Faculty Research Interests and Publications 2014-2015
The Role of Research at Booth University College

Our Academic Plan 2010-2015 identifies four developmental initiatives for the achievement of excellence in the University College. They are the establishment of a new culture of research, the promotion of social justice, hope and mercy, the holistic development of the life of the learner, and the projection of Booth’s curriculum through the power of Extended Learning.

The first developmental initiative of the University College is to create and celebrate a new culture of research in the institution. The Academic Plan goes on to say:

We will encourage the emergence of a new culture of research by placing our faculty and students on the leading edge of learning. Faculty members in the Arts and Sciences will engage in research and present the results in academic forums and publications. Faculty members in the professional disciplines will also be engaged in advancing knowledge in their disciplines in ways appropriate to their areas of expertise. This creative energy will find its way into classroom discussions and student generated research. As a by-product of this new emphasis, students will participate in the culture of research and be better prepared to move forward into graduate programs.

This publication presents results since June 1, 2013. It lists, by faculty member, research interests, publications, presentations, and significant professional appointments. It also has a “Forthcoming” category to indicate work which is currently under contract or formally accepted for publication.
Dr. Michael W. Boyce,
Associate Professor of English and Film Studies

Research Interests

Dr. Boyce’s current research explores the normalcy of crime, criminals and criminal behaviour in postwar British film. This project will extend over the next several years, and will include the release of several articles, conference papers and presentations along the way. Dr. Boyce’s broader research interests include British film, film theory, television, and religion and popular culture.

Books


Publications


Conference Organizer

Canadian Institute for the Study of Pop Culture and Religion (CISPCR) March 2014 Symposium at Canadian Mennonite University

Bonnie Bryant,
Professor of Social Work

Research Interests

Professor Bryant’s research interests focus on program development, pedagogy and evaluation in social work higher education. Specifically, she has spent more than two decades developing pedagogical, administrative and field education policies and
procedures in the social work profession. She also has a keen interest in Aboriginal Spirituality and Aboriginal approaches to Social Work Practice. She presented her work on Aboriginal Spirituality and Social Work Practice at the North American Association of Christians in Social Work in October. She has a keen interest on looking at best practices in the use of pedagogy in the classroom and methods for engaging students through experiential learning.

ONGOING

Over the past year, Professor Bryant’s work focussed on the use of experiential learning approaches in the development of peer feedback through the use of mock ethics committees. She will present her work entitled Resolution of Ethical Dilemmas through Experiential Learning at the North American Association of Christians in Social Work in November. She will present two workshops at The Salvation Army Social Service Conference on Barriers: The Invisible Lines of Trust and Communication: Building Bridges Not Walls. She was a peer reviewer for the Journal Christianity in Social Work. Other areas of interest include exploring the delivery of social work education in a distance education format. Current research in partnership with Professor Buetta Warkentin includes surveying Canadian social work field educators exploring best practices with regards to the integration of theory and practice through Integrative Field Seminar courses. Social Work Faculty have been invited to collaborate in a research study with Edinboro University Pennsylvania to study Vicarious Trauma and Retraumatization by social work students in their final field placement.

Dr. James Cresswell,  
Assistant Professor of Psychology

Research Interests

Dr. Cresswell is currently working on the philosophy of how mind and culture are interrelated. He draws on philosophical work to inspire new ways to think about the human mind. He is also conducting work on immigration and adjustment in community-based research focusing on how we can better help immigrants adjust to their new homes. Currently, this work involves partnering with the Barbara Mitchell Family Resource Centre, the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities, the Pan-Canadian Network of Community Health Workers in Canada, and the Government of Manitoba. He is also continuing his work on how we can have a psychology of religion that is not antagonistic or agnostic to Christian experience.

Academic Awards & Distinctions

- Visiting Scholar at Pontifica Universidad Catolica De Chile (2014)

Peer-Reviewed Articles & Book Chapters


**Invited Lectures & Workshop Presentations**

Pontifica Universidad Católica de Chile. Santiago, Chile.
- *Finding Belief: Towards a Cognitive Science that Doesn’t Anger Everyone Except Cognitive Scientists*
- *To Survive or Thrive: Can we teach with a clear conscience and still enable war affected newcomers to survive?*
- *Natural hypocrisy: Religious experience, habits, and multiplicity in life*

*Culture to Die For and Crossing Barriers*. Workshops for High School Students in the Winnipeg and Louis Riel School Divisions.

