

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH, 2009



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POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH AT BCV, 2009

Postgraduate research at BCV is carried out in the context of the College's firm commitment to enabling people to know God through his Word, to become like Jesus Christ by growth in Christian character, and to serve God in the church and the world. BCV excludes no one on the grounds of race, gender, colour, national or ethnic origin. The aim of BCV's postgraduate research program is to provide people with an opportunity to engage in advanced theological research, so as to equip them for theological teaching, research and writing, and ongoing ministry to the people of God in Australia and overseas.

BCV prepares candidates for the degree of Master of Theology (MTh) and Doctor of Theology (ThD) under the auspices of the Australian College of Theology. Both these degrees are accredited by the following Government departments: the New South Wales Department of Education and Training; the Victorian Department of Education and Training; Department of Education, Training & Employment, South Australia; and the Office of Higher Education, Queensland, and the Universities Registration Council of Tasmania. Australian Citizens and Permanent Residents who are candidates within these courses are eligible to have their research fees covered by FEE HELP* loan scheme.

It is our purpose in the BCV Postgraduate Studies Department to foster a climate of 'apprenticeship in research' so as to affirm and sustain the individual student in a serious engagement with God's world in the light of His Truth and to foster a sense of calling to a life vocation of research or teaching for the sake of the mission of God.

THE MASTER OF THEOLOGY (MTH)

The MTh is a research masters degree with study and research to be undertaken normally in one field of specialisation within the department of Bible and Language or Christian Thought or Ministry and Practice. The course is designed for students who have demonstrated the capacity for research at this level either in their Bachelors Honours program, or at coursework masters level in the M.A. (Theol.) or under certain conditions the M.A. (Chr. Stud.). The MTh is intended for scholars preparing for research at Doctoral level; teachers in theological and Bible colleges engaged in the teaching of undergraduate theological courses and at coursework masters level. It is equivalent in standard to the typical Master of Arts offered through Australia's leading universities.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following people may become candidates for the MTh:

- *Graduates who have taken out the four year BTh* at Honours I, IIA or, B grade.
- *Master of Divinity graduates* with a GPA of 2.8 overall and a distinction in the 8 cp project, as long as the sponsoring college is satisfied that the applicant has the potential to write and extended piece of research.
- *Master of Arts in Theology graduates* on condition that they achieved a GPA of 2.0 overall and a credit grade in the 16 cp project. Under certain circumstances entry to the MTh may be allowed MA (Min.) graduates, although many of these articulate more easily into Doctor of Ministry Programs. MA (Min.) graduates seeking entry to the MTh must have completed the biblical language requirements for entry to the BTh Honours course (i.e., at least 8 cps in either Biblical Hebrew or New Testament Greek and at least 8 cps of biblical language exegesis in their initial theology degree) unless it can be demonstrated that their research topic, say involving human research, does not depend upon such exegetical skills.
- *Fast Track Entry:* Students who achieve a GPA of 2.8 over the course of the first two subjects in the M.A. (Theol.) degree in addition to a distinction grade in the project of 16 cps may upgrade to the MTh with the approval of the Graduate Research Awards Board.
- *Further requirements:* BCV will normally only accept into to its MTh program candidates living in or around Melbourne, and who can participate fully in its Postgraduate Seminar. If country or interstate candidates are accepted, this will be on the understanding that they will make at least one visit to Melbourne each semester to meet with their supervisors and if space permits, to present a paper to the Postgraduate Seminar. Such candidates must have access to email.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Duration of course: The minimum time of candidature is two years. The maximum time is four years, after which an extension may be sought, citing sufficient reasons, through an application to the ACT via the BCV Dean of Postgraduate Studies Department.

There are three different ways of completing this award:

- 50,000 word thesis (worth 64 cps) or,
- Coursework of two 8 cp individual study 700 level subjects each comprising an 8000 words of assessment in various forms, followed by a 35,000 word thesis (worth 48 cps), or,
- Two research papers of 8,000 words each, followed by a 35,000 word thesis (worth 48 cps).

