

<p>Institution: University of Roehampton</p>
<p>Unit of Assessment: Panel D, UoA 33 Theology and Religious Studies</p>
<p>a. Overview</p> <p>Research in Theology and Religious Studies at Roehampton is located in the Department of Humanities and encompasses both theoretical research, textual and contextual, and applied research of practical relevance to contemporary issues and communities. The UoA embraces 7 staff specialising in Christian theology, Islam, Judaism, and philosophical/ethical concerns including atheism, language, and sex, gender and sexuality. The UoA also houses the well-established Digby Stuart Research Centre for Religion, Society and Human Flourishing (DSRC) and has research groups focused on sex, gender and sexuality and ministerial theology. Three of the university's four colleges have religious foundations and their chaplaincies are catalysts for research activities through open lectures and events focusing on social justice and inter-faith dialogue.</p>
<p>b. Research strategy</p> <p>Our research strategy has been to build on our internationally recognized textual and contextual research strengths while expanding our work in social justice, practical theology and minority religions. Our overarching research aims since 2008, and for the next five years are: to support major individual work; to maximize opportunities for creative and topical research synergies within the unit and with external partners in both academic and religious communities; and to integrate research students into our research environment.</p> <p><u>In terms of individual work:</u></p> <p>Beattie makes significant contributions to several theological fields, including theologies and theories of gender; theology and psychoanalysis, theology and the arts, and religion and human rights. She has written on Marian theology and art; feminist theology and sexual ethics; incarnation and gender, and on sacramentality and female priesthood. In her major new book, <i>Theology after Postmodernity</i> (supported by AHRC research-leave), she analyses questions of desire, death, sexuality and embodiment in Thomas Aquinas and Jacques Lacan, arguing that a Lacanian reading brings to light neglected themes of divine motherhood and incarnation in the <i>Summa Theologiae</i>, leading to a more radically deconstructive interpretation of Aristotle than Thomas himself acknowledges. Elsewhere, she questions the privileging of Antigone in some feminist discourse about law and women's rights, and argues instead for the rehabilitation of natural law, interpreted through psychoanalysis and jurisprudence (<i>Religion and Human Rights</i>, 2008). She has contributed essays on theology and reproductive rights to volumes on <i>Assessing Liberation Theology Forty Years after Medellin</i>, and <i>Religion, Gender and the Public Sphere</i>.</p> <p>Beattie collaborates with many Catholic and interfaith organizations such as the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain (of which she is a former President), the Centre for Catholic Studies at the University of Durham, Heythrop College, and the Christian Muslim Forum. With Heythrop College, for example, she works on projects relating to HIV/AIDS and sexual ethics, including co-organisation of two international conferences on HIV/AIDS in 2009. She is also regularly invited as a guest speaker to conferences and seminars at KU Leuven and collaborates on projects relating to social justice, including an international symposium on Amartya Sen and Catholic Social Teaching at Roehampton in 2013. Beattie's high public profile (media appearances, public lectures, work for <i>The Tablet</i>, etc) is outlined in greater detail in her impact case-study.</p> <p>Burgess works on Pentecostalism, Christianity and religious freedom. He has collaborated with Haus der Kulturen der Welt (Berlin), European University Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder) and metroZones, Center for Urban Affairs on a project entitled <i>Global Prayers: Redemption and Liberation in the City</i>, and he was principal investigator on a John Templeton-funded research project within the Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Initiative, administered by the Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California. He has published widely on African churches, spirituality and reverse mission. For example, he has moved the study of African Pentecostalism in new directions, through his study of Nigerian Pentecostal theology, arguing that it appeals to popular religious sensibilities precisely because it resonates with indigenous</p>

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spirituality (*PentecoStudies* 2008), while his research on reverse mission has shone fresh light, through participant observation and interviews, on the new phenomenon of the civic engagement of Nigerian Pentecostal churches in the UK, establishing its forms and motivations (*Journal of Belief and Values*, 2009).

