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*Baptist Scholars  
International Round Table*

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Oxford

July 1- July 4, 2019

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## Monday, July 1

- 9:00 am-  
4:00 pm Roundtable Fellows and Scholars Check  
in at RPC Reception.
- 4:00- 4:45  
pm Fellows Reunion, Senior Common Room.  
(Fellows only)
- 5:00- 5:45  
pm Conference Welcome and Introductions,  
RPC Chapel
- 5:45- 7:30  
pm Walk to Café Rouge; Gather in the  
Courtyard, near Reception. (Welcome  
Dinner for Fellows and Scholars Provided  
by BSIR)
- 7:45 -9:00  
pm Vespers worship and Opening Plenary.  
(\*\* guests welcome)

Keynote Address:  
Dr. David Bebbington,  
Visiting Distinguished Fellow  
Professor of History,  
University of Stirling

RPC Chapel.

## Welcome and Call to Worship

### Ps 75

**Hymn** Praise the source of faith and learning  
that has sparked and stoked the mind  
with a passion for discerning  
how the world has been designed.  
Let the sense of wonder flowing  
from the wonders we survey  
keep our faith forever growing  
and renew our need to pray.

God of wisdom, we acknowledge  
that our science and our art  
and the breadth of human knowledge  
only partial truth impart.  
Far beyond our calculation  
lies a depth we cannot sound  
where your purpose for creation  
and the pulse of life are found.

As two currents in a river  
fight each other's undertow  
till converging they deliver  
one coherent steady flow,  
bend, O God, our faith and learning  
till they carve a single course,  
till they join as one, returning  
praise and thanks to you, their source.

*Words: Thomas H Troeger;  
Music: Rowland H Prichard*

### 2 Kings 2:15-22

**Song** Oyenos, mi Dios, Oyenos, mi Dios,  
Listen to your people, Oyenos, mi Dios.\*

*\*Hear us, my God.*

*Words: Owen Alstott, tr. Mary F Reza  
Music: Bob Hurd & Owen Alstott*

## Prayers of intercession

### 1 John 2:7-11

**Hymn** Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need your tender care;  
In your pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use your folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are.

We are yours, can you befriend us?  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep your flock from sin, defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, o hear us when we pray;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, o hear us when we pray.

You have promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still!

*W: D Thrupp (?), alt.  
M: W. Bradbury, alt. , as sung in Eastern Slavic churches*

**Tuesday, July 2**

- 8:00- 8:25  
am Breakfast in Dining Hall for RPC  
residents and guests\*\*
- 8:30-10:15  
am *“Collective Virtue and Baptist  
Ecclesiology”* by Meghan Byerly;  
Response by Paul Fiddes
- “Millennial Eden? Baptist  
Postmillennialism and the Shaping of the  
Australian Dream”* By Nicole Starling;  
Response by Jeanette Mathews  
Collier Room
- 10:15-  
10: 45 am Gather in Courtyard for Group Photo  
Coffee break in Dining Hall
- 10:45 am-  
12:30 pm *“Wonderfully Ecumenical??: The  
Southern Baptist Convention, the  
Mainline, and 1960s Social Ethics”* by  
Skylar Ray; Response by Brad Creed
- “Slavery, Justice, and the Kingdom of  
God: Mapping Baptist Hermeneutics in  
the Atlantic World”* by Ryan Butler;  
Response by Terry Carter
- Collier Room
- 12:30-1:30  
pm Lunch for Fellows and Scholars in RPC  
Dining Hall

1:30-2:30 pm	Optional Tour of Regents Park College with Professor Paul Fiddes, Hosting Fellow (** Guests welcome).
2:30-3:30 pm	<i>“The Kingdom of God: A Dangerously Powerful Challenge to Oppression and Injustice”</i> by Stephanie Peek; Response by Caleb Oladipo
Collier Room	
3:30-6:15 pm	Free time
6:15 pm	Meet in RPC, Courtyard; walk to dinner in small groups to Westgate Roof Terrace (self-pay; guests welcome) **
8:00 pm	Convivium gathering - fellowship and refreshments (** guests welcome) RPC Senior Common Room

### Wednesday, July 3

8:00 am	Breakfast in Dining Hall for RPC residents and guests **
8:25 am (promptly)	Gather in the Courtyard, near Reception and walk together to Skipper Room, St. Cross College
8:45- 10:30 am	<i>“Australian Baptist Missionary women in East Bengal from 1900 to 1945: their view of the Kingdom of God and how it shaped their work”</i> by Rebecca Hilton; Response by Lina Toth

*“The Kingdom of God After  
Christendom: Baptist Perspectives on  
the Role of Theology in a Post-Truth  
Age”* by Joshua Searle;  
Response by Roger Ward

10:30- 10:45 am	Short Coffee break in the Skipper room
10:45- 11:45 am	Integrative Conclusion and discussion with Dr. David Bebbington
11:45- 12:00	Wrap up and announcements
12:00- 6:00 pm	Lunch on your own and Free time
6:00 pm	Meet in RPC Courtyard for dinner outing to The Trout (self- pay, guests welcome). Bring money for shared taxi; Wear good walking shoes if you want to walk back after dinner along the canal. (** guests welcome)



## Thursday, July 4

- 8:00-9:00 am Breakfast and Conference Closing  
Gather at 9 am in dining hall for farewell and benediction.
- 9:30 am Check out of rooms; return keys to reception.  
Those on the walking tour head straight to the train station.
- 10:00 am Catch the 10:01 train to London for optional tour of Baptist sites in London led by Beth Allison Barr; no cost for tour; self-pay for train ticket, lunch and tube pass.  
(\* \* guests welcome)



