churches Working Group on Domestic Violence, and is continuing to do research on religion, sexuality, and power.

Penny Magee gave one of the Charles Strong lectures at AASR in Armidale, and later in July participated in the *State, Sexuality and Reproduction in Asia and the Pacific* three day meeting of RSPacS, ANU. She is also convening a panel on gender and religion for the *Women in Asia* conference in Melbourne in November. Other work includes the completion of a DEET funded Asian Studies Project with the making of a film of Asian religious ritual in Adelaide. Highlight of the year was the completion of the supervision of the first Master's degree thesis in

Asian Studies in the University: Barbara Kameniar, on the *maechii* in Thailand.

Basil Moore spent six months in South Africa in 1992 researching South African understandings of racism, anti-racism education, and the current state of the black theology movement. Interested researchers can get copies of his research reports from him.

Michael O'Donoghue has returned from Professional Experience Leave during which he spent some time working at the Australian Centre for Egyptology at Macquarie University. The first stage of his research was reflected in his paper pre-

sented at the AASR conference in Armidale titled 'Shabtis: ancient Egyptian funerary statuettes in the collection of the South Australian Museum'.

Margaret O'Toole received a University of South Australia award for excellence on teaching in 1992. With the funds she is currently overseas working on Feminist Theology and Religion Education.

Evan Zuesse continues his leave at Monash University where he is establishing a centre for Jewish Studies.

*Michael O' Donoghue*

### *Western Australia*

#### **Edith Cowan University**

Anne Harris has been appointed from the start of 1994 to replace Noel Kentish, and will teach in the area of the modern church. Cynthia Dixon has been promoted to the position of Associate Professor, and is also currently Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts. Peter Bedford has been awarded a Golda Meir Fellowship and leaves us for the Hebrew University in Jerusalem till mid 1994. Congratulations to all the above.

Iain Gardner will present a paper at the Manichaean Studies Conference in

Calabria, September 1993; and will again be working in Egypt this summer on the new Coptic text being discovered by Colin Hope's excavation at the Roman Town of Kellis. Sorry to miss you all in Armidale.

The Department of Religious Studies is developing a series of units in Philosophy, and hopes to offer a minor in 1995, and then a major in Philosophy. A level B lectureship has been advertised to commence in 1994.

*Iain Gardner*

## **New Zealand Notes**

*from The Yana*

#### **University of Canterbury**

Paul Harrison, Acting Head of Department, has been granted twelve months study leave during 1994. He will begin by

attending the World Sanskrit Conference in Melbourne in January. The next five months or so will be spent at Oxford, where he will take up his appointment as Numata Visitor in Buddhist Studies at

Balliol for the Hilary and Trinity terms. From mid-July to mid-September he will spend two months at Tabo monastery in Spiti District, Himachal Pradesh, investigating the monastery's collection of Tibetan canonical manuscripts (11th century onwards) with a team of scholars from Austria, Switzerland, Germany and Italy. Later in 1994 he will return to Japan for a second graduate seminar series at Otani University in Kyoto.

Bill Shepard and Bo Sax are teaching a Continuing Education course entitled 'Flashpoints in the Muslim World'. Bill is discussing Bosnia, Egypt, the Palestinians, and Iran. Bo is doing a session on India.

Bo Sax will be in the Central Himalayas of India for approximately four months from October 1993, continuing his research on *Pandava Lila*, a Garhwali tradition of ritual performance in Mahabharata. This research is sponsored by the University of Canterbury.

1993 enrolments are 291 for Stage I papers, 101 for Stage II papers 13 for Stage III and 17 for higher level papers.

### **Massey University**

A Diploma in Humanities (Religious Studies) program, combining Albany-based courses with extramural papers from Palmerston North, is being proposed for launching in 1995. Indications are that this new 'North Shore' university will grow rapidly, and the Massey department is preparing to be involved at all levels. Mutually beneficial cooperation with other Auckland religious tertiary institutions is envisaged.

During June and July Bronwyn Elsmore was on study leave in Hawaii, at the East-West Centre, where her research

was on Westernisation of 'Eastern' religions in the Pacific region. In July Brian Colless attended the AASR and Religion in Ancient History conferences in Armidale. Peter Lynham attended the Studying Australian Christianity Conference at Menzies College, Macquarie University.

### **University of Otago**

The World Religions Society continues to meet regularly with a wide range of speakers. The newly established Africa Research Group, convened by Elizabeth Isichei, also holds regular seminars.

Malcolm McLean has returned from study leave in Calcutta and London.