Calderini's recent research interests concern in particular the position of women and issues of women's rights in Islam. She has explored classical and contemporary scholarly arguments in favour and against women imams, and provided alternative interpretations on the issue of the veil in Islam, as well as the role of women during the Fatimids. Her work on *Female Imams: the contexts and discourses of arguments in favour and against female ritual leadership and religious authority in Islam*, was supported by AHRC research leave in 2008. In 2012, Calderini and Beattie organised an international conference at Roehampton on *Women, Authority and Leadership in Christianity and Islam*, sponsored by the Southlands Methodist Trust, which explored the diverse responses to questions of women's representation, participation and leadership within the two traditions. It attracted over 70 speakers from three continents, and was followed by a community day with representatives of over 30 Christian and Muslim religious communities and organizations, including Women Living Under Muslim Laws, Three Faiths Forum, al-Nisa Society and Churches Together in England. Calderini collaborates with an international group of scholars working on the history of Fatimids, including colleagues from Ben-Gurion University, Israel, working on edited volumes and delivering invited lectures. She advises on and provides postgraduate training for studies on women and Islam for the University L'Orientale, Naples, and has lectured on a Fatimid queen to an Islamic Academy in Surat, India. Nationally, Calderini also collaborates with a number of Muslim communities, organizations and study groups including the Ismaili Tariqa Board, Bohora and Ahmadi communities in the UK and the Islamic College for Advanced Studies. Funded invitations to lecture, as result of Calderini's 2006 book *Women and the Fatimids*, led to collaboration with the President of the Ismaili Tariqa Board who attended the 2012 Roehampton conference on female authority; exchanges with representatives of London and Manchester Bohora community including invitations to community events, e.g. interfaith in London 2010; and contacts with Ahmadi and Ismaili communities in the UK, including lecturing at their institutions and advising for interfaith events.

Jacobson's work in modern Jewish studies ranges across aesthetics, messianism, mysticism and politics. In the present period, he has engaged philosophical and critical approaches to explore the role of art in remembrance of the Shoah, in a book published by the Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Graz; to chart a clear path for the first time through the obscure evolution of Hannah Arendt's Zionism in the 1940s, in a volume on Judaism and political theology, edited by Rashkover and Kavka; to explain the contemporary resurgence of the kabbalah in terms of modern dislocation and the decline in central authority (in a volume titled *Kabbalah and Modernity*); and to provide a new framework for the messianic, comprising a spectrum from intrinsic qualities to extrinsic features and the necessary precondition of a transcendental event (*Journal for Cultural Research*, 2009).

MacDonald works on the theological exegesis of the biblical text, the historical formation of scripture, trinitarian theology encompassing Christological monotheism, and the theology of divine names. His research is interdisciplinary across systematic theology and biblical studies. He aims to do constructive theology by employing major insights from these areas, shedding new light on debates central in the discipline. For example, he has both defended and critiqued Barth's account of atonement (in a volume he edited on Barth, Calvin and Reformed theology, 2008), and in a volume on the work of Brevard Childs' biblical theology, he has suggested a way forward for collaboration between systematic theology and the canonical approach to scripture; while in his two densely-argued articles in *American Theological Inquiry*, 2013, he has presented new theses on the relation of YHWH and the human Jesus to trinitarian monotheism.

Power works on a variety of modern philosophical concerns. Her research straddles disciplinary boundaries including philosophy, religious studies, cultural studies and politics. She has published in a broad range of journals, including *Theory and Event*, *Borderlands*, *Critical Horizons: A Journal of Philosophy and Social Theory*, *Parallax*, and *Pli*. She has continued to write on Badiou, exploring, in various publications, his contrast with Althusser regarding a theory of the political subject, and figures of betrayal in his thought, in the context of his remark on the political

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generation that betrayed the convictions of May '68. She writes on a broad range of contemporary issues in political philosophy, for example, defending Rancière's concept of politics from Edelman's queer theory polemic, or challenging Critchley's theory of ethical subjectivity and its implications for politics. She has also extracted a concept of class from the writings of the anti-theoretical historian EP Thompson, and written on film and cinema as vehicles for an atheist worldview.

Rogers' research in practical theology spans the hermeneutical practices of ordinary Bible readers; interdisciplinary issues between theology and social science; aspects of evangelicalism and fundamentalism; and the ecclesiology of new black majority churches. From his involvement in the AHRC-funded Evangelicalism and Fundamentalism in Britain project (2008-9), his article on ordinary hermeneutics, in *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, creates the term 'congregational hermeneutics' to describe his innovative approach to the contemporary relationship between English Evangelicalism and Fundamentalism at ground level, through an ethnographic observation of Christians in contrasting churches making connections between their context and the Bible. Research on London's new black majority churches being scarce, Rogers has also led RGMT's 'Being Built Together' project into their ecclesiology and demographics, while also taking as a case-study the area of the Old Kent Road in London: with its 23 black majority churches, he strikingly describes this as 'a journey into global Christianity' (essay in a volume in Peter Lang's *Studies in the Intercultural History of Christianity*).

