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*Logos is a summer conference on biblical texts, vocation, and the Christian mind,
offered by SCIO in cooperation with Museum of the Bible
with funding provided by Steve and Jackie Green.*

Logos is for graduate and advanced undergraduate students working in biblical-related studies with a special focus on ancient texts and manuscripts, museum studies & education programmes, history of the Bible, reception history, ancient languages, and related disciplines. Logos offers an opportunity to be taught by experts in the fields of curation, text preservation, history, theology, textual studies, and museum studies and education programmes more broadly.

Logos is creating an international community of Christian scholars. Previous workshops have welcomed promising scholars from North America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia, and it continues to cherish and promote its international breadth. Logos supports serious students endeavouring a life of scholarship in biblical and related textual studies, providing opportunities for them to enhance excellence in scholarship in conjunction with developing a vital Christian faith and serving the common good.

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WELCOME LETTER

Dear Logos scholars,

On behalf of SCIO, we congratulate you on your selection to this event and warmly welcome you to the Logos Workshop. We hope the coming fortnight of lectures, discussions, and language seminars enriches you and your study of the Bible and positively shapes you as Christian scholars developing a vocation which will richly impact others. At SCIO we have had the great pleasure of working with the Green family and the Museum of the Bible (and the Green Scholars Initiative before that) on multiple projects: creating and managing research projects in the UK on Museum of the Bible collection artefacts, advising on curatorial presentations in our areas of scholarship, working with them on the special focus of the Bible and science, and co-authoring some of the exhibit guides, as advisors to the museum, and the like. But in particular, we take special delight in designing and running the Logos Workshop each year and the opportunity that brings to continue to interact with and bring together the Logos Fellows throughout the year.

We are grateful to be part of such a dynamic vision to draw burgeoning scholars into critical discussions, and we share this commitment to the formation of new generations of scholars. And beyond the enriching scholarly discourse, over the past ten years through Logos we have witnessed (and been part of) the formation of enduring friendships, intellectual development, vocational discoveries, and the deepening of faith.

All this we do coram deo.

Stan Rosenberg

Co-Director for Logos, and Executive Director, SCIO

Jonathan Kirkpatrick

Co-Director for Logos, and Principal Lecturer, SCIO

Rebekah Wallace

Logos Project Administrator, SCIO

SCIO is the UK centre of the Council of Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) and runs several courses in Oxford including their Summer Programme and their Semester Programme.

SCIO's aim

To foster scholarly engagement, intellectual excellence, and authentic Christian faith and the connections between them, within an international academic community at Oxford.

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Logos Workshop lecture

ABOUT SCIO AND MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE

SCIO: Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford

SCIO, the UK subsidiary of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU), is a research and educational institute in Oxford. It strives to serve CCCU institutions in North America and elsewhere and the undergraduate, graduate, and faculty members of those institutions by producing and supporting scholarship of the highest standards. It offers two rigorous study abroad programmes in Oxford, the Semester Programme and the Summer Programme, which enable undergraduates and a few graduates to develop academically and experience scholarly life. Additionally, it runs many faculty-focused research projects, creating opportunities for faculty and CCCU institutions to invest in key research areas..

Museum of the Bible

Museum of the Bible is an innovative, global, educational institution whose purpose is to invite all people to engage with the Bible. The museum opened to the public in November 2017, and its 430,000-square-foot building is located three blocks from the US Capitol in Washington, DC. Museum of the Bible aims to be among the most technologically advanced and engaging museums in the world. Showcasing rare and fascinating artefacts spanning 4,000 years of history, the museum offers visitors an immersive and personalized experience with the Bible and its ongoing impact on the world around us.



Museum of the Bible at dusk

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Lectures at Logos

The programme of lectures and presentations at Logos includes three strands which together are designed to stimulate mind and spirit.

Curating texts and current issues in textual studies

This lecture series will engage curating issues such as provenance, presentation, and preservation and will use Museum of the Bible as a textbook. In this course of lectures, experts will also discuss specific areas in which the reading of manuscripts and the editing of texts prove particularly contentious, difficult, and interesting. This will enable students to investigate divergent academic fields, some of which will not be familiar, and to learn how to face methodological challenges and apply them in their own areas of interest.

Museums: presenting the Christian past and present

Museum of the Bible is one among many in Washington, DC, a museum-rich city, and this lecture series will investigate the many ways Christianity is presented to the public in museums. Museums offer an interface between scholarly investigation and public perceptions, and these lectures will consider the ways curators present both objects and ideas to convey particular narratives, both to enlighten and to entertain. Lecturers will lift the veil to discuss the many issues — academic, ideological, ethical, practical — which concern those who run museums, with a focus on the way in which the Christian past and present are presented, whether explicitly or more subtly, in museum displays.