## 2019 Visiting Distinguished Fellow

**David Bebbington** took his degrees at the University of Cambridge and joined the Department in 1976. He was promoted to a Personal Chair in 1999. He has been a Distinguished Visiting Professor of History at Baylor University, Texas, in the fall semesters of 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2017. In 2006-07, he was the President of the Ecclesiastical History Society and is President of the Scottish Church History Society from 2016 to 2019. In 2016 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

His principal research interests are in the history of politics, religion, ideas, and society in Britain from the eighteenth to the twentieth century and in the history of the global Evangelical movement. His books include *Evangelicalism in Modern Britain: A History from the 1730s to the 1980s* (1989), *Victorian Nonconformity* (1992), *William Ewart Gladstone: Faith and Politics in Victorian Britain* (1993), *Holiness in Nineteenth-Century England* (2000), *The Mind of Gladstone: Religion, Homer and Politics* (2004), *The Dominance of Evangelicalism: The Age of Spurgeon and Moody* (2005), *Baptists through the Centuries: A History of a Global People* (2010), *Victorian Religious Revivals: Culture and Piety in Local and Global Contexts* (2012), and *The Intellectual Attainments of Evangelical Nonconformity: A Nineteenth-Century Case-Study* (2014).

## 2019 BSIR Scholars

**Joshua Searle** is Lecturer in Theology and Public Thought at Spurgeon's College, London, where he is also Director of Postgraduate Studies. He studied History (BA and MA) at Oxford University and Theology at the International Baptist Theological Seminary (IBTS) in Prague and gained a PhD from Trinity College Dublin. His latest book is entitled *Theology After Christendom: Forming Prophets for a Post-Christian World* (2018).

“The Kingdom of God After Christendom: Baptist Perspectives on the Role of Theology in a Post-Truth Age”

**Meghan Byerly** is working on her PhD dissertation at Northern Baptist College in Manchester, England. She lives in Sheffield, England with her husband, Ryan, and her two young boys, Tommy and Samuel. She is also the Associate Minister at Cemetery Road Baptist Church in Sheffield.

“Collective Virtue and Baptist Ecclesiology”

**Nicole Starling**, BA/LLB, MA(CS), MRes is a PhD student at Macquarie University researching the relationship between religious belief and philanthropic activism in the early Australian temperance movement. She also serves part time as an adjunct lecturer in Christian history at Morling College, Sydney. Her published research includes articles on evangelical history, the temperance movement, and female preaching in early colonial Australia.

“Millennial Eden? Baptist Postmillennialism and the Shaping of the Australian Dream”

**Rebecca Hilton** Rebecca Hilton has just commenced a PhD at Charles Sturt University on Australian Baptist women. Rebecca graduated from a Master of Theology in 2018 - thirty years after graduating from a Bachelor of Economics. She has undertaken work predominantly in public welfare programs. Rebecca is married to Ian and has three adult daughters. She has attended Canberra Baptist Church since 1974 with a few breaks when she lived elsewhere.

“Australian Baptist Missionary women in East Bengal from 1901 and 1945 and their views of the kingdom of God”

**Stephanie Peek** is an Assistant Professor and Department Head of Religious Studies at Judson College in Marion, Alabama. Her primary areas of interest and expertise include the Gospel of Mark, 1 Peter, and postcolonial readings of Scripture. Stephanie is sponsored by the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities.

“The Kingdom of God: A Dangerously Powerful Challenge to Oppression and Injustice”

**Ryan Butler** will serve as Assistant Professor of History at Anderson University, South Carolina, beginning in Summer 2019. He will receive his Ph.D. in History from Baylor University in May 2019 and holds a M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary (2014) and a B.S. from Wheaton College, Illinois (2006). Ryan’s research focuses on slavery and abolition, religion, and the relationship between social reform and foreign policy in the eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Atlantic world. Ryan is sponsored by the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities.

“Slavery, Justice, and the Kingdom of God: Mapping Baptist Hermeneutics in the Atlantic World”

**Skylar Ray** is a second-year PhD student in the Department of History at Baylor University. She holds a B.A. in History and Spanish from Oral Roberts University and an M.A. in History from Baylor University. Skylar’s research examines religion and culture in the twentieth century United States. She is specifically interested in the ways in which religious and cultural identity formation has influenced the relationship of American Protestants to Church and society. Skylar is sponsored by the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities.

“Wonderfully Ecumenical?”: The Southern Convention, the Mainline, and 1960s Social Ethics”

## 2019 BSIR Fellows

**Terry Carter**, Roundtable Fellow, Professor and Associate Dean, Pruett School of Christian Studies, Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, AK, USA.

**Brad Creed**, Roundtable Fellow, President, Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC, USA.

**Paul Fiddes**, Roundtable Hosting Fellow, Director of Research, Regent's Park College of the University of Oxford, UK.

**Jeanette Mathews**, Roundtable Fellow, Senior Lecturer, St. Marks National Theological Centre, Charles Sturt University in Canberra, Australia.

**Caleb Oladipo**, Roundtable Fellow, Professor Campbell University Divinity School in Buies Creek, NC, USA.

**Rev. Dr. Lina Toth** (formerly Andronovienè), Roundtable Fellow, Assistant Principal and Lecturer in Practical Theology at the Scottish Baptist College in Paisley, Scotland, UK.

**Roger Ward**, Roundtable Director Emeritus and Fellow Professor and Chair of Philosophy, Georgetown College, in Georgetown, KY, USA.

## **2019 BSIR Co-Directors**

**Beth Allison Barr**, Roundtable Co-Director and Fellow, Associate Professor of History and Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, Baylor University in Waco, TX, USA.

**T. Laine Scales**, Roundtable Co-Director and Fellow, Professor of Social Work, Baylor University in Waco, TX, USA.



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