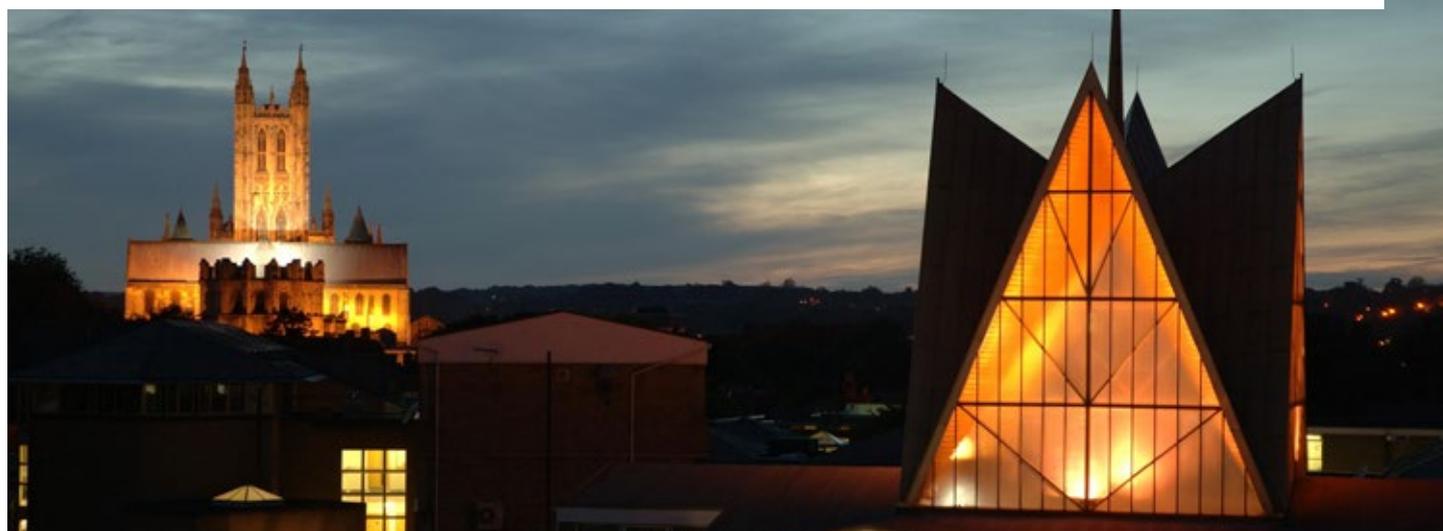


## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# Foundations: Underpinning Christian Education?

Friday 11 - Sunday 13 July 2014 | Canterbury Christ Church University (Canterbury, UK)



This conference is for those with a scholarly interest in Christian Education. A particular goal for the conference is to encourage the next generation of Christian thinkers by supporting those studying for a postgraduate degree or involved in post-doctoral research. The theme of the conference is reflection on the foundations that underpin different approaches to Christian Education.

The programme for the conference will include:

- Plenary presentations from leading British academics
- Plenary presentations from two students recently completing their doctorates
- Seminar papers presented by delegates
- Chance to explore the historic city of Canterbury, where the Christian faith in Britain began
- Christian worship in different traditions

### CALL FOR PAPERS

Submissions to present research papers on Christian Education are invited. A diversity of approaches are welcome including empirical, philosophical and theological. Submissions from those working for a research degree are particularly encouraged. Papers will be circulated to delegates in advance of the conference. Presenters will be allowed up to 15 minutes to summarise their paper with the bulk of the session given to critical discussion of the paper. Presenters are asked to give particular attention to the intellectual foundations of their presentation.

An abstract of up to 300 words should be submitted to [elizabeth.melville@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.melville@canterbury.ac.uk) by **1 April 2014**. Notice of acceptance of a paper will be made by **17 April 2014**.