The vocation of Christian scholars on the public stage

A central aspect of Logos is a series of discussions in which participants learn from the experience of others about the intersection of faith and vocation in public life as a vital responsibility of scholars regardless of academic field. These discussions enable students to hear what it is like to apply a scholarly Christian vocation outside of the constraints of the academy. A more informal setting promotes discussion and helps those considering an academic career to consider the challenges involved and to encourage one another with advice and insight.



Glass gallery view of Washington, DC from the sixth floor of Museum of the Bible

Timetable

Abbreviation	Name
JC	Jeff Clawson
JK	Jonathan Kirkpatrick
MOTB	Museum of the Bible
RW	Rebekah Wallace
SC	Sarah Campbell
SR	Stan Rosenberg

Time	Location	Event, speaker	On call
Wednesday 29 May			JC
11:00–4:00	Catholic University	Arrival	
5:00–6:00	Catholic University	Dinner	
6:00–7:00	Catholic University	Orientation	
Thursday 30 May			JK
7:30–8:00	Catholic University	Breakfast	
9:00–9:30	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	Chapel service	
9:30–10:30	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: Curating texts and current issues in textual studies</i> Scribes of the army in ancient Israel and Judah? The biblical and inscriptional evidence Chris Rollston	
10:30–11:00		Coffee	
11:00–12:00	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: Curating texts and current issues in textual studies</i> The oldest discovered Christian church: the mosaic floor from Caparcotani, Galilee Jeff Kloha	
12:00–1:00	MOTB Members Lounge	Lunch	
1:00–2:00	MOTB	<i>Museums: presenting the Christian past and present</i> Gallery tour Christian Askeland	
2:00–3:30	MOTB Imaging Lab	<i>Imaging Lab Workshop: Hebrew I</i> Rebecca Swerdlow	
2:15–3:45	Demo Lab	<i>Language seminar: Hebrew II</i> Jesse Abelman	
4:00–5:00	MOTB Library	<i>Language seminar: Aramaic</i> Bobby Duke	

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Time	Location	Event, speaker	On call
5:00–6:00	Catholic University	Dinner	
6:00–9:00pm	Depart from Catholic University	<i>Optional field trip</i> Washington, DC monuments tour Jeff Clawson and Jonathan Kirkpatrick	
Friday 31 May			RW
7:30–8:00	Catholic University	Breakfast	
9:00–9:30	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	Chapel service	
9:30–10:30	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: Curating texts and current issues in textual studies</i> From Qumran to China: Aramaic and Syriac texts along the Silk Road Bobby Duke	
10:30–11:00		Coffee	
11:00–12:00	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: Curating texts and current issues in textual studies</i> The gospel of Jesus’s wife Christian Askeland	
12:00–1:00	MOTB Members Lounge	Lunch	
1:00–2:00	MOTB	<i>Museums: presenting the Christian past and present</i> Gallery tour Christian Askeland	
2:00–3:30	MOTB Imaging Lab	<i>Imaging Lab Workshop: Greek I</i> Rebecca Swerdlow	
2:15–3:15	MOTB Library	<i>Language seminar: Syriac</i> Bobby Duke	
4:00–5:00	MOTB Library	<i>Language seminar: Aramaic</i> Bobby Duke	
6:00–7:00	Catholic University	Dinner	
7:00–8:00	Catholic University	<i>Lecture series: Curating texts and current issues in textual studies</i> Maps and the Bible: situating stories and locating the truth Liz Baigent	
Saturday 1 June			JK
Day off			
Sunday 2 June			RW
Day off			

Programme of Meetings

Time	Location	Event, speaker	On call
Monday 3 June			SC
7:30–8:00	Catholic University	Breakfast	
9:00–9:30	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	Chapel service	
9:30–10:30	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: Museums: presenting the Christian past and present</i> Adventures in provenance research Brian Hyland	
10:30–11:00		Coffee	
11:00–12:00	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: The vocation of Christian scholars on the public stage</i> Curiosity, mysteries and discoveries: my journey as a New Testament scholar Tommy Wasserman	
12:00–1:00	MOTB Members Lounge	Lunch	
1:00–2:00	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Student presentations</i> Sarah Park Joshua Hunter Jonathan Larach	
2:00–3:30	MOTB Imaging Lab	<i>Imaging Lab Workshop: Syriac and Aramaic</i> Rebecca Swerdlow	
2:15–3:45	MOTB Demo Lab	<i>Language seminar: Hebrew II</i> Jesse Abelman	
2:15–3:45	MOTB Multi-Purpose Room	<i>Language seminar: Greek I</i> Tommy Wasserman	
4:00–5:30	MOTB Library	<i>Language seminar: Hebrew I</i> Bobby Duke	
4:00–5:30	MOTB Multi-Purpose Room	<i>Language seminar: Greek II</i> Tommy Wasserman	
6:00–7:00	Catholic University	Dinner	
Tuesday 4 June			RW
7:30–8:00	Catholic University	Breakfast	
9:00–9:30	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	Chapel service	
9:30–10:30	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: The vocation of Christian scholars on the public stage</i> What hath Athens to do with Azusa Street? Robby Waddell	
10:30–11:00		Coffee	