*Multiculturalism & Faith*. Workshops for High School Students in Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.


**Books**


**Non-Refereed Publications**


**Editorial & Peer-Review Activities**

- Deputy Editor in Chief, Dialogic Pedagogy Journal (2014)

**Angela Davis,**

**Associate Professor of Business**

**Research Interests**

Professor Davis has professional interests in fraud prevention and detection, audit and accounting. She also has extensive experience in business and post-secondary education. Professor Davis’ broader research interests include entrepreneurship and system analysis.

**Publications**

*Accounting Principles, 6th Canadian Edition*
- Subject matter expert review
- Expert review supplements including: in-depth technical review of practice questions/exercises

- Subject matter expert review
- Technical updates related to videos, key topics, in-depth tutorials, and other supplements: quick quiz reviews, clicker questions, discussion questions and practice question sets
- Lead author review substitute for power point slides, test bank, instructors manual, wileyplus exercises and concept basic tutorial review

*Intermediate Accounting 10th Canadian Edition*
- Subject matter expert review
- Technical review supplements including: practice questions, exercises and mini-cases
Conference Organization

Education Committee member and a Howard Teall Award Committee member for the Canadian Academic Accounting Association including planning the educational part of Beyond Financial Statements Conference in Edmonton, AB May 29– June 1, 2014.

Dr. Andrew Eason,
Assistant Professor of Religion

Research Interests

Dr. Eason explores the history of The Salvation Army in Britain and a number of colonial settings. One major area of his research addresses how the Army engaged with diverse cultures and imperial authorities between the late nineteenth century and the mid twentieth century. It is anticipated that this research will result in a number of future publications, including a monograph on The Salvation Army in British India (1882-1947). Another focus of Andrew’s interest is the life and thought of William and Catherine Booth, the founders of The Salvation Army. This spring he began a collaborative project with Roger J. Green entitled Settled Views: The Shorter Writings of Catherine Booth. This edited volume is meant to complement Boundless Salvation: The Shorter Writings of William Booth (New York: Peter Lang, 2012), another book that Dr. Eason edited with Dr. Green.

Journal Article


Book Review


Paper Presentations at Academic Conferences

“Marching as to . . .? A Quantitative Assessment of The Salvation Army’s Global Health,” American Academy of Religion, Additional Meeting (The Salvation Army and Intersections of Contemporary Thought), Baltimore, Maryland, November 23, 2013

“We’re Marching to Conquer All’: The Question of Imperialism in Early Salvation Army Music,” Canadian Society of Church History, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, May 25, 2014

Forthcoming

Jennifer Hedges,  
Assistant Professor of Social Work  

Research Interests  
Professor Hedges’ research interests are pedagogy in higher education and best practices in clinical social work and child welfare. Her specific focus is clinical skill development for professional practice with an emphasis on demonstrating empathy in the helping relationship. She developed the annual clinical skills competition at Booth. The competition is a unique opportunity for students to practice their clinical skills and receive feedback from peers, social work faculty and professionals from the community in the social work field.  

Professor Hedges is currently assisting in research exploring the use of geographic information system (GIS) mapping to analyze the location of birth parents and children in foster care and the impact on service and reunification. Professor Hedges along with the Booth University College social work faculty have been invited to collaborate with Edinboro University, Pennsylvania to study vicarious trauma and retraumatization experienced by social worker students in their final field placements.  

Publications  
Book Review:  

Conference Presentations  
November 2014  
*Using Competition, Role-Play and Community Support to Teach Interpersonal Skills.*  
NACSW Annual Conference, Annapolis, MD.  