### **University of Waikato**

Doug Pratt was on sabbatical at Kingsmead College (Selly Oak), Birmingham focussing particularly on interfaith conversations between Christians and Muslims. Joan Taylor, as Fellow in Humanities in the Field of Religious Studies, held the fort in Doug's absence. Dennis Green and Marg Coldham-Fussell are temporary part-time lecturers. Joan Taylor and Dennis Green attended the Armidale conferences in July.

Financial problems in the School of Humanities at Waikato have meant funding cuts and freezing of all new appointments. Hopefully this will not mean that the second full-time appointment to Religious Studies will be deferred as Joan's appointment ended at the end of July and Dennis and Marg finish at the end of the year. With 29.7 EFT's to one lecturer, Doug is in grave danger of overload. Nevertheless, ever-optimistic Doug is planning for 1994 on the basis of two lecturers and hopes by 1995 to offer Re-

ligious Studies as a major in BA or BSoc-  
Sci.

## News from Further Away

John May, from the Irish School of Ecumenics, reports that two of our members Doug Pratt from Waikato and Garry Trompf from Sydney have dropped in over the summer. More exciting is John's personal news. He has been offered a fellowship to teach at the University of Wollongong in July-August 1994. He will be the inaugural holder of the 'Ethel Hayton

Fellowship in Contemplative, Spiritual and Religious Studies'. The ABC is somehow involved so John's lectures will be both broadcast and published. John hopes to join us at next year's conference. As a loyal supporter of, and regular contributor to, the ARS REVIEW we will be delighted to catch up with him.

## Australian Conferences

### Research School of the Social Sciences, ANU

20-23 September 1993, Humanities Research Centre

Romanticism and Revolution: Towards a New Cultural History

Contact: Iain McCalam, Patsy Hardy, History Program, RSSH. Phone: 06-249-3053; John Mee and Gillian Russell, English Department, The Faculties. Phone: 06-249-2703

**3rd National Conference on Reasoning**  
27-29 September 1993, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga

Contact: Dr Paul Casey, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Charles Sturt University, Riverina, Locked Bag 678, Wagga Wagga 2678. Phone: 069-22-2248

### Australasian Middle East Studies Conference

2-3 October 1993, Toorak Campus,  
Monash University

Theme: Politics and Trade: Australasia and the Middle East

Contact: Prof William Logan, Deakin University, 336 Glenferrie Rd, Malvern 3144. Phone: 03-244-5326 Fax: 03-244-5497

### Cultural Studies Association of Australia

5-8 December 1993, Victoria University of Technology, Melbourne

Theme: Cultural Positions

Contact: Prof. John McLaren, Department of Humanities, Victoria University of Technology, PO Box 14428, Melbourne 3000. Fax: 03-688-4805

### Dynamics of Faith and Identity

4-15 January 1994

Theme: James Fowler - Intensive workshop

Venue: St John's College, University of Sydney

Contact: Bev Smith, Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Broken Bay, 29

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**1994 Concurrent National Conferences in  
Theology (ANZATS)  
and the Study of Religions (AASR)**

**at Luther Campus and Aquinas College, Adelaide**

**July 3 - 7, 1994**

**The Theological Conference (ANZATS)** will focus on contemporary women scholars from Australia, New Zealand and overseas. Its theme: Sin and Grace - Gender Perspectives. Keynote addresses by Dr Jane Dempsey Douglas (Professor of Historical Theology, Princeton) and Elizabeth A Johnson (Professor of Theology, Fordham)

PLUS papers and workshops led by Australian Scholars - a seminar for South Pacific women doing theology - a Women's Space - a forum on "Enhancing Post-Graduate Theological Studies in Australia" - Joint Dinner, Social Events and local tours with AASR delegates.

**The Studies in Religions Conference (AASR)** will set up Sections for 30 minute papers (plus discussion time) on any of the World's Religious Traditions and on Religion/s from the point of view of the academic disciplines. (This is a preliminary call for papers).

PLUS two Charles Strong Trust lectures - joint social events, dinner and local tours with ANZATS delegates.

**Delegates register for one conference but may attend either.**

Proposals for papers and requests for general information to:

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Bedford Park, S.A.