In terms of maximising opportunities for creative and topical research synergies:

The Digby Stuart Research Centre for Religion, Society and Human Flourishing (DSRC).

This centre, directed by Beattie, is an outward-looking, publicly engaged forum for research and awareness-raising about the Catholic tradition and its intellectual, cultural and social engagements. DSRC organises many academic events, lectures, workshops, symposia, conferences and community events. For example, recent symposia on *Wellbeing and Social Justice: Theology and the Capability Approach*; *the Role of Lay Catholic Theologians*, and *The Idea of a University*. The DSRC is part of an annual European theology colloquium which brings together new researchers, including postgraduate students, and senior academics to explore issues across cultural and theological boundaries. As well as the University of Roehampton, the colloquium includes academics from the University of Glasgow, Uppsala University, Stockholm School of Theology, KU Leuven and Winchester University. Recent themes have included 'Religion and Public Life' (Glasgow 2010), 'Body, Pain and Passion' (Stockholm 2011), 'Borders and Boundaries' (Roehampton 2012), and 'Søren Kierkegaard's *Fear and Trembling*' (Leuven 2013). The theme in 2014 is 'The First World War' (Winchester). For 2014, DSRC and the Society of the Sacred Heart are co-organising an international conference at Roehampton entitled *Inspiring Souls: Reflections on Education, Spirituality and Leadership*, to celebrate the centenary of Janet Erskine Stuart (1857-1914), an influential Catholic educationalist. Two members of the DSRC (Beattie, and PhD student Zampini) are members of the CAFOD Theological Advisory Group, which involves research and collaboration with other academic theologians and CAFOD staff in the design of education and development campaigns. Honorary members of DSRC contribute further perspectives to its work. These include a Professorial Fellow, Nick Sagovsky, erstwhile Canon Theologian at Westminster Abbey, Vice-President of the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge, Co-chair of the London Society of Jews and Christians, Trustee of the Helena Kennedy Foundation and of the Council for Assisting Refugee Academics, and Patron of Prisoners of Conscience. His charitable work is strongly informed by his research on understandings inter-faith dialogue, justice, human rights and the Christian tradition, and he is author of *Christian Tradition and the Practice of Justice* (2008). He has also worked on Marian studies, social ethics, Anglican Studies and ecumenism.

The Centre has two honorary research fellows, Geri Parlby, an art historian with particular interest in Marian images, and Sarah Boss, theologian and educator, director of the Centre for Marian Studies (CMS). Collaboration between the DSRC and the CMS has proved fertile ground for PhD students who have carried out ground-breaking research on Black Madonnas and artistic representations of the Virgin Mary (Parlby, Landman), utilising the Marian Studies archive. In 2013

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the DSRC and the CMS jointly hosted a seminal conference on *Mary and Women in Islam and Christianity* with academic and non-academic participants (e.g. Ingrid Stellmacher of Le Menach Foundation on Mary as a bridge between Islam and Christianity in conflict resolution and peace building).

Sex, gender and sexuality research group. Beattie and Calderini, together with Power, are active in the university-wide research group on sex, gender and sexuality, which organises seminars, work-in-progress discussions and study days, drawing members from media, history, life sciences, education, sociology and business, for vibrant broad cross-disciplinary debates. Thanks to the emphasis on research on gender by a number of its members, the Unit is at the forefront of current controversial debates on female ordination and ritual leadership, and other issues of women's rights, in public as well as academic spheres. Beattie, for example, is a public figure in debates on Catholic teaching on same-sex marriage, the priesthood and celibacy, and women's reproductive rights, exemplifying the Unit's active involvement in connecting its research and religious communities.