October 2014 Co-Facilitate  
*Boundaries: The Invisible Lines of Trust and Communication: Building Bridges Not Walls,*  
The Salvation Army Social Services Annual Conference, Toronto, ON.
Dr. Liudmila Jdanova  
Assistant Professor of Psychology

Research Interests

Dr. Jdanova’s primary research interests include cross-cultural adjustment processes, psychological climate, and work-family conflict. Her dissertation research examined factors that facilitate the cross-cultural adjustment process of international graduate students in the U.S. universities. More specifically, she examined the effects of congruence between individual and host cultural values on the cross-cultural adjustment process. Dr. Jdanova’s interests in theoretical and statistical issues associated with multi-level research have encouraged her interest in organizational and psychological climate research. In general, she is interested in the impact of organizational and psychological climate on organizational level (e.g., hospital level performance) and individual level (e.g., job attitudes, patient attitudes, patient health) outcomes. Specific involvement in research of work-family conflict concerns examining coping strategies as well as positive effects of involvement in work and family domains. Secondary research interests include person-environment fit and justice perceptions.

Editorial & Peer-Review Activities

- Ad Hoc Reviewer, SIOP
- Ad Hoc Reviewer, Academy of Management
- Ad Hoc Reviewer, Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine
- Ad Hoc Reviewer of International Journal of Sports Psychology

Dr. Roy Jeal,  
Professor of Religion

Research Interests

Dr. Jeal’s research and writing centres on literary, rhetorical and socio-rhetorical approaches to interpreting New Testament and other Early Christian texts. He publishes widely on biblical and pastoral topics. He has presented essays in Canada, the USA, England, Sweden, Germany and South Africa. He is a member of the Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Research Group developing socio-rhetorical interpretation and two series of publications.

Appointments

Co-Chair of the Intertextuality in the New Testament Section of the Society of Biblical Literature

Editorial Board of the Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Series published by SBL Press
Publications:

Book


Review


Presentations

“Visual Exegesis: Blending Rhetorical Arts in Colossians 2:11-3:4,” presented to the Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar, Emory University, Atlanta, October 2013. Co-sponsored by: Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar Program, Department of Religion; Graduate Division of Religion; Institute for Liberal Arts; Center for Mind, Brain, and Culture; Ancient Mediterranean Studies

Respondent to Harry O. Maier, “Paul, Imperial Situation, and Visualization in the Epistle to the Colossians,” RRA-Sawyer Seminar, Emory University, Atlanta, September 2013. Co-sponsored by: Department of Religion; Graduate Division of Religion; Institute for Liberal Arts; Center for Mind, Brain, and Culture; Ancient Mediterranean Studies

Respondent to Brigitte Kahl (Union Theological Seminary, New York City), “The Suicidal Galatians and Christ Crucified: Visual Exegesis and Typology” and Koenraad Jonckheere (University of Ghent, Belgium) “Religious Art in Times of Trouble: Exegetical Propaganda in the Low Countries (c.1550-1600)” at the Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar Program, “Visual Exegesis: Images as Instruments of Scriptural Interpretation and Hermeneutics.” Co-sponsored by: Department of Religion; Graduate Division of Religion; Institute for Liberal Arts; Center for Mind, Brain, and Culture; Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, September 2013


Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Research Group Meeting, Baltimore, November 2014

Forthcoming


**Sermons**

Rector’s Preacher at St. Margaret’s Anglican Church

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**Meagan Morash,**

**Director of Library Services and Assistant Professor**

**Research Interests**

Ms. Morash’s professional interests lie in early printed manuscripts, services in small libraries, and the intersection of technology and distance learning. In particular, she is studying instructional design for students at a distance.

**Presentations**


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**Dr. James Read,**

**Associate Professor of Philosophy and Ethics**

**Research Interests**

As a Booth University College professor and Executive Director of The Salvation Army Ethics Centre, Dr. Read pursues research in social justice advocacy, human rights, professional ethics and biotechnology. Priority 2013-14 projects: the ethics of palliative sedation; The Salvation Army and LGBT concerns. He is a Senior Policy Analyst for the International Social Justice Commission, The Salvation Army’s principal body for international advocacy on social, economic and political issues.

