

Institution: University of St Andrews



Unit of Assessment: 33 – Theology and Religious Studies

a. Overview

Recognized as an ‘outstanding unit’ in RAE 2008, the School of Divinity has sought to enhance its reputation as one of the leading research environments in the UK. St Andrews celebrates its 600th anniversary in 2013; Divinity’s home is St Mary’s College, 475 years old the same year: the School retains a strong sense of its roots in a distinguished intellectual tradition. At the same time, it endeavours to pursue research that is fully engaged with the contemporary world, and cutting-edge in its methods. There are 20 Category A staff, all research-active: 9 Professors, 3 Readers, 4 Senior Lecturers, 4 Lecturers; plus 2 Teaching Fellows, 1 postdoctoral research fellow and 110 postgraduate researchers. There are 2 FRSEs and 1 FBA; 6 honorary or higher doctorates (DD or DLitt) have been received since 2008; there is a further FBA and 1 CBE among 16 active Emeriti/ae or Honorary faculty. The School hosts 2 internationally prominent research institutes and 1 research centre, and has close links with other research clusters in the University.

The School is distinctive for its commitment to a macro-disciplinary model of research in Divinity. There is continuing deployment of micro-disciplinary rubrics – History of Biblical Interpretation, OT/Hebrew Bible, Early Jewish Studies, Christian Origins, NT Studies, Systematic and Historical Theology, Practical Theology, Contextual Theology, Theological Ethics – but the School eschews ‘departmental’ divisions, and research conversations across academic boundaries are strongly encouraged. St Andrews is recognized internationally as a centre in which dialogue between biblical studies and Christian theology is eagerly pursued. There is productive engagement with other fields in the humanities, the creative and performing arts, and the natural and social sciences. One of the aims of this interdisciplinary focus is the maximizing of research impact – the contribution of Divinity’s wide-ranging research activities to the good of contemporary society.

b. Research strategy

The School’s overarching context is the University’s vision for research excellence: the ambition that all Category A staff should engage in research, service to research, and research training of the highest possible quality in international terms; that such activities will be demonstrated in a very high volume of 3* and 4* publications, outstanding numbers of research degree completions, strong research income, appropriate research infrastructure, and indicators of esteem commensurate with world-class research intensity. The School seeks to align all its strategic priorities with these institutional imperatives.

The School aspires to be, by the same measures, among the very best research centres in the world in biblical studies and Christian theology. By this, it intends 3 things in particular: (1) to produce genuinely world-leading research in several subfields of both disciplines, and internationally excellent research in all of the others in which it is engaged; (2) to be *the* place in the UK where biblical studies and theology are configured in productive relationship rather than mutual isolation, with serious research dialogue between the primary disciplines; (3) to demonstrate the capacity of research in Divinity – especially when conceived as holistic enterprise rather than a set of discrete activities – to contribute to larger cultural conversations.

These are significant ambitions. They reflect a desire to take to another level strengths steadily established from the early 1990s onwards. The School brought its strategy into sharper focus by committing itself to the following **targets for the period 2009-13**:

- **Expansion:** The School would recruit additional researchers of the highest calibre, at various levels of seniority; they would be sought mainly in areas of established strength, though enrichment of evolving disciplines would involve some extension in breadth as well as depth. The recruitment of recognized or emerging research leaders would significantly increase the volume of 3* and 4* work, particularly monographs; it would also enhance the School’s standing as a centre of excellence internationally for PGR work.
- **Enhancement of research dialogue:** Since interesting research often emerges from serendipitous exchange as much as planned collaboration, the School would take further steps to bring scholars together, and enhance both formal and informal opportunities for research dialogue. The work of individuals would continue to be prized, but greater emphasis would be placed on joint

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research fora and shared projects. Personal research would itself flourish best in the context of a common intellectual life, with ideas refined in a setting of supportive though robust interaction. The School would seek to hold more, and better-focussed, research events (conferences, colloquia, seminars, lectures), invite visiting scholars who would bring added value to its conversations, extend its prestigious research networks, and enhance its ethos as a dynamic setting for PGR and ECR development.

• **Productive engagement:** With other disciplines in St Andrews and beyond, and encouragement in particular of interdisciplinary research projects which would be ‘public-facing’. The School would give more explicit attention to the importance of research impact, and aim to extend its activities in areas likely to yield concrete benefits for non-academic stakeholders.