Ministerial theology research group. With the support of university investment for the appointments of Burgess and Rogers, the Unit has created a new research focus on ministerial theology during the current period. This development in practical theology promotes further collaborative research with religious communities, particularly in the experiential and congregational dimensions of religion. Burgess and Rogers have developed collaborative research projects involving engagement with numerous local and national religious institutions and organizations. *Being Built Together*, for example, was a project in partnership with Transform Southwark and Churches Together in South London, and others, on the demographics and ecclesiology of new black majority churches in Southwark. It was funded by the Archbishop of Canterbury's Charitable Trust, the Anglican Diocese of Southwark, Churches Together in South London, the Metropolitan Police, London Churches' Group, Southlands Methodist Trust, Southwark Council and Transform Southwark. The group has an active seminar series in Pentecostal studies, missiology and ethnicity, and holds regular work-in-progress presentations. Its activities bring together research staff and students, college chaplains and honorary research fellows. These include Dr Babatunde Adedibu, of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (author of *Coat of Many Colours: Origin, Growth, Distinctiveness and Contributions of Black Majority Churches to British Christianity*), and Dr Joe Aldred, of Churches Together in England (editor of *The Black Church in the 21st Century*), reflecting the group's engagement with religious community leaders.

Ethics, philosophy and human rights. Additionally, combining the Unit's interests in ethics, philosophy and human rights, the Royal Institute of Philosophy Public Lecture Series has been hosted by Roehampton since 2008, with over 20 lectures by high profile international academics and media personalities, including McFee (California), Moore (Durham), Beadle (Northumbria) and Golub (Brown).

In terms of integrating research students into our research environment:

Across the UoA PhD students work on a variety of topics closely aligned with staff research interests, and particularly focused around the themes explored in the DSRC, and the two research groups, sex, gender and sexuality, and ministerial theology, which provide rich and supportive research environments. Examples include ecclesiological analysis of the history of official Roman Catholic teaching on male homosexuality; an investigation of drama and performance as a means of enhancing dialogue with scripture in rural Ethiopia; the phenomenon of the Black Madonna; the contribution of the Christian theology of predestination to the stigmatisation of HIV/AIDS victims; Catholic social teaching and international economic development; representations of religion and secularism post September 11th in the context of the post-Enlightenment western secular state; Spinoza, Deleuze and collective desire; and the relation between the doctrines of revelation and redemption, with particular reference to Calvin.

A number of students are collaboratively supervised, for example Jacobson co-supervises a student working on Walter Benjamin's 'Critique of violence' and recent Colombian history, with a colleague in History, and two of Beattie's students are co-supervised by colleagues in Sociology.

c. People, including:

i. Staffing strategy and staff development

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Since 2008, staff strengths in research have been recognised through promotions: Beattie was promoted to Professor (2008) and Calderini to Reader (also 2008). With university investment funds, additional members of staff have been appointed in ministerial theology: an early career researcher, Rogers, and an established academic, Burgess. An externally-funded doctoral teaching assistant (Lynch) actively contributes to the research environment by organising many of the activities of DSRC. Rev Dr Robert Kaggwa and Rev Dr Daniel Eshun (both chaplains with academic roles in the department) continue to sustain our research activities in the areas of world Christianity and global ethics through Chaplaincy seminars and workshops for academics and the wider religious and local communities.

A peer mentor is appointed for all new staff. Senior staff are responsible for supporting early career staff to establish their research at Roehampton. Individual research plans coupled with annual review ensures that all staff are supported in the ongoing development of their personal research profile and that they maximise opportunities for impact. Early career researchers are given lighter teaching loads at the beginning of their contracts (thus Burgess), and all research active staff are allocated dedicated research time via a comprehensive workload model with allowances of 40% for research and additional allowances for the development of impact. A sabbatical term is available every three years. All established members of the Unit have had research leave, allowing significant progress on major projects, for example, Calderini's work on female imams, and Jacobson's comprehensive study of Hannah Arendt's Jewish writings. The University is currently prioritising research leave for early career researchers (Rogers benefited from this, in 2013 completing a series of publications from his recent PhD). Theology has an annual budget which provides seed-funding for research, supports research and knowledge exchange events and activities and supports attendance at national and international conferences.

All supervisors of research students undergo mandatory training comprising a SEDA-accredited course for new supervisors (who are integrated as soon as possible into PGR supervisory teams) or a short course for experienced supervisors new to Roehampton, plus at least one session a year from the programme of the Supervisors' Forum.

Our current gender balance is 3 female, 4 male. Staff are drawn from a wide cross section of society, including ethnic minorities.

ii. Research students

For a small unit, we have substantial PGR student numbers, a good number of completions (7 since 2008) and success in scholarship and bursary awards to support their studies.

