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NEWS FROM THE MANCHESTER WESLEY RESEARCH CENTRE – May 2021

You are warmly invited to join us for our upcoming Methodist Studies Seminar and MWRC Annual Lecture. In the text below, keywords are linked to web addresses where you can find full details on news items.

Methodist Studies Seminar Online on Friday 14 May 2021

This seminar will be hosted by Cliff College and the MWRC on **Friday 14 May 2021** from 10:00am to 4:30pm UK time online via Zoom. The seminar theme is 'Methodism and Race'. The keynote paper will be the annual Fernley-Hartley Lecture given by Prof Anthony Reddie, with the title: '[Racism and the Methodist Church: Going Beyond a Theology of Good Intentions](#)'. The programme is [available here](#). There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. You can [register via this link](#).

MWRC Annual Lecture Online on 22 June 2021

This year's annual lecture will be given by **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 Eastern time in North America) online via Zoom. Registration is required and can be [completed here](#). The title of the lecture is '**Theology and the Wesleyan Tradition**'. A short video previewing the lecture can be found on the [MWRC YouTube Channel](#). Below is a short abstract of the lecture.

Within the Christian Church some traditions, including the Reformed, Lutheran or Roman Catholic, have produced leading, front-rank theologians. Other traditions, such as the Anglican and Wesleyan traditions, have their theologians, and of course, significant biblical scholars, but Systematic or Dogmatic Theology seems to have played a lesser role. Wesley himself has been regarded as a 'folk theologian' (Outler) or more recently a pastoral theologian. The lecture addresses the role of Christian Theology in the history and mission of the Wesleyan tradition.

Festschrift in Honour of Dr Peter Nockles

We're pleased to announce the publication of William Gibson and Geordan Hammond (eds), [Religion in Britain, 1660-1900: Essays in Honour of Peter B. Nockles](#), *Bulletin of the John Rylands Library*, 97/1 (Spring 2021).

A book launch and celebration of the scholarship and librarianship of Peter will take place via Zoom on Saturday 5 June from 5pm to 6pm UK time. If you'd like to attend, you can [register here](#). (PS: a 50% discount code for the book will be made available at the event.)

Reutlingen School of Theology

We're pleased to announce that Reutlingen School of Theology, a United Methodist school for the German-speaking region of Europe, has become a partner institution of the MWRC. Information about MWRC partner institutions can be [found here](#).

Wesley Studies Class

Wesley Studies will be taught by Dr Geordan Hammond live online via Zoom as one-week undergraduate intensive class from 7 to 11 June 2021. It will be taught in the afternoon UK time, making it possible for people North and South America (and other parts of the world) to participate. It's possible to take it as a one-off class or audit it. All the details can be found [at this link](#).

New Video Recordings

Video recordings are now available on the [MWRC YouTube page](#) of recent presentations by Drs David Bundy and James Pedlar and those given at the 2020 MWRC American Academy of Religion session.

PhD Theses Published

About 40 revised PhD theses have been published by MWRC Junior Fellows. The full list can be [found here](#).

Other Events

Annual Oxford John Wesley Lecture

This lecture will be given by Dr Nigel Aston on 'Hanoverian Oxford and the Fashioning of John Wesley' on **Thursday 27 May 2021 at 5pm** (UK time) via Zoom. There is no charge for this event but attendees must register online [here](#).

The MWRC on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube

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Yours,

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