The implementation of this strategy has been the responsibility of the Head of School (HoS), advised by the School’s Management Group and its Research Committee, convened by the Director of Research (DoR). The following achievements are illustrative of the School’s journey since 2009 in each of the above 3 target areas:

(1) In RAE 2008, the School had 16 Category A staff; it now has 20, with professorial appointments in biblical studies (*Wright*) and theology (*Davidson, Webster*); a Senior Lecturer in NT (*Moffitt*), and a new Lecturer in Theological Ethics (*Perry*), extending expertise in a crucial area. These positions have represented significant investment, with the School fortunate to recruit more than one world-leading scholar. All of the appointees are committed to the interface of theology and biblical studies; in this they have been complemented by similar interests in other (replacement) appointments at junior and mid-career levels since 2009 (*Tooman, Hafemann, Shively*).

Overall research quality has flourished: 2008-13 has seen overall staff publications increase from 309 in 2001-7 to 334, with monographs rising from 36 to 58, evidence of an arguable increase in the prestige of presses, and a much larger proportion of commissioned books. All staff publish in high-quality contexts; the outputs submitted are simply representative of the best work, and the School’s engagement in internationally outstanding or world-leading activity in the following subfields especially: Hebrew Bible text-criticism and Septuagintal studies (*De Troyer*); Hebrew prophecy (*Tooman*); Dead Sea Scrolls (*Davila, De Troyer, Tooman*); Early Jewish studies and pseudepigrapha (*Davila, Macaskill*); Christian origins, particularly Pauline studies (*Wright*); Christian dogmatics (*Webster*); theology, art and aesthetics (*Brown*); philosophical theology (*Brown*); biblical interpretation and theology (*Elliott, Macaskill, Moffitt, Webster*); theology, literature and music (*Hopps*); practical theology (*Stoddart*); contextual theology (*Aguilar*); political and medical ethics (*Perry*); gospels study (*Shively*).

(2) Dialogue and collaboration have been significantly enhanced, with impressive outcomes:

(i) *A new research Institute for Bible, Theology and Hermeneutics* (IBTH), established in 2009, has drawn biblical and theological disciplines into closer dialogue (*Elliott, Hafemann, Wright, Macaskill, Davidson, Tooman, Shively, Moffitt*). With a regular research seminar and colloquia, IBTH has assumed coordination of the 3-yearly St Andrews Conferences on Scripture and Christian Theology, bringing leading exegetes and theologians together around a major text (John 2003, Hebrews 2006, Genesis 2009, Galatians 2012). With keynote speakers from North America and Europe, these events have received significant new energy from IBTH, with increasing attendance rates (34% larger in 2012 than in 2006); they have become a key feature of St Andrews’ growing reputation as an outstanding centre for interdisciplinary discussion. Each has yielded a volume edited in the School, published by T & T Clark, Eerdmans or Baker Academic. Other major publications by Elliott, Hafemann and Macaskill have been refined in IBTH’s seminar.

(ii) *The Institute for Theology, Imagination and the Arts* (ITIA) (*Brown, Hopps*, with Prof Trevor Hart until August 2013 (now Hon. Prof.); *Bradley, Macaskill*) was recognized in RAE 2008 as a major contributor to interdisciplinary excellence. ITIA’s financial support from the School has more than trebled since then, with substantial outcomes: international conferences on the Psalms (2009), Theology, Aesthetics and Culture (2010, in conversation with *Brown’s* (then) 5-volume series, 1999-2008), and Theatrical Theology (2012), and increased outreach activities, in theatre, music, poetry and visual art. A major publication has come from each conference (2012 volume in progress); 2010’s resulted in an OUP volume edited by ITIA graduates. In 2008 ITIA co-hosted with English the 34th International Byron Conference, with ensuing publications; ITIA’s Ashgate monograph series, *Studies in Theology, Imagination and the Arts*, has issued 9 volumes since 2008, with a 10th in press. ITIA’s seminar has flourished, with around 20 PGR students annually (in

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addition to a sizeable PGT cohort).