THE DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY (THD)

The ThD is the highest award of the Australian College of Theology equivalent in standard to the Doctor of Philosophy award from Australia's leading universities. It is designed to equip men and women for the vocation of teaching and conducting research in theological and Bible colleges and universities, and for the scholarly enhancement of ministerial practice.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following people may become candidates for the ThD:

- Graduates of the four year Bachelor of Theology with First Class honours;
- Graduates of the four year Bachelor of Ministries with First Class honours;
- Master of Theology;
- Master of Arts (Theology) or under certain circumstances Master of Arts (Ministry) with a 15,000 word research project assessed at an equivalent level (3.5 GPA overall, with an HD in the project); or
- A qualification which in the opinion of the Graduate Research Awards Board of the ACT is of equivalent status to any of the above.

The Graduate Research Awards Board of the ACT reserves the right to grant provisional entry to students requiring the presentation for appraisal of a sustained piece of writing (15,000 words or more and for which a fee is payable) which must be judged by the Board to display evidence of research capability at doctoral level. The paper presented may be incorporated into the final thesis.

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COURSE STRUCTURE

The minimum time of candidature is two years (for full time students). Normal full time candidature is three years. The maximum time is six years (for part time students). Extensions may be applied for via application to the ACT citing sufficient reasons in writing through the BCV Dean of Postgraduate Studies Department.

The only academic requirement is the completion within the time limits above of a thesis of approximately 100,000 words (including footnotes, and excursions, but excluding the bibliography) or its equivalent in terms of works published during the course of candidature.

MTH AND THD THESES: THE PHILOSOPHICAL DISTINCTIONS

Candidates for the MTh and ThD are expected to have their own suggestions for the thesis topic. This is to be discussed with the faculty member appointed as supervisor, and is subject to the approval of BCV's Postgraduate Studies Committee. Candidates are encouraged to take note of the areas of expertise of faculty members contributing to the MTh program (see Faculty Profiles included with this brochure).

In the case of the MTh, where the degree is examined by thesis only, it must contribute to theological learning. Where no new material is presented, it must give evidence of correcting or supplementing earlier work or of presenting the material in fresh perspective. Where the thesis is combined with course work, it may be a critical survey of existing knowledge or, make an original contribution to its subject.

In the case of the ThD, the thesis must embody the results of independent scholarship and research. It may be either a critical study of existing material or an original contribution to the subject. In either case it must show evidence of originality and independence of thought, posing a new insight into the topic or formulation an existing issue in a novel and useful way. The ThD is marked by one 'internal' examiner and at least one examiner of note from an overseas institution to maintain the exemplary quality of the award. For full details of the regulations for the MTh and the ThD, applicants are referred to the Australian College of Theology's *Postgraduate Manual 2007*.

RESEARCH STUDENT SUPERVISION AND ASSISTANCE

Once a candidate is accepted into the BCV Postgraduate program, a supervisor will be appointed to work with him/her. The supervisor will normally be a person with knowledge of the field of research, but not necessarily of the particular topic upon which the candidate is working. Supervisors meet with their candidates to discuss their work at regular and reasonably frequent intervals (usually monthly for part time students and bi-weekly for full time students). The BCV Postgraduate Research program aims to enhance a collaborative culture whereby the student and their supervisor are both responsible for the successful production of a worthy dissertation, given that the findings of the thesis are the student's own work.

The supervisor-researcher meetings are critical and are the time when students may expect to receive ...

- Quality feedback upon any written material or advice in terms of the overall direction and sustainability of the arguments preferred;
- Advice regarding any classes they might profitably audit (research students are entitled to audit appropriate classes at BCV without extra charge);

- Assistance in defining their thesis title, to give advice concerning the format of the thesis; to provide critical evaluation of methodology, scriptural exegesis, logical consistency and theological coherence during the period of thesis preparation;
- And it is the supervisor who on reading drafts of the thesis has the right indicate whether it is ready for submission;
- The condition of the candidature is that the student and supervisor negotiate the form of these meetings, their content, expectations and frequency with their supervisor at the outset of their collaboration in research. This is ratified through an annual review of progress report that may be downloaded from the Postgraduate Research pages on the BCV website. This must be returned signed by both supervisor and candidate to the BCV Dean Postgraduate Studies Department in November each year.