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Time	Location	Event, speaker	On call
11:00–12:00	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: Curating texts and current issues in textual studies</i> Plato, Aristotle, and the goal(s) of New Testament textual criticism Mike Holmes	
12:00–1:00	MOTB Members Lounge	Lunch	
1:00–2:00	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: The vocation of Christian scholars on the public stage</i> Blind spot: religious literacy in American journalism Josh Good and Adelle Banks	
2:00–3:30	MOTB Imaging Lab	<i>Imaging Lab Workshop: Hebrew II</i> Rebecca Swerdlow	
2:15–3:15	MOTB Library	<i>Language seminar: Syriac</i> Bobby Duke	
2:15–3:45	MOTB Multi-Purpose Room	<i>Language seminar: Greek I</i> Tommy Wasserman	
4:00–5:00	MOTB Library	<i>Language seminar: Aramaic</i> Bobby Duke	
4:00–5:30	MOTB Multi-Purpose Room	<i>Language seminar: Greek II</i> Tommy Wasserman	
6:00–7:00	Catholic University	Dinner	
Wednesday 5 June			JK
7:30–8:00	Catholic University	Breakfast	
9:00–9:30	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	Chapel service	
9:30–10:30	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: Curating texts and current issues in textual studies</i> Methods of evaluating textual relationships in New Testament textual criticism Tommy Wasserman	
10:30–11:00		Coffee	
11:00–12:00	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: The vocation of Christian scholars on the public stage</i> Advocacy that bears witness to Christ Shirley Hoogstra	
12:00–1:00	MOTB Members Lounge	Lunch	
1:00–2:00	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Student presentations</i> Joey McCollum Joyce Meka	

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2:00–3:30	MOTB Imaging Lab	<i>Imaging Lab Workshop</i> : Greek II Rebecca Swerdlow	
2:15–3:45	MOTB Library	<i>Language seminar</i> : Hebrew I Bobby Duke	
4.00–5:00	MOTB Library	<i>Language seminar</i> : Syriac Bobby Duke	
4.00–5:30	MOTB Multi-Purpose Room	<i>Language seminar</i> : Greek I Tommy Wasserman	
6:00–7:00	Catholic University	Dinner	
Thursday 6 June			SC
7:30–8:00	Catholic University	Breakfast	
9:00–9:30	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	Chapel service	
9:30–10:30	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: The vocation of Christian scholars on the public stage</i> The making of Museum of the Bible Steve Green	
10:30–11:00		Coffee	
11:00–12:00	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: Curating texts and current issues in textual studies</i> Punctuation matters in the Book of Revelation Juan Hernández	
12:00–1:00	MOTB Members Lounge	Lunch	
1:00–2:00	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: Museums: presenting the Christian past and present</i> Recovering context: the story of the oldest Hebrew codex Herschel Hepler	
2:15–3.15	MOTB Members Lounge	Tea with Steve and Jackie Green	
2:15–3:15	MOTB Library	<i>Language seminar</i> : Aramaic Bobby Duke	
2:15–3:45	MOTB Demo Lab	<i>Language seminar</i> : Hebrew II Jesse Abelman	
4:00–5:00	MOTB Members Lounge	Tea with Steve and Jackie Green	
4.00–5:30	MOTB Library	<i>Language seminar</i> : Hebrew I Bobby Duke	
4.00–5:30	MOTB Multi-Purpose Room	<i>Language seminar</i> : Greek II Tommy Wasserman:	