(iii) *The Centre for the Study of Religion and Politics* (CSRP), has grown substantially since 2008 (Aguilar, Stoddart, Bradley, Perry). It hosts a weekly seminar with regular international visitors, 3 annual lectures and an annual colloquium; it is a partner (with Strathclyde University and two universities in Colombia) in the Scotland-Colombia LINK, researching indigenous religion and politics in Colombia, while Aguilar leads the Memoria y Olvido, an international research group on religion and politics across Latin America. New ventures have included a major project on the religious history of Tibet (1391-2009), with several publications completed, and the commissioning of a multi-volume series on liberation theology (Orbis), edited by Aguilar, to be launched at a CSRP conference in June 2014. The Surveillance and Religion Network, launched by Stoddart in 2011, has generated collaborative projects among an international multi-disciplinary group in the cutting-edge field of surveillance studies.

(iv) *Weekly research seminars* in biblical studies and theology have been much strengthened, with budgets more than doubled since 2008, facilitating regular international visitors and spin-off activities, such as a day-conference on T F Torrance in 2010, resulting in a special issue of *Theology in Scotland*, or on trinitarian theology in 2013, with speakers from the USA and the UK, and ensuing volume under contract. Seminars are typically convened by senior scholars (Wright, Webster, Torrance, Davidson), and framed around discussion of major projects in draft (e.g., Wright's major monograph on Paul, 2012-13). Porous boundaries are encouraged thematically; many PGR students and some staff attend 2-3 seminars weekly.

(v) *The More Old Testament Pseudepigrapha project* (MOTP), co-ordinated by Davila and drawing upon the work of Emer. Prof Richard Bauckham, FBA, has been engaged in the production of 2 large volumes of 100 OT pseudepigrapha (Jewish and Christian) not included in Charlesworth's 1980s edition. With contributions from more than 50 scholars internationally, the project had a Leverhulme-funded Research Fellow until 2009 (Panayotov), and was supported earlier (2006-7) by a British Academy Post-doctoral Fellow (Macaskill). The first volume has come to fruition (Eerdmans) in 2013, and Macaskill's definitive study on 2 Enoch (Brill) has appeared in the same year. Such work typifies efforts to cluster research strength, with increasing results for international image.

(vi) The School has attracted *major visiting scholars* to spend periods of 3-12 months; there have since 2008 been 2-4 resident (previously 1-2) per year, from a substantial cohort of candidates. The School has come to decline around 20 applicants annually, preferring to invite those who will directly benefit the current research projects of (at minimum) 3 faculty. Recent visitors have come from the USA, Canada, Germany, Australasia and Latin America; internal financial support has increased since 2008, with direct benefits for collaborative links in IBTH, CSRP, systematic theology and other fields.

(vii) There have been increased numbers (28% more than in 2001-7) of *high-quality national and international conferences*, including the prestigious *SBL International Meeting* (2013), coordinated by De Troyer, with 850 delegates; the British New Testament Society Conference (2013), arranged by Davila; the Ecclesiastical History Society Conference (2010). There have been many smaller events as part of specific research networks, e.g., 'Oracles and Revelation in Ancient and Early Jewish Culture' (2013), organized by Tooman in association with an AHRC-funded project; a series of successful graduate conferences in Biblical and Early Christian Studies (2011-13); and a real-time international web-conference on Ecclesiology and Ethics (2013). Conference planning procedures have been streamlined, with further financial support to facilitate staff and PGR interactions.

(viii) Around 40 *public lectures* have been given since 2008, many by very prominent scholars, from Cambridge, Oxford, London, Durham, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Nottingham, Lancaster, Bristol, Manchester, Princeton, Duke, Notre Dame, Yale, New York, Berkeley, Chicago, Baylor, Toronto, Vancouver, Rome, Munich, Berlin, Heidelberg, Oslo and Jerusalem. The School continues to benefit from prestigious series, particularly the Gifford Lectures, hosted most recently in 2012.

(ix) The School has increased *informal discussion groups* for staff and research students, with several regular lunchtime and evening gatherings and inter-disciplinary 'research lunches'; twice annually all staff spend an afternoon engaging with presentations of current research by a group of 3-4 colleagues. Such opportunities are increasingly sparking ideas leading to publications.

(3) REF 3a summarizes some of the impact-focussed work of ITIA, CSRP, Holmes, Bradley,

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Torrance and others since 2008. *Torrance* played a major role in organizing, along with Prof. Eric Priest, FRS, the 12 high-profile James Gregory Public Lectures on Science and Religion, 2007-11, sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation (£65.3k) and *The Scotsman*. A further series of 9-10 Lectures has been funded from 2013. A major new Templeton-funded project (£509k) commencing in September 2013, *Scientists in Congregations, Scotland*, directed by *Davidson*, supported by a post-doctoral researcher, will work with practising scientists and clergy in Scottish churches over a 3-year period to foster understanding of current science and its significance for religious belief.