All MTh students are required to do a Research Methods course through BCV. This may be offered in particular modules offered during the week-long intensive mode unit required for DMin students. These are also delivered alternately via research workshops rostered on the same day as the postgraduate seminar.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

Satisfactory progress requires evidence that the student is applying themselves to the task of thoughtful writing and problem solving rather than an arbitrary level of word output. Students may lose their candidature if the Dean of Postgraduate Studies is not convinced that the student in any particular year has made a genuine effort to think and write at a level appropriate to their status (full or part time). Students who are experiencing life difficulties that inhibit forward progress may apply to the ACT via the BCV Dean of Postgraduate Studies for a leave of absence to resolve such issues. The amount granted is usually limited to a semester at a time. These issues must involve a significant change of capacity to do research and must have arisen in the period since the last enrolment began. This leave, if granted by the ACT, does not count toward the maximum time still available for completion.

Research students are entitled to regular borrowing privileges in the J. W. Searle Library at BCV, and should apply for a Library borrowing card. A limited number of inter-library loans may be obtained from Australian libraries to which students do not have ready access. Full-time research students may apply to the librarian for the exclusive use of a carrel.

THE POSTGRADUATE SEMINAR

The Postgraduate Seminar is the focal point of BCV's postgraduate program, and enables both students and faculty to benefit from interaction over research being undertaken. First semester MTh and ThD candidates should present a synopsis of the

direction of their recently approved proposed research. Apart from that presentation any particular topic for which the presenter would appreciate feedback to assist their research may be presented. Seminars are scheduled three to four times during the semester. Usually there will be a workshop on a critical aspect of research methodology for all newcomers to the course at another point in the day prior to the seminar. The format of the Seminar is as follows: two Presenters usually deliver his/her paper (35-40 minutes); Discussion (15-25 minutes). The Seminar is broken with afternoon tea if there are two presenters. Attendance and lively participation is a form of ministry that the candidates and BCV faculty extend to each other.

Whether the student is presenting or not, they must attend these to retain their candidature or supply reasons in advance in writing to the BCV Dean of Postgraduate Studies indicating why their attendance is not possible on the particular occasion. Frequently staff members also present their own current research proposals which provides the occasion for students to see a quality of professional theological research in formation as a part of their research 'apprenticeship'. Interstate students are required to present once per year and attend one seminar each semester in person. In future it is envisaged that video linkups will also be provided for the regular seminars. Overseas students are required to attend and present a paper, once per year.

PROBATIONARY STATUS

As of the 2008 candidates have been required to present a paper during their first year of candidature for full time students or after three semesters for part time candidates to a postgraduate assessment panel appointed by the Dean of Postgraduate Studies. During that time a paper is presented which consists of a 5000 word synopsis of their progress or an early chapter. This paper must be presented to the Dean two weeks prior to the convening of the panel. Usually the contents of the paper will be a fuller version of the paper that is presented in their first postgraduate seminar presentation and show evidence that they have taken on board the pertinent suggestions that arose in that context. Once approved by the panel they will be informed by the ACT that their candidature has been confirmed.

PUBLICATION DURING RESEARCH TENURE

It is a government and BCV requirement of candidature that candidates produce articles suitable for publication within peer refereed journals during their period of candidature. The candidate should seek advice from their primary supervisor regarding suitable journals. MTh candidates should publish at least once and ThD candidates twice, or once every three years. Not only is this a benefit in the forming of a defensible thesis but also enables the candidate to commence their publication portfolio and greatly enhances their likelihood of employment in their chosen field beyond graduation. Some candidates combine conference attendance with publication as many conferences publish their own journals of their proceedings. Some candidates may be eligible for assistance from the ACT study grants system.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications must be made on the prescribed BCV MTh or ThD form (available on the BCV Website under 'Postgraduate Studies', 'Postgraduate Research', 'Postgrad Research Forms', or from the Assistant to BCV's Postgraduate Research Coordinator. This should be accompanied by certified transcripts for previous theological degrees; the required academic and ministry references; a typed statement of not more than one page, describing the research the student wishes to carry out; Students external to BCV should provide access to former BTh/BMin Honours, MTh theses or, MA/MMin Projects. These should be in the theological discipline in which the student wishes to undertake higher research.

The Student should also make an appointment to talk face to face with the BCV Dean of Postgraduate Studies through his Assistant. Overseas students should organize a phone conversation with this PRC.

Once he gives approval the candidature of the potential student is ratified at a meeting of the BCV Postgraduate Board of Studies. After taking on board any advice regarding the scope or feasibility of the desired project, the topic should be fleshed out further in the form of a 2000 word essay which will be sent along with the ACT Application Form for the appropriate course which is also available on the BCV website or the Assistant to the Coordinator. This should be returned to BCV who will sponsor the application of the candidate at the appropriate ACT Postgraduate Awards Board, which meets at least three to four times per year.