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Time	Location	Event, speaker	On call
6:00–7:00	Catholic University	Dinner	
Friday 7 June			JC
7:30–8:30	Catholic University	Breakfast	
9:00–10:00	Catholic University	<i>Lecture series: Museums: presenting the Christian past and present</i> Shadows of religion: an exploration of the Smithsonian’s exhibit, spirit in the dark Eric Williams	
11:00–5:30	National Museum of African American History and Culture	<i>Field trip</i> Eric Williams	
6:30–7:00	Catholic University	Dinner	
Saturday 8 June			SR
Day off			
Sunday 9 June			SC
Day off			
Monday 10 June			SR
7:30–8:00	Catholic University	Breakfast	
9:00–9:30	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	Chapel service	
9:30–10:30	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: Museums: presenting the Christian past and present</i> Whose history? Trends in cultural heritage, countries of origin, and ownership history Jeff Kloha	
10:30–11:00		Coffee	
11:00–11:40	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Student presentations</i> Paraskevi Arapoglou Tsehay Ademe	
12:00–12:50	MOTB Members Lounge	Lunch	
12:50–2:10	Depart from MOTB Members Lounge	<i>Lecture series: Museums: presenting the Christian past and present</i> Jacob Barosin: a vision of the prophets Jesse Abelman	
2:15–3:15	MOTB Library	<i>Language seminar: Syriac</i> Bobby Duke	
2:15–3:45	MOTB Demo Lab	<i>Language seminar: Hebrew II</i> Jesse Abelman	

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Time	Location	Event, speaker	On call
2:15–3:45	MOTB Multi-Purpose Room	<i>Language seminar: Greek I</i> Tommy Wasserman	
4.00–5:30	MOTB Library	<i>Language seminar: Hebrew I</i> Bobby Duke	
4.00–5:30	MOTB Demo Lab	<i>Language seminar: Greek II</i> Tommy Wasserman	
6:00–7:00	Catholic University	Dinner	
Tuesday 11 June			SC
7:30–8:00	Catholic University	Breakfast	
9:00–9:30	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	Chapel service	
9:30–10:30	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: The vocation of Christian scholars on the public stage</i> Publish or parish: establishing a healthy perspective on professional signposts Jerry Pattengale	
10:30–11:00		Coffee	
11:00–12:00	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Student presentations</i> Matthew Delaney Peter Gadalla	
12:00–1:00	MOTB Members Lounge	Lunch	
1:00–2:00	Scholars Initiative Conference Room	<i>Lecture series: The vocation of Christian scholars on the public stage</i> Resident and alien: insights from Augustine helpful to the vocation of (this) scholar Stan Rosenberg	
2:00–2:30		Break	
2:30–3:30	MOTB Multi-Purpose Room	<i>Debrief and wrap up</i> led by Stan Rosenberg	
6:30–8:00	Catholic University	Dinner	
Wednesday 12 June			JC
10:00	Catholic University	Departure	

SPEAKERS AND STAFF



Steve and Jackie Green

Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.

Co-Founders of Museum of the Bible

Steve Green became president of Hobby Lobby in 2004, and has helped grow the family business to more than 1,000 stores in 48 states, employing over 45,000 people companywide, with \$7.5 billion in annual sales in 2023. Hobby Lobby began operation on 3 August 1972 with 600 square feet of retail space located in north Oklahoma City by Steve's father, David. Steve took on a variety of roles over the years as the business grew into the large corporation it is today.

In Green's role as co-founder and chairman of the board of Museum of the Bible, he helped create the 430,000-square-foot museum dedicated to a scholarly and engaging presentation of the Bible's impact, history, and narrative. It opened in November 2017 in Washington, DC, three blocks from the US Capitol.

Steve has added the titles of speaker and author to his résumé, penning *Faith in America* (2011) and *The Bible in America* (2013), which explore the history and impact of the Bible in today's world, and, most recently, *This Beautiful Book* (2020), which shows how the books and stories of the Bible come together to tell one overarching story.

Jackie Green wears many different hats as she navigates writing, speaking, organizing events for women, and being a wife, mother to six, and currently GiGi to eight. She is the co-founder of Museum of the Bible and has served on the boards of several organizations. She is also the founder of Women of Legacy — an effort to help women discover and leave an eternal legacy. She has been married for 39 years to her husband, Steve, whom she actively supports in his role as President of Hobby Lobby and chairman of the board at Museum of the Bible. She has co-authored two books: *This Dangerous Book* (with Steve Green in 2017) and *Only One Life* with an accompanying Legacy Bible Study Guide (with her daughter Lauren Green McAfee in 2018). Although she enjoys travelling and meeting people worldwide, her favourite place to be is home with her family.