Plans for 2014-19: Over the next 5 years, the School anticipates further strengthening of cross-territorial activity in light of its recent appointments; an increasing profile internationally in scripture and theology, with further IBTH conferences and publications planned; major achievements in systematic theology, with several longer-term/multi-volume monograph projects reaching completion (*Webster, Davidson*); and enhancement of the work of ITIA. It also expects growth in emergent fields: theological ethics (where closer collaborative links with both Medicine and International Relations are anticipated); science, ethics and religion (fund-raising is under way for a new research centre, with professorial director); digital faith and surveillance, expanding the impact potential of *Stoddart's* research in CSR in particular. Impact-related grant income will be vigorously pursued, and there are plans for further large projects in public theology and science and religion, with related post-doctoral opportunities. PGR numbers are expected to continue to grow in line with faculty reputation.

c. People, including: i. Staffing strategy and staff development

Strategic expansion since 2008 (b.) has directly fed the integration of scripture and theology. A further appointment in Systematic Theology is pending in late 2013; an appointment in ITIA is expected in 2014. A 2-year Teaching Fellow in Church History (*Hyland*), joined in 2013; it is expected that he will be retained on a full academic contract. There is quite a high proportion of senior staff, and 3 retirements anticipated in the next 5 years, but 2 ECR colleagues have been recruited since 2012. Current planning anticipates overall growth of (an additional) 3-4 permanent staff-members over the next 2-5 years, contingent on PGR numbers, in OT/HB, Church History, and Practical Theology. Responses to advertised positions testify to the School's international standing, with 120-130 applications for a lectureship not unusual, a large proportion of them very high-calibre.

The School seeks to provide a supportive context for the pursuit of research excellence. Its workload model aims to balance duties equitably. Rigid demarcation of research and teaching is shunned, but efforts are made to ensure that all staff have at least 1 day weekly during semester for research specifically. Following the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers, ECR staff receive reduced loads and regular mentoring (with regularity of meetings increased to a minimum of 4 annually since 2010). Probationary criteria (increased from 18 months to 4 years in 2012) include realistically incremental targets. Staff on probation attend mandatory and elective courses run by the Centre for Academic, Professional and Organizational Development (CAPOD).

The HoS holds an individual meeting annually with all staff to review research progress. This is not a performance-appraisal mechanism, but an opportunity for advice on publishing strategies, conference planning and grant application. Regular guidance is provided by the DoR, who disseminates weekly information on funding opportunities and hosts occasional events to mentor staff. All potential grant applications are personally assessed by both the DoR and the HoS. The Research Grants and Funding Office's liaison team provides one-to-one guidance pre- and post-award. Research leave policy was reviewed in 2010, with leave after every 7th semester now the norm. All leave applications must be for a specified project, with clear publishing outcomes; a report is required on return, with feedback provided. Staff are encouraged to apply for extensions of leave through external funding. 2 colleagues have had sabbaticals of 12 months in the current period. The University's annual promotions round is intimated to all staff, with guidance and support from the HoS. Since 2008, *Holmes, Macaskill* and *Tooman* have been promoted to Senior Lecturer, *Elliott* has become Senior Lecturer, then Reader; *Hopps* has transferred from RCUK Fellow to Lecturer.

A School endowment, the J. & A. Deas Fund, with a capital value of around £350k, supports travel, conference participation, field-trips and library/archival work. Most staff receive yearly allocations of around £3k, covering up to 95% of costs for 2 average international trips. Routine research assistance costs are offered to all staff, with annual allocations of up to £1k. Several

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Professors have a personal research account, funded centrally. The School provides financial support for local conferences, in addition to regular allocations to research institutes, centres and seminars, which currently receive up to £5k each annually. All research budgets have been significantly increased since 2009.

There has been 1 Leverhulme-funded (Panayotov) and 1 RCUK-funded postdoctoral fellow (Hopps) since 2008; a further postdoctoral researcher (Figueroa) will join CSRP in 2013-14, sponsored by Universidad de Los Andes in Chile, and there is a Templeton-funded postdoctoral fellow in Science and Religion, 2013-16 (Torrance). The School is keen to grow its opportunities for postdoctoral researchers over the coming years, and sees the continuing success of its cross-disciplinary work and emergent impact activities as particular foci. The University is planning to fund a number of 3- and 5-year postdoctoral awards across Arts and Humanities over the next 2-3 years.