The Society of the Sacred Heart has established a university fund (£750,000) for postgraduate scholarships intended for research projects promoting international understanding and community engagement. Three students in the Unit have been the recipients of such scholarships. A Vice-Chancellor's Research Studentship was awarded to a TRS student in 2012. The trust Porticus UK provided a scholarship for a research student working on Pope John Paul II's theology of the body. New Masters programmes starting in 2013 have been developed to support progression to a research degree programme, particularly for religious leaders to work in ministerial theology. For the future, Roehampton is part of a consortium, led by RHUL, that has been awarded £13.5 million in funding from the AHRC for a new Doctoral Training Partnership (2014-19), which will allow 176 postgraduate students to benefit from the training and expertise of its seven member universities, enhanced by placements and partnerships with 13 arts and cultural organisations, enabling us to extend our intellectual collaborations and offer PGR students excellent career trajectories.

Students are accepted only where there is relevant internal expertise, on projects related to our key research areas. They are supervised by teams of at least two supervisors, led by a Director of Studies who has supervised previously to successful completion and who is responsible for mentoring inexperienced supervisors. All research students are members of the University's Graduate School, which provides opportunities for peer networking and social integration as well as more formal training. Research students have staff-level access to University facilities such as common rooms and IT systems, and individual desk space in the department's research student rooms. Research students are awarded an annual allocation (£400) to cover research expenses and conference attendance. Researchers have immediate access to London's main libraries (including British Library, National Archive, SOAS) and Roehampton library also hosts Special

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Collections including the Queen's Foundation Authority and Governance Archive, the Bishops' Conference Collection, the Jewish Resource Centre Collection and the Marian Studies Centre Archive.

In line with the Researcher Development Framework, the Graduate School co-ordinates the University's Research Student Development Programme, a clearly articulated 3-tier programme of training combining generic and careers-related training plus interdisciplinary events organised by the Graduate School, research methods training and impact training organised collaboratively by arts and humanities departments. The Graduate School also provides induction and a buddy system for new students, and supports student-led events such as the annual research student conference. Students benefit from progress workshops and student conferences, and may attend sessions of research method courses from the MA programmes (including Christian Ministry).

Postgraduate students present at research seminars, conferences and participate in other activities of the DSRC and research groups, often contributing to their organization. They also have the opportunity to take part in the student-led, yearly, interdisciplinary University research-student conference and in their final years are encouraged to, and advised on, presenting at national and international conferences. Students have given papers at numerous conferences and workshops including at the Centre for Catholic Studies, University of Durham; University of Glasgow; KU Leuven, and for CAFOD. The University is part of a consortium holding regular study events for doctoral students in Catholic theology, and hosted a conference as part of this in 2011.

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

Since 2008 we have been awarded over a quarter of a million pounds in research funding from prestigious national sources and from private or institutional funds. Our income generation strategy continues to aim at diversification in sources ranging from HE government schemes, trusts, religious organizations and communities. The income thus raised derives partly from national bodies such as the highly competitive AHRC grants for research leave (Calderini £59,000 for a projects on women during the Fatimid dynasty and on female imams; Beattie £25,000 for research on women's rights, human rights and natural law resulting in the publication of a OUP monograph; 2009-10). Part of the income generated is from UK-based charities such as Porticus UK (£145,000), whose grants include funds for the Digby Stuart Research Centre (2011, 2012) to employ a research associate (Lynch, PhD, Durham, 2013) who is proactive in enhancing the research profile and activities of the Unit. These funds continue to support the series of research seminars, hosting of conferences, promotion of the DSRC through the national and international lecturing activities of Beattie, and also enable the initial stage of a research project on 'Maternal Well-being and Religion in Africa'. In 2011 the DSRC received £10,000 from Southlands Methodist Trust to facilitate an international conference on 'Women, Leadership and Authority' (September 2012). In 2011, Ministerial Theology received £30,000 from a group of church and local authority bodies for the *Being Built Together* research project, running for two years until 2013. Other funding bodies include: the Royal Institute of Philosophy for lecture series, and through professorial fellow Sagovsky, £5,000 for nine study days entitled 'Open Anglicanism' to bring in renowned scholars of Anglicanism, hence further enriching the Unit's research environment.