Steve Green lecturing at Logos

Speakers and Staff



Dr Jesse Abelman

Curator of Hebraica and Judaica, Museum of the Bible

BA (McGill), Rabbinic ordination (Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary), MA, PhD (Yeshiva)

Jesse Abelman is responsible for the Torah Scrolls, Judaica objects, and Hebrew and Jewish books in the collections of the Museum of the Bible. He oversees the care of these objects and assists with their use in museum exhibitions, programming, and research. He leads the Torah Scrolls Project, a long-term project to digitize, catalogue, and make available to the public the museum's uniquely large and diverse collection of Torah Scrolls. Prior to joining the Museum of the Bible, he taught Bible and history in high schools and synagogues and to university students. He spent nine years teaching at a variety of programmes at the Drisha Institute for Jewish Education, and taught in several high schools in the New York area, as well as Yeshiva College.



Dr Christian Askeland

Senior Researcher, Museum of the Bible

BA, MA (Florida); MDiv (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School); MTh (Aberdeen); PhD (Cantab)

Christian Askeland is a New Testament scholar whose research interests include New Testament textual criticism, Coptic manuscripts, and digital humanities. He has held academic positions at Southern Wesleyan University, the Protestant University Wuppertal, Indiana Wesleyan University, and Museum of the Bible. Over the last ten years, he has participated in collaborative research projects funded by the Lilly Endowment, the European Research Council, the Arts and Humanities Research Council (United Kingdom), the German Research Foundation, and the German Academy. Christian earned two degrees in classics from the University of Florida and various degrees in theology from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, the University of Aberdeen, and the University of Cambridge.



Dr Elizabeth Baigent

**Reader in the History of Geography, University of Oxford;
SCIO Senior Research Fellow; Affiliate Fellow, Centre for
the Study of the Book, Bodleian Library**

MA, DPhil, PGDipLATHE, UGCertHoA (Oxon)

Liz was educated at the universities of Oxford and Münster. She has held research fellowships at the universities of Oxford and Stockholm and a visiting professorship at Johns Hopkins University, with funding from bodies such as the British Academy and the Fulbright Commission. From 1993 to 2003 she was Research Director of the *Oxford dictionary of national biography* and Research Lecturer in Oxford's history faculty, and since 2004 she has been Reader in Oxford's geography department. She publishes prolifically on the histories of cartography and geography. She sits on the International Geography Union's Commission for the History of Geography and co-edits its serial. Having recently stepped back from her role as SCIO's Academic Director after some 18 years, she still enjoys being involved in SCIO's activities — not least Logos.



Adelle Banks

**Projects Editor and National Reporter, Religion News
Service**

BA (Mount Holyoke College)

Adelle Banks joined Religion News Service (RNS) in 1995 and is now its Projects Editor and National Reporter. In addition to reporting on topics such as Christians and Christianity and religion and race, she is a photographer and occasional videographer for RNS. She was previously the religion reporter at the *Orlando Sentinel* and a reporter at the *Providence Journal* and newspapers in Syracuse and Binghamton, New York. Her work has appeared in publications including the *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, the *Huffington Post*, and *Jet* magazine. In April 2024 she received the William A. Reed Lifetime Achievement Award from the Religion News Association. She was honoured at the Unsung She-Roes Awards ('Centering and celebrating black women in ministry') in 2023 for outstanding media coverage and received the Washington Association of Black Journalists' inaugural lifetime achievement award in 2022.

Banks spearheaded RNS's 'Beyond the most segregated hour' project, which won a 2021 Wilbur Award from the Religion Communicators Council, and an RNS multimedia project on the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, which won a 2014 Wilbur Award. Banks, who also has been honoured by Associated Church Press, is the co-author of a forthcoming book on the future of church in America and how it will affect the next generation of leaders. She has given talks for groups of journalists as well as churches, other religious organizations, and scholarly conferences.

Speakers and Staff



Sarah Campbell

Marketing and Admissions Manager, SCIO; Logistics Support

BA (Taylor University)

Sarah holds a BA in women's history and marketing from Taylor University. She is a SCIO alum herself, and spent a year in Oxford focusing on studies of Egyptology and history. Sarah is originally from Scotland, where she remains a dual citizen. Prior to joining SCIO, her previous experience was predominantly in the museum and cultural sector, with employment at the Detroit Institute of Arts and Detroit Historical Society.



Dr Jeff Clawson

Director of Membership, Grants, and Research, CCCU; On-Site Coordinator

BTh, MMin (Atlantic Baptist Bible College), MA (Piedmont International University), PhD (Azusa Pacific University)

Jeff serves at the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) as its Director of Membership, Grants, and Research. He produces data and scholarship to support the CCCU's member institutions through this role. Jeff is also the visiting Professor of Higher Education and adjunct faculty member at Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida. He works with doctoral students utilizing quantitative methodologies for their dissertations. Jeff's scholarship is primarily focused on student retention and success. Over the two decades before joining the CCCU/SCIO, Jeff spent time in the pastoral ministry and in higher education student affairs. His previous position before working with SCIO was as Dean of Students at Piedmont International University (now Carolina University). Jeff currently resides just outside Washington DC in northern Virginia with his wife, Laura.