The School Office has a team of 3, including a PG Secretary; financial matters are handled by the Office Manager and (academic) Director of Operations under the direction of the HoS. Additional support staff for research are retained from time to time: a senior administrator was employed in connection with the SBL International Meeting, 2012-13; the Science and Religion project will have secretarial support from early 2014.

ii. Research students

Acknowledged as 'excellent' in PGR in RAE 2008, the School has since received nearly 500 applications and graduated 70 PhDs. In November 2013, 110 students are enrolled (106 PhD, 4 MPhil), well over 40% of the School's total student FTE. Over 80% of the PGR cohort annually is from overseas – primarily North America, but with a global spread (Australasia, Latin America, Ethiopia, Korea, Norway, Philippines, and almost all Western European countries).

The School attracts candidates of increasingly high quality, and overall application rates have increased by over 40% since 2009. Selection processes are robust, and in recognition of the premier image of the School's programme the University has levied higher international fees in Divinity than elsewhere in Arts. Over 20 PGRs are currently in receipt of external or internal scholarships, including awards from the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland, the Commonwealth Scholarship, and the Gibson-Sykora Scholarship. 3 SORSAS awards were held until the discontinuation of that scheme in 2010. AHRC support will be available via the Scottish Doctoral Training Partnership from 2014. As student funding has become increasingly challenging, the School has invested heavily, committing well over £200k of its own resources since 2008. Over the period 2013-16 more than £400k has been committed centrally to Divinity scholarships; the most generous awards cover full international fees plus a contribution to maintenance. A fund-raising initiative for scholarships is under way in conjunction with the University's 600th anniversary Development campaign. A previous venture, in the mid-1990s, raised £430k for Divinity.

With one of the best overall student/staff ratios in the UK, the School has made significant efforts since 2008 to enhance PGR experience. All students work with an expert primary supervisor plus co-supervisor; all supervisors receive regular training, and follow a code of conduct prescribing regular meetings and timely feedback. All students are given the equivalent of 10 days of study-skills training in their first year, combining University seminars and subject-specific sessions in the School. The latter have expanded considerably in the past 2 years, with a now fortnightly programme of mentoring for new students, and increasing emphasis on career preparation at later stages. A day-conference on academic career skills was organized in 2012-13, funded by a grant from the University's GRADskills programme, and input from School management; it is expected that this will become an annual fixture.

Students are admitted to a general graduate research programme; with close supervisory support, they submit within 6 months a full proposal, with 10,000-word assignment. Submissions are read by 2 readers; the student may additionally be interviewed. Most receive confirmation of doctoral status; in only a few cases is provisional status extended or MPhil advised. Progress reviews are annual, with reports by both student and supervisors, interviews by 2 independent staff, and a formal report to the Director of PGR Studies.

PGR students participate in an outstanding programme of seminars and conferences, with regular proximity to some of the world's leading experts in their fields. Students also generate events of their own: graduate conferences (8 in the period), blogs (ITIA's, 'Transpositions', has won external awards), and reading groups (at least 6 currently). They have regular opportunity to

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present at national and international conferences; the majority receive £500 annually. A number engage in tutoring and assessment, with mandatory training and close supervision. Around one third of the School's theses since 2008 have been published or are under contract – a testimony to their overall quality. 16 graduates have secured strong academic posts nationally or internationally.

Divinity's PGR community is being increasingly integrated into the broader institutional culture through the University's establishment in August 2013 of a Research Graduate School, St Leonard's College, aimed at bringing PGR students together across all subjects. The result is potentially an even more exciting environment, with interdisciplinary seminars, conferences and training. The School has provided the Pro-Provost for Arts and Divinity in the new structure (*Macaskill*).

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

The School has since 2009 been more proactive in promoting grant applications, which have increased by 30%. Younger or ECR staff are especially active, with colleagues in later career typically feeling less pressure to secure opportunities this way. The recent Templeton funding of the Science and Religion project (£509k) may serve as an exemplar for other applications. Success rates remain lower than the School wishes to see, though they are partly offset by the School's receipt of quite substantial endowment income: Divinity has almost £1.9m of endowments, recently realizing around £80k pa, which significantly support research activities.