GUIDELINES FOR THD AND MTH SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

The 2000 word application to the ACT should be written in a concise direct essay style according to normal ACT essay conventions. Either in-text citations or author-title-page footnoting should be used. End-notes should not be used. A bibliography of the most important dozen or so titles undergirding the student's present thinking should be at the rear of the proposal.

The Content of the proposal should cover most of the following items if not in this order:

- A brief outline of the topic of the dissertation
- Any prior research and or life experience that particularly qualifies you to undertake this research or which sensitises you to its importance
- The major theoretical positions on the topic at present and where you seek to make your contribution to present understanding
- The sources of the data that you will work with*
- The methodology you hope to employ to interpret and process the data
- Any anticipated outcomes you would hope to achieve or hypotheses you would like to test with the findings of the dissertation.

This should have been past by the Dean of Postgraduate Studies Department who will send the final copy along with the applicant's ACT Application Form and transcript of prior undergraduate and or post graduate theological studies. The ACT requires these forms two weeks prior to the specific meeting of the ACT Graduate Awards Board which sits three times per year.

*If the data gathered requires that human subjects are to be involved, interviewed or have their private lives be used in the research appropriate protocols and ethical clearances will need to be shown. Details of these are available from the Administrator to the Postgraduate Dean. A statement to the effect regarding such matters, the interview consent forms, data storage protocols, structures for aftercare and the safeguards you will put in place need to be included in section on data gathering in the 2000 proposal.

PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS

The Postgraduate Studies Committee of BCV meets four to six times a year, when applications for admission to the MTh and ThD programs may be considered. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that his/her application form, all necessary documentation, including the expanded proposal are received by the Dean of Postgraduate Studies Department at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the application is to be considered. The dates of these meetings in 2009 are in February, April, June, September, and November, and Applicants will be notified as soon as possible concerning the decision of both the BCV and ACT Committees.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS

BCV welcomes applications from overseas candidates for entry into its Postgraduate Research program. Their attention is drawn to the following matters:

- (i) Candidates should forward to BCV a certified copy of the transcript of previous theological degrees. As well, a certified statement of the accreditation status of the candidate's previous seminary should accompany the application.
- (ii) Candidates are responsible for all matters relating to student visas and other government regulations, when applying for entry into Australia to study at BCV. They should approach the particular Australian Embassy in their country of origin for more details. They will require that candidates have a COE form from BCV completed.
- (iii) Candidates should consider carefully the full financial implications of study in Australia. A statement of estimated living costs is available upon request. Usually Immigration Authorities will require evidence that the candidate has the funds to cover their tuition fees, accommodation fees for themselves and any family and insurance held in a financial institution recognized as

legitimate by the Immigration authorities prior to issuing a student visa to the candidate.

However, as of semester 1 2009 research candidates are able to pursue their research and enter Australia periodically on a tourist visa (usually with 3 months limit). Once accepted into the research stream of their choice, the candidate will contract at the commencement of their candidature to visit the college for a certain period as determined in consultation with their main supervisor and the BCV Dean of Postgraduate Studies. Usually candidates for either the MTh or ThD must spend at least one month in their first year and two weeks a year for each subsequent year until completion. The benefit of this new arrangement is the cost saving enjoyed with regard to accommodation and other medical expenses as well as the benefit of not having to leave the current ministry to which they are committed. It is also possible under this basis for candidates to study on a part time schedule whereas a student visa requires a full time rate of completion.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Except for those candidates who have a tertiary qualification taught in English, international candidates whose first language is not English will be required to sit an IELTS test. For candidates wishing to enroll in the MTh, a score of at least 7.0 in reading and writing, 6.5 in listening and 6.0 in speaking is required. These results is usually required by Australian Immigration authorities before a visa is issued.

TUITION FEES

MTh students pay the standard tuition fee for four semesters or two years if studying full-time or eight semesters or four years if part-time —

ThD students pay the standard tuition fee for six semesters if full-time, or twelve semesters if part-time —

The standard semester fee is set by the ACT and adjusted annually. These figures may be found on the enrolment forms on the BCV web page under 'Postgraduate Studies', 'Postgraduate Research', 'Postgraduate Research Forms'. There are differing rates for students from overseas and Australian citizens. Any extension of the candidature beyond the normal period in either degree level must be applied for via the BCV Postgraduate Coordinator and is to be paid at the standard semester rates.

