Welcome to the newsletter for the Centre for Theology, Science and Culture (CTSC) based at the Adelaide College of Divinity (ACD), Brooklyn Park, South Australia.

First Announcement
We are inviting submissions for presentation at a conference on multifaith scholarship:

Sacred Scripture in Today’s World
to be held at the campus of The Adelaide College of Divinity

The Centre is seeking expressions of interest for those desiring to attend and present or attend only. A selection of written presentations will be made available through the Centre’s website, www.flinders.edu.au/CTSC

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This miniconference will seek wisdom in trying to address the following questions:

- Why should the world pay attention to what our Holy Books teach?
- Is fundamentalist literalism the only way to preserve the authority of sacred texts?
- How do we make a faithful response to the claims of science?
- Can we balance our own faith tradition’s exclusive readings of Scriptures with the challenge of other world faiths?
- Is Australian society secular, superstitious, spirituality-seeking – or all three?

PROGRAM
Initial conversation on the theme:
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm Thursday 19th October

Day One:
10 am – 5:00 pm Saturday 21st October
Registration, Plenary and Workshop Sessions, including Shared Lunch.
Opportunity to visit local churches for Sunday morning worship

Day Two:
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm Sunday 22nd October
Workshop and Plenary Sessions, including afternoon tea
**David Suzuki in Adelaide**

David Suzuki PhD, will be speaking at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Thursday September 14th 6-7.30pm. David is described as the greatest environmentalist of our time. He will talk on the theme: The Challenge of the 21st Century. This free lecture is part of the celebrations for Flinders University’s 40th anniversary and SA Museum’s 150th anniversary. Bookings are essential. Check out www.flinders.edu.au and click on 40th Anniversary.

**Next Conversation is on 7th September**

“No-people” doing theology: Dalits and Christian faith

Rev. Samson Devasagayam, ordained in the Church of South India, research student in the field of interpreting Luke’s gospel from a Dalit perspective.

Rev. Gethzi Asirvatham, ordained in the Church of South India, research student in the field of Hebrew scriptures, studying Lamentations.

Prof. Norm Habel, lived and worked in South India, founder of the Grihini project, which is an eleven month live-in course for oppressed young Dalit women that aims to help them free themselves from their plight and find ways of changing conditions in their villages.

Join Samson, Gethzi and Norm on Thursday 7th September. Drinks and nibbles commence at 4.15pm. Conversation concludes at 5.30pm. Meeting in S1.

**2006 Conversations**

Three varied and interesting conversations have taken place in 2006.

Our March conversation was aligned with the Spirituality and the Arts exhibition. Anthony Kain and Janet Lyon shared their views in a stimulating conversation.

Douglas Bardsley and Brian Polkinghorne both spoke passionately about their observations of changes happening to the environment.

Marie Turner and Robert Phiddian spoke on critical theory and the federal government’s focus on Year 12 English which was followed with some lively questions and comments from the audience.

(Note that the last conversation is planned for Thursday 19th October 4.15 -5.30pm. This conversation will begin the ‘Sacred Scriptures in Today’s World’ miniconference.)

**Research Forum meetings**

(Note change of days from Thursdays to Tuesdays 1-2pm)

Members of the theology faculty visiting scholars make their presentations on Thursdays 1-2pm in the Research Centre Meeting Room (W3) in the upstairs south west wing of the Adelaide College of Divinity.

- 12 Sept Prof Daniel Peterson (in S1)
- 19 Sept David Jobling STM Ph D
- 3 Oct to be confirmed
Interested in a study tour of the lands of the Bible?

This program of focused study on the lands of the Bible will head off straight after Christmas 2006 for Greece (Athens, Corinth, Delphi, Metereo, Beroea, Vergina, Thessalonika, Philipi), Turkey (Gallipoli, Istanbul, Cappadocia, Ankara, Tarsus, Antakya), Syria (Damascus), Jordan (Amman, Mt Nebo, Gerash, Pella, Petra) and Mt Sinai. The study tour is prepared for a pre-tour session on Saturday October 14th at the ACD. The program is proving to be very popular that there are only three places remaining. So if you’re interested, be quick! Email at Michael Trainor at michael.trainor@flinders.edu.au

Membership

CTSC is delighted to have over 100 members. Please don’t hesitate to encourage others to join. We remind all members outside the School of Theology and the Adelaide College of Divinity that an annual service fee of $10 is required. If you have not forwarded a service fee for 2006 please put your fee in an envelope and include your name, address and email address and send it to our Membership Officer, Ms Nicola Shaw, 34 Lipsett Tce, Brooklyn Park, SA 5032. Phone: 8416 8420 or email p-wcollege@flinders.edu.au

The Board welcomes communications with members and invites members to contribute to its newsletter. Please email either the Director Lee Levett-Olson or the Executive Secretary Di Thiele at

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