Phone: (08) 277 4843. Fax: (08) 201 3184

Yardley Ave, Waitara 2077. Phone:02-487 3777 Fax:02-489-0043

**IXth World Sanskrit Conference**  
10-16 January 1994, International House  
University of Melbourne

Contact: Secretariat, IXth World Sanskrit Conference, Department of Religious Studies, La Trobe University, Bundoora 3083 Tel: 61-3-479-2343 Fax: 61-3-478-5814

**Summer School of Arts, Sydney**  
10-13 January 1994

Theme: Christianity, Culture and the Arts

Contact: Rod Pattenden, PO Box 379, Paddington 2021. Tel:02-360-4372 Fax: 02-331-4864

**Religion, Literature, and the Arts, Sydney**  
14-16 January 1994

Feature speaker: Dr Doug Adams, Professor of Religion and the Arts, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley

Contact: Dr Michael Griffiths, ACU, 179 Albert Rd, Strathfield 2135. Tel:02-739-2100

**Faith Development and the Public Church**

21-22 January 1994

Venue: St John's College, University of Sydney

Contact: Bev Smith, as above

**James Fowler in Melbourne**

24-28 January 1994

Contact: Tony Byrne, CEO Melbourne  
Phone:03-665-0333 Fax:03-663-4417

**Humanities Research Centre, ANU**  
15-17 June 1994, ANU

Theme: Ideas of Liberty

Contact: Prof. Barry Hindess, Political Science Program, RSSS, ANU Phone: 06-249-2101

**Humanities Research Centre, ANU**  
4-6 July 1994, ANU

Theme: Asian Paths to the Idea of Freedom

Contact: Prof. A J S Reid, Division of Pacific and Asian Studies, RSPacS, ANU  
Phone: 06-249-2304

## Overseas Conferences Coming Up !

8-10 September, Winchester

Theme: Religions in Transformation: Innovation, Adaptation and Syncretism  
Contact: Dr Peter Moore, Darwin College, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK

**Communal Studies Assoc Conference**  
14-17 October 1993, New Harmony, Indiana

Theme: Culture, Thought and Living in Community

Contact: Dr Donald E Pitzer, Centre for Communal Studies, University of

Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN 47712  
USA

**The Institute of Religion**

24-26 October, Texas Medical Center  
Conference to consider the place of religious traditions in reflection about medical ethics.

Contact: Institute of Religion, Texas Medical Center, 1129 Wilkins, Houston TX 77030. Phone: 1-713-797-0600. Fax: 1-713-797-9199

**Society for the Scientific Study of Religion**

**1993 Annual Meeting**

29-31 October

Raleigh, North Carolina

Contact: Anna Davidson, Pierce Hall  
#193, Purdue University, West Lafayette,  
IN 47907

**Religious Research Association**

**1993 Annual Meeting**

29-31 October

Raleigh, NC

Contact: Ms Lorraine d'Antonio,  
Marist Hall (Room 108), Catholic University of America, Washington DC 20064

**Association for Humanist Sociology**

11-14 November, New Orleans

Theme: Humanity at the Crossroads:  
Building a New Social Agenda for the Future

Contact: Leo Barrile and Tom Bonomo, Department of Sociology and Social Welfare, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg PA 17815

**Contemporary Buddhism: Text and Context**

8-10 April 1994, University of Leeds

Contact: CBTC Office c/o Ingrid Lawrie, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, England. Fax: 44-532-336017

**11th Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies**

24-28 October 1994, Mexico City

Contact: Prof Flora Botton, Director, Center for Asian and African Studies, El Colegio de México, Camino al Ajusco No. 20, Código Postal 01000, México, DF Fax:525-645-04-64

## **From the Association for the Sociology of Religion**

*Greetings from the Editor, Joseph Tamney*

Sociology of Religion, formerly *Sociological Analysis*, will continue to publish articles varying in style and content. The ideal remains an essay that uses new information to advance our theoretical understanding of religion. Each contribution should be clear about how the article advances our understanding beyond previous work. As in the past, purely theoretical work is welcome. The variety of published works should make it clear that we provide a sociological forum of religion, not for religion.

The membership and distribution of *Sociology of Religion*

*is becoming more international. It would be fitting for the journal to contain more articles about subjects other than religion in Western countries.*

I would appreciate receiving suggestions for special issues. Several topics occur to me: Religion and 'Life-Crises' (graduation, marriage, divorce, unemployment, death of a loved one), Critical Approaches to Religion (Marxist, postmodern, etc.), and Religion and Popular Culture.

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# Method and Theory in the Study of Religion

*Journal of the North American Association for the Study of Religion*

This journal publishes articles, notes, book reviews, and letters which specifically address methodological and theoretical concerns in the academic study of religion. Issues addressed in articles published in MTSR include: critiques and analyses of various methodological approaches to the study of religion in areas such as history, sociology, anthropology, comparative studies, biology, critical theory, philosophy, and feminist studies; concerns in the study of religion such as the problems of definition, reductionism, and theology versus the study of religion; and theoretical issues such as the theory of survivals, 'the sacred' as an interpretive

category, the nature of religious thought, and religion as ideology. Through our affiliation with IAHR we are eligible for reduced subscription rates.

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