The University Research Committee, chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, oversees institutional research strategy, fosters new initiatives, allocates strategic investment and monitors research quality. Ethics are co-ordinated by a University Ethics Committee with an academic adviser within each department. Research activities are coordinated locally by the Department of Humanities' Research Advisory Group. The integration, planning and daily support of the UoA's research activities are enabled by the Research Office and a full-time Department Research Facilitator, with a background in digital humanities. This colleague offers discipline-specific advice on the development of networks, partnerships and external collaborations, flags up national and international funding opportunities, and supports public engagement activities. She also monitors funding initiatives, advises on the financial aspects of bidding, maintains record keeping for impact, and keeps abreast of relevant developments in the national environment. A dedicated academic works to support the development of impact across the institution, and chairs an impact advisory group that coordinates this activity and encourages its strategic development. University support also includes a 'rapid response fund' to offer pump-priming funds for the pilot stage of emerging new bids. The collegiate structure of the University, with three of its four colleges having religious

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foundations with active chaplaincies and research centres, greatly supports and enhances research activities in the Unit's field. The Centre for Marian Studies, based in the university, and the university's own Jewish Resource Centre hold specialist resources used by staff and student researchers. Both are also engaged in programmes of research dissemination. Marian Studies in 2011-12 for example held a series of evening lectures on aspects of Mary (black Madonnas, apparitions, representations in art and film), and held a one-day conference on the Virgin Mary in text and architecture (speakers included A. Louth, Durham and E. Ruberry, Cambridge), while the Jewish Resource Centre holds an extensive reference collection, and runs lectures, film screenings and interfaith events.

e. Collaboration and contribution to the discipline or research base

The UoA maintains close and regular collaboration at local, national and international level with universities, institutions, organizations, communities and individuals (see above). Members of the Unit contribute broadly to the discipline or research base as:

Officers for specialist professional associations and learned societies: Beattie: President, Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain; Calderini: member, Advisory Group of the British Association of Islamic Studies; Rogers: committee member, British and Irish Association of Practical Theology; Sagovsky: member, Académie Internationale des Sciences Religieuses, Council for Assisting Refugee Academics.

Grant reviewers: e.g. Beattie: AHRC, Leverhulme Trust, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Calderini: AHRC Peer Review College.

Advisors for professorial applications: Oxford Brookes, Liverpool Hope, Nottingham, KU Leuven.

Members of editorial boards of key journals/book series: Burgess, *Pentecostal Studies*; Beattie: *Journal of Theology and Sexuality*, *Irish Journal of Systematic Theology*; Calderini: *History Compass Near and Middle East Section*; Jacobson: *International History Review*; Power: *Historical Materialism*, *Subjectivities*, *Film Quarterly*; Rogers: *Practical Theology*.

PhD examiners: King's College London, Gloucestershire, Sussex, SOAS, Newcastle, Glasgow, Leuven, McGill, Melbourne College of Divinity.

Organize external conferences and symposia: Beattie: *International ecumenical symposium on HIV/AIDS* 2009; a biennial *Catholic theology postgraduate conference* 2011; *Catholic Theology in British Universities symposium* 2013; with DSRC, *European Theological Symposium Borders and Boundaries* 2012; Rogers: the British and Irish Association for Practical Theology (BIAPT) annual conferences in Ushaw College, Durham 2009, Dromantine, Newry, Northern Ireland, 2010, London 2011, Birmingham Bible and Practical Theology symposium, 2012.

Present keynote and other invited talks: Since 2008 staff from the Unit have presented over one hundred papers at international (Europe, USA, Middle East, Far East) and national conferences. For example, Jacobson delivered invited papers and public lectures at: Department of Philosophy, Bar Ilan University, Israel; Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Science, Krakow; British Association of Jewish Studies conference, Southampton; Indian Institute for Advanced Study, Shimla, India; King's College London, and Exeter and Nottingham Universities. The following were as invited key note speakers: Beattie: key note speaker at 23 conferences and symposia including in Brisbane Australia; Fredericton Canada; Leuven Belgium; Reute Germany; Keble College, Oxford; Gothenburg Sweden; Victoria and Albert Museum and National Gallery London; St Andrews; Liverpool Hope; Oxford; Sarum College Salisbury; MacDonald, SBL, San Diego, California; Calderini: Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania; Università di Palermo; Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel; University of Gloucestershire, and St Mary's Twickenham; Power: Birkbeck; Goldsmiths; Sussex; University of Pennsylvania; Sweden; Nordic Summer University, Norway.

Honorary and visiting academics: Burgess: Commissioned Scholar on Nigeria for the Religious Freedom Project at the Berkley Center, Georgetown University (2012-14); Jacobson: Guest Professorship in Jewish Studies at the University of Graz, Austria (2008).