### CONFERENCE COSTS

Conference Residential (includes refreshments, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 2 nights' B&B and conference facilities)	£199
Conference Non-residential (includes all conference services with the exception of B&B)	£119
Conference day rate for Saturday 12 July (includes refreshments, lunch, dinner and conference facilities)	£50

**BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE:** [www.canterbury.ac.uk/education/conferences](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/education/conferences)

Early application is advised as places are limited.

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## PLENARY SPEAKERS

### PROFESSOR MIKE HIGTON

An Anglican Theology for Higher Education



In 1991, at the beginning of the third year of his degree, Mike Highton made a last minute decision to switch from maths to theology – and he hasn't looked back since. Having taught in Exeter and Cambridge, he is now Professor of Theology and Ministry at Durham University, where he is the academic lead on the university's validation of the 'Common Awards' – the suite of programmes that will be offered by Anglican (and some ecumenical) theological colleges and courses across the UK. He is the author of several books, Most recently, he has been writing about the nature and purpose of universities, both Christian and secular, published in *A Theology of Higher Education* (OUP, 2012).

### PROFESSOR JIM CONROY

Does RE Work? The Epistemological Foundations of Teaching Religion in School



James C Conroy is Professor of Religious and Philosophical Education and Dean for European Strategy at the University of Glasgow. He has taught, and served as Head of Department in schools and colleges in England, has been a Director of Learning and Teaching Scotland, and President of the Association for Moral Education. He is on the editorial Boards of 9 journals including the British Journal of Educational Studies and the British Journal of Religious Education. He was recently elected as Chair-Elect of the Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain and is a member of the British Educational Research Association Council. He has published in excess of 70 books, essays and research papers including, *Does Religious Education Work?* and, in 2012, became an Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences.

### DR ELIZABETH DEGAYNOR

An Ethnographic Study of Grand Rapids Christian High School



Liz is a doctoral student at Duke Divinity School in the US, with a focus on Christian Education and Theology. She is in the final stages of writing her dissertation, which includes an exploration of the religious and educational history of Dutch Reformed enclaves in Michigan; an ethnographic study of Grand Rapids Christian High School; and a constructive theological and pedagogical response. She is a former department chair and high school English teacher at The Covenant School (Charlottesville, VA). She is a member of The Episcopal Church, and this is her sixth visit to England.

### MELODY BRIGGS

And to Think That I Saw it on Emmaus Street: Interpretive Moves Children Make In Reading the Bible



Melody is currently finishing an interdisciplinary PhD research project at the University of Sheffield entitled, "How Children Read Biblical Narrative: An Analysis of Children's Readings of the Gospel of Luke in Dialogue with Biblical Studies and Contemporary Children's Literature Theory." The thesis explores the contribution of the imagination and empathy to children's readings of biblical narrative along with other epistemological issues. She has previously completed MAs in both Theology and Mission, and in Children's Literature, and has published several articles in both fields, including recently one on the hermeneutics of pictorial representation in children's Bibles. She has been involved in theological education and church work for over twenty years, and for five years taught theology to youth workers at Durham University.

## CONFERENCE LOCATION

The conference begins after lunch on Friday 11 July and finishes after lunch on Sunday 13 July and will take place at Canterbury Christ Church University. Founded in 1962 as a teacher training college by the Church of England, Christ Church is today a leading British university that specialises in preparing students for public service in the health and education systems. Christ Church is proud of its Anglican character and is a member of the Cathedrals Group of British universities and of the Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion.

The conference accommodation will be in the recently completed student accommodation centre. Most delegates will be accommodated in single rooms, but a limited number of double rooms are available on a first come, first served basis.

Canterbury is within easy reach of central London with the High Speed Rail service from St Pancras International just an hour's journey away. Coach shuttle services are available from Gatwick and Heathrow airports. Canterbury is also within easy reach of Ashford International Station and very accessible from Continental Europe. By road it is close to junction 7 of the M2.

If travelling by car please note that parking facilities are limited and you may have to use nearby public car parks.

Further travel information is available online: [www.canterbury.ac.uk/findus/canterbury](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/findus/canterbury)

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