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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**

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

2 Kings 2:15-22

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

*Hear us, my God.
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  “The Kingdom of God: A Dangerously Powerful Challenge to Oppression and Injustice” 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  “Australian Baptist Missionary women in East Bengal from 1900 to 1945: their view of the Kingdom of God and how it shaped their work” 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
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<td>Integrative Conclusion and discussion with Dr. David Bebbington</td>
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<td>11:45-12:00</td>
<td>Wrap up and announcements</td>
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<td>Lunch on your own and Free time</td>
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<td>6:00 pm</td>
<td>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)</td>
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**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.

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 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 Andronoviené), 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.
We would like to thank Regent’s Park College, Saint Cross University, and especially Paul Fiddes for their hospitality. We look forward to our continued partnership.