Scholars Initiative Conference Room, Museum of the Bible



Dr Robert Duke

Professor, Biblical Studies, University Accreditation Liaison Officer, and Interim Executive Director, Office of Research and Grants, Azusa Pacific University; Director, Museum of the Bible Scholars Initiative

BA (Multnomah Bible College), MA (Jerusalem University College), MA, PhD (University of California, Los Angeles)

Robert R. Duke PhD is an expert in Old Testament, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and Second Temple Judaism. He has spent almost four years studying in the Middle East, which has highly influenced his perspectives and teaching. ‘Visions of Amram’, his UCLA dissertation on the Aramaic Qumran text, was published as *The social location of the visions of Amram (4Q543–547)* (2010), and he has published articles and book chapters in *Dead Sea Discoveries*, *Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament*, and other publications. Duke has also devoted research time to improving pedagogy in biblical studies, investigating how service-learning and community-engaged teaching can improve student retention of course material. From 2009 to 2012 he chaired the Service-Learning and Biblical Studies workshop at the annual Society of Biblical Literature meeting. Among his many awards, he received a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to study at Hebrew University in 2000–1 and was a Fellow at the Albright Institute for Archaeological Research in 2005.



Josh Good

Director, Faith Angle Forum, Ethics and Public Policy Center

BA (Covenant College), MTS (Harvard)

Josh Good directs the Faith Angle Forum, a programme which aims to strengthen reporting and commentary on how religious believers, religious convictions, and religiously grounded moral arguments affect American politics and public life. Faith Angle convenes two-day forums away from the power centres of Washington and New York, and hosts a twice-monthly podcast, inviting leading journalists to ‘go deep’ with top religion scholars on contemporary issues. Before joining the Ethics and Public Policy Center in 2018, Josh was a director for the Kern Family Foundation’s Faith, Work, and Economics Program and, prior to that, manager of the American Enterprise Institute’s Values and Capitalism Initiative, a special outreach programme to Christian colleges. He also worked previously on a national public-private partnership that strengthened collaborations between congregations and businesses to serve ex-prisoners. Josh holds a BA in history from Covenant College and an MTS in Christianity and culture from Harvard University, and his work has been published in *National Review*, *The Hill*, *The Weekly Standard*, *The Federalist*, *World Magazine*, *The American*, and *Capital Commentary*.

Speakers and Staff



Herschel A. Hepler

Associate Curator of Hebrew Manuscripts, Museum of the Bible

BA, MA (Southern Nazarene University)

Herschel Hepler has been Associate Curator of Hebrew Manuscripts at Museum of the Bible since 2016. A former attendee of SCIO's Logos Workshop (2013), he now curates and researches the medieval Jewish codices in the MOTB collections and oversees several research projects related to medieval Jewish history and manuscript production. Herschel is especially interested in Hebrew codicology, palaeography, and cultural heritage laws and ethics. He assisted in the Dead Sea Scroll forgery investigations (2016–20), and he curated an exhibition on the Washington Pentateuch, 'A fence around the Torah: unveiling an iconic Jewish Bible (November 2019–March 2020). He is currently finalizing his research on a manuscript in the museum's collection, to be published in a forthcoming Brill volume.

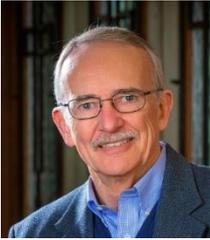


Prof Juan Hernández Jr

Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, Bethel University

BSB (Valley Forge Christian College), MDiv, ThM (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary), PhD (Emory)

Juan Hernández Jr is Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at Bethel University (St Paul) and the author of the award-winning *Scribal habits and theological influences in the Apocalypse* (Mohr Siebeck, 2006), co-editor of *Studies on the text of the New Testament and early Christianity* (Brill, 2015), and the lead translator of Josef Schmid's landmark German work *Studies in the history of the Greek text of the Apocalypse* (SBL Press, 2018). Hernández currently serves as the General Editor of the Society of Biblical Literature's Text-Critical Studies Series and has authored articles and essays on New Testament textual criticism. He also serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, the *Journal of Theological Studies*, and the *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*. His current projects include *A commentary on punctuation and textual structure of Revelation* (translated from the German) for the *Editio Critica Maior* (forthcoming, 2024) and *The afterlives of Codex Sinaiticus: the readers and the correctors of the Apocalypse* (Oxford, forthcoming).