All staff have well-equipped offices, PC or laptop computers and printers, access to networked printing, scanning and copying facilities on site, and unlimited interlibrary loans and photocopying. The School has an academic IT Officer, and receives specialist IT support from a technical team. All residential PGRs (the majority) are provided with individual study-spaces, computer and internet access. The main PGR facility, the Roundel, has received various upgrades over the period. Accessible 24/7 with disabled access, it affords suitable offices and social space. Up to 15 further PGRs can be accommodated in College buildings, with others nearby. Students receive unlimited interlibrary loans, photocopying and networked printing.

Major research collections are housed in the Main Library, which has received multi-million-pound renovation since 2011; an impressive new reading room for the exceptional Special Collections has opened in 2013. Digital and electronic resources are very well supplied, with full access to ATLA Religion and most major indices. Divinity's collections have received almost £160k of strategic investment since 2008, additional to base-line funding. A new allocation model (2011), aligning regular funding with research outputs and PGR data, allows more than twice the previous number of monographs to be ordered. Recent bequests and donations, particularly in biblical studies, have totalled around £75k; a major archive (of the late Sir Godfrey Drivers) was acquired from Princeton in 2012.

e. Collaboration and contribution to the discipline or research base (*highlights italicized*)

There are currently 24 memberships of international research projects/consortia, including: History of Durham Cathedral project (*Brown*); *Calvinism and the Making of the European Mind* (Amsterdam) (*Davidson*); *Enoch Seminar* (*Davila*); *Biblia Qumranica* (St Andrews-Chapel Hill-Osnabrück) (*De Troyer*); Bible/s project, Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center, Claremont, CA (*De Troyer*); *Schøyen Collection Joshua and Leviticus Papyri* (Oslo and London) (*De Troyer*); *After Augustine* project (*Elliott*); *Ancients and Moderns in Early Modern Scotland* (*Elliott*); St Andrews–Pisa collaboration in Classics, *Roma Aeterna* (*Elliott*); *La Bible et ses Traditions* (Ecole Biblique, Jerusalem) (*Elliott*); *The Oxford History of the Reception of the Apocrypha* (*Elliott*); *Evangelicalism and Fundamentalism in Britain* (Stirling) (*Holmes*); *The Complete Poetical Works of Lord Byron, 6 vols, co-editor* (*Hopps*); Surveillance and Religion Network (*Stoddart*); *Oracles and Revelation in Ancient and Early Jewish Culture* (St Andrews–Tel Aviv) (*Tooman*); East-West Theological Forum (Seoul) (*Torrance*); Duke-Cambridge Consultation on Theology and Music (*Torrance*); *Royal Society, Emergence of Personhood* (*Torrance*); *Evolution in Theistic Perspective* (Florida, Harvard) (*Torrance*); *Theology and the Built Environment* (Calvin College, St Andrews, Otago) (*Torrance*). *10 Monograph series edited/co-edited*, including: *T & T Clark Studies in Systematic Theology* (*Davidson, Webster*); *De Septuaginta Investigationes* (*De Troyer*); *Biblia Qumranica* (*De Troyer*); *Contributions to Biblical Exegesis and Theology* (*De Troyer*); *Studies in Baptist History and Thought* (*Holmes*); *Ashgate Great Theologians* (*Webster*), *Barth Studies* (*Webster*, also Hart, now

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Hon. Prof.), *New Critical Thinking in Religion, Theology and Biblical Studies (Torrance)*, *Studies in Theology, Imagination and the Arts* (ITIA series: Hart).

3 Journals edited: *International Journal of Systematic Theology (Holmes, Webster)*; *Practical Theology (Stoddart)*; *Journal of Post-Colonial Theory and Theology (Aguilar)*.