ASSISTANCE AND GRANTS

OVERSEAS STUDENT ASSISTANCE

In some semesters, funds permitting, candidates applying from certain particularly disadvantaged parts of the world may be able to apply for a fee assistance from BCV. via the administrator of the Postgraduate Studies Department, Mrs. Kathryn Simon (email: ksimon@bcv.vic.edu.au)

FEE HELP

The Australian Government has introduced a loan system for students at approved higher education institutions. These are now available for Australian Citizens and Permanent Residents who are BCV postgraduate students. The scheme is called FEE HELP. Students must fill out a specific government form at the commencement of their course and then have the option of incurring a loan debt up to a limit of \$50,000 or paying their fees themselves. Repayments are staggered depending on student income levels. No fee repayments are required on taxable incomes below \$39,500 p.a. Full details can be found on the following website: www.goingtouni.gov.au.

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH GRANTS

Candidates in MTh and ThD streams may apply through BCV to the Research Board of the Australian College of Theology for funds to assist them either in the publication of research in refereed scholarly journals during their candidature or other expenses that accrue in their research. This may also cover attendance at conferences that can be demonstrated to provide avenues for scholarly interchange that is directly pertinent to their research topic. Conference presentations are often a means of also satisfying the new requirement that candidates publish during their candidature. Such applications need to be costed, justified and detailed and presented to the Postgraduate Coordinator of the Australian College of Theology with endorsement from the BCV Dean of Postgraduate Studies at least two weeks prior to the particular scheduled ACT Research Studies Committee. For more details see the ACT Website (www.acttheology.edu.au) for more details under their 'Policies' link.

POSTGRADUATE FACULTY PROFILES (2009)

BCV has scholarly networks throughout the world and is usually able to support postgraduate research candidates with able supervisors in their fields regardless of whether these persons are currently employed on a regular basis in the college.

Mei Chung, BTh, MME, MDiv, PhD comes to BCV in 2009 with experience as both pastor and missionary as well as most recently, having been registrar of the Presbyterian College in Box Hill. Prior to that Dr Chung served for one year in the BCV Chinese department where she coordinated the ministry studies program. She completed her PhD through the ACU and graduated in 2007. Her dissertation focussed upon *The Spirituality of Chinese Young People in a Multi-cultural Society* and her presentations on that theme have won awards at the ACU national symposium. She also has researched church planting in Taiwan.

Greg Forbes, BTh, MTh, PhD (Lecturer in Biblical Studies and Greek language; Director of Distance Learning). His MTh work for the Australian College of Theology was carried out in the area of the interpretation of the book of Revelation. His PhD work

for Deakin University was done in the area of the interpretation of the parables in Luke. Dr Forbes is the author of *The God of the Old: The Role of the Lukan Parables in the Purpose of Luke's Gospel*. Research interests: Synoptic Gospels and the historical Jesus. Greg recently completed a commentary on 1 Peter in collaboration with Jason JF Lim on and is currently working on an advanced textual commentary on 1 Peter.

Robert Fergie: BEd, DipRE (MCD), BTh(Hons) ThD was formerly Academic Dean of BCV following a distinguished career in mission in Papua New Guinea. He was directly involved as principle draft advisor to the PNG government on their relationship of the national government to NGO's. His thesis entitled *A Study of Post-Independence church/State Relations in Papua New Guinea* is on the BCV postgraduate website along with a few of his many articles. These days he is adjunct lecturer, supervisor and involved in ongoing writing with journal publications in the *Melanesian Journal of Theology* and *Journal for the Study of Australian Christianity*.

