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NEWS FROM THE MANCHESTER WESLEY RESEARCH CENTRE – November 2020

We hope this finds you and yours safe and healthy during this difficult time. You are warmly invited to join us for our upcoming sessions at the AAR and the Methodist Studies Seminar. In the text below, keywords are hyperlinked to web addresses where you can find full details on news items.

The MWRC at the American Academy of Religion Online (29 Nov. to 10 Dec. 2020)

The MWRC will again host two programme sessions in connection with the 2020 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Due to restrictions and disruptions from COVID-19, the 2020 Annual Meeting will be held entirely online. Details and FAQs can be found on the AAR website: www.aarweb.org/AARAnnualMeeting2020.

The first MWRC session will take place on **Monday, 30 November, 1:45–3:15 pm EST (6:45–8:15 pm UK)**. The theme is **‘Global British Methodism and Nonconformity in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries’**. This session will feature presentations from recent MWRC Visiting Research Fellows. The second MWRC session (co-hosted with Pentecostal Theological Seminary) will take place on **Tuesday, 1 December, 4:00–5:30 pm EST (9:00–10:30 pm UK)**. The theme is **‘Social Engagement in the American Holiness and Pentecostal Traditions’**. Full details of both sessions, including abstracts of the papers to be presented, are available on the MWRC website: www.mwrc.ac.uk/mwrc-at-aar.

Methodist Studies Seminar Online on Saturday 5 December 2020

The next Methodist Studies Seminar will be hosted by the Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History, Oxford Brookes University on Saturday 5 December 2020 online via Zoom. The theme of the seminar is ‘Methodism and Monasticism’. A draft of the programme is available here: <http://www.mwrc.ac.uk/methodist-studies-seminars>.

New Video Recordings

Video recordings are now available on the [MWRC YouTube page](#) of recent presentations, including:

Professor Karen B. Westerfield Tucker’s June 2020 MWRC Annual Lecture—[‘Another Look at the Methodist/Wesleyan Love Feast: Reception, Adaptation, and Emerging Possibilities’](#).

Dr Sergei Nikolaev’s June 2020 Nazarene Theological College One-Day Theology Conference presentation—[‘Methodists in Northwestern Russia and Moscow, 1889-1937: A Study in Methodist Identity’](#).

Dr Geordan Hammond's September 2020 NTC/MWRC Research Seminar presentation—'[The Third Blessing: John Wesley and the Sanctification of the Mind](#)'.

MWRC Visiting Research Fellowships

An announcement (or at least update) about 2021 MWRC fellowships will be made in January 2021. Because of the pandemic, there will be no 2021 MWRC-University of Manchester Joint Visiting Research Fellowship, but a smaller than usual number of other MWRC fellowships may be offered.

MWRC Annual Lecture in June 2021

Our next annual lecture will be given by Dr Thomas A. Noble, Professor of Theology, Nazarene Theological Seminary and Senior Research Fellow, Nazarene Theological College. The lecture will be on **Tuesday 22 June 2021 at 5pm** UK time (12/noon EST in North America). It will be streamed live online (details about this will be available in the New Year).

Studies in the Holiness and Pentecostal Movements

We're pleased to have received book proposals already for this new Penn State University Press book series. We welcome you getting in touch about possible book projects for the series, and we'll be grateful for any help you can give in spreading the word about the series. The particular focus of the series is exploring the intersections between the Holiness and Pentecostal movements. Further details are [available on the PSUP](#) and [MWRC websites](#).

MWRC-related Publications

A new page has been added to the MWRC website with a complete list of roughly 25 publications of MWRC Annual Lectures and of the research of most MWRC Visiting Research Fellows. We hope that this is a useful resource and that some of your names will be added to this list in the future. The new webpage can be found here: <http://www.mwrc.ac.uk/visiting-scholars>. (See also the [list of PhD theses published by graduated Junior Fellows](#).)

Archived MWRC Newsletters

An archive of recent MWRC newsletters can be [found here](#).

The MWRC on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube

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Yours,

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