**Recent Articles / Publications**


MacMillan, M. Christine , Don Posterski and James E. Read, *When Justice is the Measure*, The Salvation Army, Canada & Bermuda, 2014

James Read and Don Posterski, *You can’t judge a book by its cover*, War Cry (New Zealand, Fiji & Tonga), 22 February 2014
James Read and Don Posterski, *Kingdom tug-of-wars*, War Cry (New Zealand, Fiji & Tonga), 19 April 2014

James Read and Don Posterski, *Harnessing the wind*, War Cry (New Zealand, Fiji & Tonga), 31 May 2014

James Read and Don Posterski, *It’s not fair*, War Cry (New Zealand, Fiji & Tonga), 12 July 2014

James Read and Don Posterski, *First Impressions: Destined for Discrimination*, Pipeline (Australia), August 2014

James Read and Don Posterski, *It’s not fair!* Salvationist, August 2014 (e-version: Salvationist.ca/2014/08/its-not-fair/)

James Read and Aimee Patterson, *Factory Recall*, Salvationist, September 2013 (e-version: Salvationist.ca/2014/09/factory-recall/)

James Read and Aimee Patterson, *Corruption Exposed*, Salvationist, November 2013 (e-version: Salvationist.ca/2013/11/corruption-exposed/)

James Read and Aimee Patterson, *Moral Extremism*, Salvationist, January 2014

James Read and Aimee Patterson, *Greenwashing and the Oil Sands*, Salvationist, March 2014 (e-version: Salvationist.ca/2014/03/greenwashing-and-the-oil-sands/)

James Read and Aimee Patterson, *Sex or Gender?*, Salvationist, May 2014 (e-version: Salvationist.ca/2014/05/sex-or-gender/)

James Read and Aimee Patterson, *A Place to Call Home*, Salvationist, July 2014


Read, James and Aimee Patterson, “*Factory Recall*” [ethical reflections on the Dhaka clothing factory collapse], *Salvationist*, 10 September 2013.

**Forthcoming**

James Read and Don Posterski, *Harnessing the wind*, Salvationist, October 2014

Beverly Smith, Aimee Patterson & James Read, *Berating bewitched by hope: a reply to John Paley’s Hope, positive illusions and palliative rehabilitation*, Progress in Palliative Care, accepted for publication, 6 April 2014

**Conference Paper**

Beverly Smith, Aimee Patterson & James Read, Controlling the dying process: What are the limits?, International Palliative Care Conference, Montreal, QC, 12 September 2014

**Alex Sawatsky,**
**Assistant Professor of Social Work**

**Research Interests**

Professor Sawatsky’s research interests include adult mental health, social work education and pedagogy, and the regulatory development of the profession. He is engaged in doctoral studies at the University of Manitoba in the Department of Social Work and is a member of the board of directors for the Manitoba Institute for Registered Social Workers.

**Presentations**

Professor Sawatsky presented *Dual Disorders in Indiana* at the Manitoba Co-occurring Disorders 2012 Summer Institute in Winnipeg, Manitoba. His topic addressed his experience starting an ACT program within a closed community psychiatric continuum of care. Due to the nature of the Evidence-Based Practice movement as it unfolded in Indiana and the context within which the program was started, it became evident that a new paradigm for treating addictions was essential if the ACT program was going to work. The story of how this unfolded, along with the challenges in bringing about organizational changes in dual disorders treatment were highlighted.

**Dr. Allyna E. Ward,**
**Assistant Professor of English**

**Research Interests**

Dr. Ward is engaged in research on Tudor political discourse and tragedy. Her current research project focuses on Tudor pedagogy and approaches to learning Latin in the Tudor period. In particular she is examining the way the Tudors learned and appropriated the Roman poet Lucan into their own works.

**Publications**


Conference Presentations:


Buettina Warkentin,
Assistant Professor of Social Work

Research Interests

Professor Warkentin's areas of research interest include exploring the intersection of faith and social work practice. She is a member of the North American Association of Christians in Social Work, and sits on the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Institute of Registered Social Workers. Other areas of interest include exploring the delivery of social work education in a distance education format. Current research in partnership with Bonnie Bryant includes surveying Canadian social work field educators exploring best practices with regards to the integration of theory and practice through Integrative Field Seminar courses and a forthcoming presentation to the North American Association of Christians in Social Work for fall 2014. Making the Covert Overt in Teaching Social Work with Groups.