Colin Kruse, ThL, BD, MPhil, PhD (Senior Lecturer in New Testament). Dr Kruse, a minister of the Anglican Church, taught previously at the Satya Wacana Christian University (Indonesia), and Ridley College (Melbourne, Australia). He has twice been visiting professor at the Asian Graduate School of Theology, (Philippines). His graduate work for the University of London and Fuller Theological Seminary was done in the area of the New Testament theology of ministry. Dr Kruse is the author of *New Testament Foundations for Ministry*, the Tyndale Commentary on *2 Corinthians*; a book on Pauline theology *Paul the Law and Justification*, the Pillar commentary on *The Letters of John* and the Tyndale Commentary on *The Gospel according to John*. He has contributed to the *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*, the *Dictionary of Paul and His Letters*, the *New Bible Commentary: 21st Century Edition*, the *Dictionary of Ethics and Pastoral Theology*, the *Dictionary of the Later New Testament and Its Development*, *The Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, *The Dictionary of New Testament Background*, *The IVP Dictionary of the New Testament*, and *Festschriften* for Archbishop Donald Robinson, Professor Ralph Martin, and Dr Peter O'Brien. He has also written several articles for scholarly journals. Dr Kruse is a member of the *Fellowship of Biblical Studies* (Melbourne) and the *Society for New Testament Studies*. Research interests: Pauline theology and Johannine Studies (current project: a commentary on the Paul's Letter to the Romans).

Dr Yuk Chong Liong. BTh, MTh, PhD (Birmingham) Prior to his appointment to BCV in June 2006, Dr Liong was the Dean of TEE (2001-2004) and later the Acting Principal (2005) and the Principal (2006) of the Methodist Theology School, Sibuluan, Sarawak, Malaysia. He was called to full time ministry in 1983 and pursued theological studies at Trinity Theological College, Singapore, in 1984. Upon his graduation (BTh, 1988), he embarked on full time pastoral ministry with the Chinese Methodist Church in Sarawak. He was ordained as an Elder in 1994. In 1995 he furthered his studies at the

Southeast Asia Graduate School of Theology (SEAGST) in Singapore. After graduating from SEAGST with a MTh degree in Church History he went to England in 1997 to enrol on a PhD research program in Church History at the University of Birmingham. He completed his PhD studies in 2001.

Darrell Paproth, ThL, BD, MTh, MA, PhD (Lecturer in Church History; BMin Coordinator). Dr Paproth spent 12 years in pastoral ministry before coming to BCV, initially to lecture in New Testament, more latterly in Church History, and Church and Culture in Australia. He is a graduate of the University of London, Deakin University, and the Australian College of Theology. His graduate work was in Luke-Acts, Ernst Troeltsch, and Melbourne evangelicalism. Dr Paproth is the author of *Failure is Not Final: The Life of C. H. Nash*. He has also published a number of journal articles and contributed to *Presbyterian Leaders in Nineteenth Century Australia; The Australian Dictionary of Evangelical Biography; Reviving Australia: Essays on the History and Experience of Revivalism in Australian Christianity; The Furtherance of Religious Beliefs: Essays in the History of Theological Education in Australia; Encyclopedia of Melbourne; and Biographical Dictionary of Evangelicals*. Dr Paproth is a member of the *Royal Historical Association of Victoria, the Baptist Historical Society of Victoria, the Evangelical History Association and the Geelong Historical Society*. Research interests: History of Christianity, especially evangelicalism, in Australia (current project: a history of Melbourne evangelicalism prior to World War I, a biography on the Victorian pioneer, Dr Alexander Thomson, an urban history study on the Geelong City Hall, and a history of Aberdeen Street Church in Geelong). Darrell also has a chapter appearing in a forthcoming publication *Presbyterian Leaders in Twentieth Century Australia*.

Jeffrey Pugh, B Ec, Dip Ed, BTh, MA(Theol), Theol M (MCD), PhD, has fourteen years experience in pastoral leadership and various denominational roles including being Lecturer in Practical Ministry at Malyon College, QLD (1998-2000) and Lecturer in Practical Theology Burleigh College, SA (2001-2004) until he took up the position of Post-Graduate Dean at BCV at the start of 2005. His research interests commenced with a Theol M dissertation through the MCD in 2000 "*The Residual Impact of Conflict upon a Pastor's Sense of Call*" to do with a psychological understanding of high level conflict upon the reparation of traumatised Pastors. His recent PhD from Flinders University was a theological investigation of the nature of church decline and renewal recently published as a monograph by VDM titled "*Fantasyland Faith: The Redemptive Role of Ethical Leaders Within Neurotic Church Cultures*". His teaching and supervisory interests include areas to do with homiletics, organizational renewal, systems theory, ethical leadership, theological education and the formation of pastors. He has several publications in journals including sermons and research on the impact of conflict in the pastorate on church and pastor with his most recent publications in *PJBR* (2007)'*Trauma God Image and Renewal of Pastors*' and the 2008 edition of the *International Journal of Knowledge, Education and Change Management* on

“Strategies for Community Renewal: Exemplary Leadership and Church Revitalization in Psycho-dynamic Perspective”.