Numerous memberships of editorial boards: *International Journal of Public Theology (Aguilar)*; *Political Theology (Aguilar)*; *Anthropos (Aguilar)*; *H-Africa (Aguilar)*; *Journal of Oromo Studies (Aguilar)*; *Sociology Mind (Aguilar)*; *Contributions to Philosophical Theology (Brown)*; *International Journal for the Study of the Christian Church (Bradley, Brown)*; *Henoch (Davila)*; *Ioudaios-L (Davila)*; *Catholic Biblical Quarterly (De Troyer)*; *Journal of Ancient Judaism (De Troyer)*; *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament (De Troyer)*; *Studies in Antiquity and Christianity (De Troyer)*; *Journal of Scripture and Theology (Elliott)*; *Reformation and Renaissance Review (Elliott)*; *Theology in Scotland (Elliott)*; *Zeitschrift für Dialektische Theologie (Hart)*; *Journal of Sino-Christian Studies (Hart)*; *Baptistic Theologies (Holmes)*; *Pacific Journal of Baptist Research (Holmes)*; *The Bible in TransMission (Holmes)*; *Byron Journal (Hopps)*; *Continuum Studies in Religion and Popular Music (Hopps)*; *Cultural Encounters (Holmes, Macaskill)*; *Bible Odyssey project (Shively)*; *Ars Disputandi (Torrance)*; *Journal of Theological Interpretation (Torrance, Hart)*; *Kok Pharos (Torrance)*; *Participatio (Davidson, Torrance)*; *Scottish Journal of Theology, plus monograph series (Webster)*; *Journal of Reformed Theology (Webster)*; *Ecclesiology (Webster)*; *Studies in Theological Interpretation (Webster)*; *New Studies in Dogmatics (Webster)*.

Staff have refereed for over 50 major journals and publishers within the period, including almost all of the world's most prestigious university presses.

Research grant proposals assessed: AHRC, Australian Research Council, British Academy, Canadian Arts and Social Sciences Council, ESRC, European Science Foundation, Leverhulme, National University of Ireland, Royal Society of Edinburgh, Royal Society of New Zealand Marsden Fund.

Over 30 leadership/chairing/advisory positions in Professional Associations/ Learned Bodies, including numerous AAR and SBL program and unit chairs, plus (inter alia) the *Council of the British Academy (Brown)*; *Society for Study of Theology, Executive Committee (Davidson)*; *International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies, board member (De Troyer)*; *SBL, council member (De Troyer)*; *SBL, Research and Publication Committee (De Troyer)*; *SBL, International Meeting, Chair of Program Committee (De Troyer)*; *Scottish Byron Society (Hopps)*; *British and Irish Association of Practical Theology, co-chair (Stoddart)*; *AHRC Peer Review College (Webster)*; *Royal Society of Edinburgh European Visiting Fellowships Selection Committee (Webster)*.

Major Lectures/Visiting Professorships: Staff have in the period given at least 235 major lectures internationally and held more visiting appointments than it is feasible to list, from Aarhus to Auckland, Beijing to Berlin, Cape Town to Chicago, Dublin to Duke, Göttingen to Grand Rapids, Harvard to Hong Kong, McGill to Melbourne, Santiago to Seoul, Tel Aviv to Toronto, Vienna to Vancouver.

Other service to research: NZ Tertiary Education Commission PBRF research assessment exercise 2012 (Davidson); *Deutsche Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Nordrhein-Westphalen, Münster, reviews 2009-10 (De Troyer)*; *South African Research Council departmental research review, Pretoria, 2008 (De Troyer)*.

External Tenure/Promotions/Chair Assessments: Aberdeen, Cambridge, Colgate, Duke, Durham, Edinburgh, Heythrop, Ithaca College, London, Manchester, Massey, Melbourne, Miami, Otago, Oxford, Princeton, Rice, Toronto, Wales, Yale.

PhD examining: Around 45 theses externally examined in the UK, with a further 18 internationally.

Consultancy/Knowledge Transfer/Advisory roles for external bodies and churches: *Evangelical Alliance UK, council member, chair of Public Policy Commission (Holmes)*; *Scottish Bible Society (Holmes)*; *Scottish Parliament Cross-Party Groups: International Development, Tibet, Malawi (Aguilar)*; *Mission Chad (Hafemann)*; *Society for Advancement of Ecclesial Theology (Hafemann)*; *Sir Arthur Sullivan Society (Bradley)*; *Scottish Pilgrim Routes Forum (Bradley)*; *Langham Trust (Elliott)*; *Scottish Episcopal Church Doctrine Committee (Brown)*.

Fellowships awarded: *Royal Asiatic Society (Aguilar)*; *Royal Society of Arts (Aguilar)*; *Royal Anthropological Institute (Aguilar)*; *Royal Society of Edinburgh (Brown)*.

Honorary/higher degrees: *DD: John Leland Center for Theological Studies, Washington DC; St Andrews; Northumbria; London; St Mary's College, Baltimore (Wright)*; *DLitt: Edinburgh (Brown)*.