Prof Michael Holmes

Senior Advisor, Museum of the Bible Scholars Initiative, and University Professor Emeritus of Biblical and Early Christianity, Bethel University

BA (University of California at Santa Barbara), MA (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School), PhD (Princeton Theological Seminary)

Michael Holmes was Director of the Museum of the Bible Scholars Initiative from 2014 to 2020 and taught at Bethel University (St Paul, Minnesota) from 1982 to 2017 in the Department of Biblical and Theological Studies (chair, 2001–9). He was previously on the faculty at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Princeton Theological Seminary. His primary research interests are New Testament textual criticism and the Apostolic Fathers, and his current projects include a commentary on the Martyrdom of Polycarp. His publications include *The Greek New Testament: SBL Edition* (2010), several books, and more than 65 articles, essays, and book chapters. In 1995 Holmes was awarded a Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) Research and Publication Grant for the International Greek New Testament John Project, and he was the recipient of a Festschrift in 2015. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts and for many years was editor of the SBL New Testament in the Greek Fathers and then the Text-Critical Studies monograph series. He also served as New Testament General Editor for the *NRSVue* (2022).



Shirley V. Hoogstra, JD

President, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities

Shirley V. Hoogstra is President of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities, an educational association representing over 185 colleges and universities around the world. Shirley sees her role as the chief advocate and storyteller for CCCU institutions, which have unique missions but all share four distinctives: Christian faculty and staff who teach students through the lens of faith; rigorous intellectual engagement; Christian formation of students; and a commitment to the global service for Christ at both the individual and institutional levels.

Shirley speaks on and for Christian higher education and has been quoted in the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, *World Magazine*, *Christianity Today*, and various podcasts, radio, and news programmes. She is a regular speaker at conferences and campuses across the USA. Shirley has contributed chapters on bridge building and covenantal pluralism, and she writes regularly for CCCU's *Advance* magazine.

Shirley has extensive board member experience and is on or has served organizations such as the American Council on Education, National Immigration Forum, Bridgeport

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Rescue Mission, Calvin University, National Association of Evangelicals, and Trinity Forum. She received honorary doctorate degrees from Gordon College, Nyack/Alliance University, and Dallas Baptist University and awards for her distinguished leadership, impact on education, and desire to love and care for immigrants.



Brian D. Hyland

Senior Curator, Museum of the Bible

BA (Maryland), MA (Chicago)

Brian Hyland is Senior Curator at Museum of the Bible, where he researches the provenance of the museum's medieval and ancient manuscripts. In the course of this research, Brian has played a role in the repatriation of papyri and manuscripts to Egypt, papyri to the Egypt Exploration Society's Oxyrhynchus Collection in Oxford, cuneiform tablets to Iraq, and gospel manuscripts to Greece. He has published about the provenance of the museum's Sappho papyrus and has presented papers on the restitution of manuscripts to Greece, and the 16th-century interlinear comments in one of the museum's 14th-century Latin manuscripts. Brian holds an MA in ancient history from the University of Chicago and a BA in history from the University of Maryland. He has also studied classics at Cornell University and papyrology at the Institut für Papyrologie, Ruprecht Karls Universität, Heidelberg, Germany. For 30 years Brian taught Latin, German, social studies, and mythology at Seton Catholic Central High School in Binghamton, New York. He has also taught Greek and Roman history at the University of Illinois, Chicago, medieval history for the University of Maryland's European extension division, and Latin at Binghamton University.



Dr Jonathan Kirkpatrick

Principal Lecturer and Director of Studies in Classics and the History of Art, SCIO; Co-Director for Logos

BA, MSt, DPhil (Oxon)

Jonathan Kirkpatrick has worked with visiting American undergraduates at the University of Oxford for many years, serving SCIO first as Junior Dean (Resident Director) and latterly as Director of Studies in Classics and the History of Art and as Principal Lecturer. He has also worked for two years as Lecturer in Jewish Studies at the Oriental Institute, University of Oxford. In 2011 he completed a doctoral thesis on pagan religion in Roman Palestine; his academic interests include Roman religion, Greek and Roman literature and art, Second Temple Judaism, rabbinic literature, and Dionysus. For three years he was a Scholar in Residence at The Kilns, C.S. Lewis's former home, and he has lectured on C.S. Lewis and the classics at numerous American universities; he was also Warden of The Kilns in 2016–17. In 2014 he co-authored the catalogue for the Vatican exhibition 'Verbum Domini II: God's Word goes out to the nations'. Jonathan is an avid photographer.