Michael Raiter, BA, MTh, Dip Ed, MA(Theol) (Principal, Lecturer in Missions, Theology and NT). From 1997-2005 Rev Raiter was Head of the Department of Mission at Moore College. Previously he taught at the Kalam Biblical Seminary, Sahiwal, Pakistan and Zarephath Bible Institute, Attock City, Pakistan. In 1989 he completed an M.Th for the Australian College of Theology on ‘The “Righteous” in the Gospel of Matthew’. He has published numerous books and articles including (in Urdu) a book on *Expository Preaching* for the Open Theological Seminary in Pakistan (1998). With Paul Barnett, Peter Jensen, and Barry Newman he co-authored *The New Millennium: Christians and Hope* (1999). At BCV he delivered the 2002 Leonard Buck lecture in missiology, *Contending for God: Holy War in Islam and Christianity*, which was subsequently published. His 2004 book *Stirrings of the Soul: Evangelicals and the New Spirituality* received the award for the 2004 Australian Christian Book of the Year. In 2004 a lecture delivered at Oak Hill College, London, England was subsequently published as *To Win the World: Can the Local Church Have a Global Mission*. He has published numerous articles for the *Reformed Theological Review* including ‘Doers of the Greater Righteousness: The “Righteous” in the Sermon on the Mount’ (1990), ‘Was Paul a Cross-Cultural Missionary?’ (1999), ‘Stirrings of the Soul: Theological Reflections on Contemporary Spirituality’ (2001), and (with Michael Wilson) ‘Culture, Human Identity and Cross Cultural Ministry: Some Biblical Reflections’ (2005). For the journal *Kategoria* he has published, ‘The New Spirituality’ (2002) and ‘Islam on Trial’ (2003). He has also contributed to various compilations including ‘Biblical Study Paper: Romans 12’. in *Explorations 2: Church, Worship and the Local Congregation* (1987), ‘Never Lose Sight of the Big Picture’ in *God’s Mission and Ours: The Challenge of Telling the Nations*, (1999) and “‘Sent for this Purpose’: Mission, Missiology and their Search for Meaning’. Pages 106–50 in *Explorations 12: Ripe for Harvest* (2000). An edited version of this last paper was published in Portugese in 2005 in *Missao Integral Transformadora*.

Peter Riddell Professor Peter Riddell is Dean of the BCV Centre for the Study of Islam and Other Faiths. He wrote his PhD thesis on Islam in Southeast Asia at the Australian National University, and held a post-doctoral fellowship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He has previously taught at the Australian National University, the Institut Pertanian Bogor (Indonesia), the School of Oriental and African Studies (University of London), and from 1996-2007 was the founding Director of the Centre for Islamic Studies and Muslim-Christian Relations at the London School of Theology. Professor Riddell has published widely on the study of Southeast Asia, Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations. His books include *Transferring a Tradition* (Berkeley, Centers for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, 1990); *Islam and the Malay-Indonesian World: Transmission and Responses* (London, Hurst Publishers; Hawaii, University of Hawaii Press; and Singapore, Horizon Press, 2001); *Islam in Context* (jointly authored with Peter Cotterell, Grand Rapids, Baker; Leicester:

Intervarsity Press, 2003); and *Christians and Muslims: pressures and potential in a post-9/11 world* (Leicester, Intervarsity Press, 2004). His edited volumes include *Islam: Essays in Scripture, Thought and Society* (with Tony Street, Leiden, Brill, 1997); and *Angels and Demons* (with Beverly Smith Riddell, Leicester, Intervarsity Press, 2007).

King L She BA(Hons), ThM(Hons) PhD. Dr She comes to BCV Chinese department in 2009 from Dallas Seminary, Fort Worth Texas. His areas of expertise are particularly in the area of Old Testament and Old Testament Hermeneutics. His background includes both pastoral leadership and he successfully planted a church in Fort Worth in 2002 and until recently was Senior Research Fellow at the 4C Bible and Mission Institute, Plano, Texas. He lectures in both Mandarin and Cantonese as well as English. His PhD dissertation focussed upon the way the author of the book of Hebrews utilized the motif of the Exodus.

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