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Adelaide Research Seminars 2025 #1

The Adelaide Research Seminars are pitched at a post-graduate level and open to all interested persons. The seminars reflect a collaboration between St Barnabas College, the Australian Lutheran College and the Uniting College for Leadership and Theology. Each college is a member college of the University of Divinity.

2025 Seminar #1: Monday March 24, 11am-1pm

Hosted by St Barnabas College, 18 King William Rd, North Adelaide
Conference Room (1st floor – access also available via lift in the lobby)

Presentation 1 **11am – 11:30am**
Topic *Shame Language in Isaiah*
Presenter Dr Michelle Eastwood, Director of Research, ALC
Executive Officer for ANZATS

Presentation 2 **11:40am - 12:10pm**
Topic *Spaces of Hope*
Presenter Rev'd Dr Lyndon Shakespeare
Senior Associate, St Barnabas Centre for Missional Research & Praxis

Refreshments 12:10pm -12:25pm

Session 3 **12:30pm - 1pm**
Comments and Q & A with Professor Megan Cassidy-Welch
Dean of Research Strategy, University of Divinity
President of the Religious History Association

The meeting will also be available online via Zoom

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2025 Seminar dates: 4 June (hosted by UCLT) in conjunction with the University Research Day; 13 October – TBC (hosted by ALC)

Presentation introductions and abstracts:

Shame Language in Isaiah

The Hebrew Bible has three main words that are used to describe shame and its relations. This paper explores the use of these words – *bosh*, *herpah*, and *kelimah* – in Isaiah as understood through a psychological framework of shame, shaming and disgrace. Theological understandings of shame will be considered through the lens of exile as a shameful experience, taking account of the different perspectives presented in Primo, Deutero, and Trito Isaiah.

This presentation is part of a larger research project on perspectives of shame across the Hebrew Bible, and will be presented in June at ISBL in Uppsala, Sweden.

Michelle Eastwood has degrees in Psychology, History, Education and Theology. She is a Hebrew Bible scholar with a particular interest in the psalms and Hebrew poetry. Michelle also researches in the areas of feminist theology, gender and sexuality, worship and liturgy, and public theology. Michelle writes for the Women in Theology blog and on substack at (Not) Rescuing the Text. Michelle lives, works and plays on the lands of the Waddawurrung People of the Kulin Nation.

Spaces of Hope

Christianity is an embedded faith. The story of God and God's people cannot be told without reference to spaces and places: towns, mountains, cities, and even buildings and rooms. From Eden to the New Jerusalem, God is present with the created order in and through places. In this talk, I will explore a theology of Christian hope understood spatially as our response and cooperation with God's providence at work in the physical spaces around church buildings.

Lyndon Shakespeare is the Anglican parish priest at Burnside and teaches in the areas of leadership formation and practice, and is a senior associate of the St Barnabas Centre for Missional Research. He recently returned to Australia after three decades in the United States. Prior to moving to Adelaide, Lyndon served in Colorado as a parish priest and as the Anglican Studies Director at Iliff School of Theology in Denver.

Lyndon is a practical theologian who was part of a research cohort that met biannually at Lambeth Palace, London for several years culminating in the award of a Ph.D. by the Archbishop of Canterbury. His thesis, *Being the Body of Christ in the Age of Management*, was published by Cascade in 2016. Lyndon's current particular interests are in theological critiques of neoliberalism, and the intersection of theologies of place and the practices of community placemaking.