Jeffrey Kloha

Chief Curatorial Officer, Museum of the Bible

MDiv, STM (Concordia Seminary); PhD (Leeds)

Jeffrey Kloha joined the Museum of the Bible in 2017, where he oversees the exhibitions, collections, education, and research departments. Previously he was Professor of New Testament and Provost at Concordia Seminary, serving there for 18 years. His areas of teaching and research include the textual and canonical history of the early Christian writings, hermeneutics, and the Pauline Epistles. He is co-editor of *Texts and traditions: essays in honour of J.K. Elliott* (Brill, 2014) and *The press of the text: biblical studies in honor of James W. Voelz* (Pickwick, 2017).



Dr Jerry Pattengale

Founding Scholar and Senior Advisor to the CEO, Museum of the Bible; Inaugural University Professor, Indiana Wesleyan University

Intensive (Institute of Holy Land Studies, Jerusalem), BS (Indiana Wesleyan University), MA (Wheaton College), MA, PhD (Miami University, Ohio)

Jerry Pattengale was a founding scholar for Museum of the Bible (2010) and now serves as Senior Advisor. He spoke at United Nations on protecting religious spaces (2020), and on Capitol Hill on his book *Public intellectuals and the common good* (2020). Two recent books led to TV specials, *Inexplicable: how Christianity spread to the ends of the earth* (2020) and *The new book of Christian martyrs* (2023), the basis of *Heroes of the faith* (TBN), and he is currently assisting a major TV series on the Bible. He founded the youth programme JC Body Shop and co-founded Night of Champions. He has various fellowships, is associate publisher for *Christian Scholar's Review*, co-director of Lumen Research Institute, and serves on boards or key committees at the National Press Club, Christianity Today, Yale Divinity, and several charities. He has contributed to the *Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Washington Post*, and others, has dozens of books, and \$41m in grants. At sixteen, he was homeless and a graduate. His mantra 'The dream needs to be stronger than the struggle' is the fulcrum of his McGraw-Hill books; his related research helped launch purpose-guided education. Other 2023–24 books include *The anxious middle* (Baylor), *The world's greatest book* (Tyndale House, 2nd edn), and *Habits of hope* (IVP).



Prof Christopher Rollston

**Professor of Northwest Semitic Languages and Literatures;
Chair, Department of Classical and Near Eastern Languages
and Civilizations, George Washington University**

MA, PhD (Johns Hopkins)

Christopher Rollston is Professor of Northwest Semitic Languages and Literatures at George Washington University (Washington, DC). At GW, he is also Chair of the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. His research focuses heavily on ancient writing and literacy, scribal education, Israelite religion, and modern forgeries. He has held two NEH Fellowships (in Jordan and Israel), and he has excavated in both Syria and Israel. He has lectured widely, including at Yale University, Hebrew University (Jerusalem), Princeton University, and Tel Aviv University. He has published in a number of journals, including *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research (BASOR)*, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Near Eastern Archaeology*, *Levant*, *Israel Exploration Journal*, *Semítica*, and *Tel Aviv*. He authored *Writing and literacy in the world of ancient Israel: epigraphic evidence from the Iron Age* (SBL, 2010) and edited *Biblical and ancient Near Eastern studies in honor of P. Kyle McCarter* (SBL, 2022) and *Enemies and friends of the state: ancient prophecy in context* (Penn State, 2018). For six years, he co-edited *BASOR* (with Eric Cline), and he edited the journal *MAARAV* for 20 years.



Dr Stanley Rosenberg

**Vice President for Research and Scholarship, CCCU;
Executive Director, SCIO, and member of the Faculty of
Theology and Religion, University of Oxford; Co-Director,
Logos**

BA (Colorado State), MA, PhD (Catholic University of America)

Stan Rosenberg founded and directs Scholarship & Christianity in Oxford (SCIO). A Fellow of the International Society for Science and Religion, he is a member of the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity, and the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion. He was previously an academic member of the staff of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. His interests focus on Augustine's works (the sermons in particular), early Christian cosmology and its relationship to Graeco-Roman science, culture, and philosophy, and the interplay between intellectual and popular thought, including the intersection of preaching, popular religion, and the development of doctrine in the largely oral culture of late antiquity.

Rosenberg has co-directed numerous research projects in Oxford with funding from multiple foundations including John Templeton Foundation, Templeton Religion Trust, Templeton World Charity, the Blankemeyer Foundation, and the BioLogos Foundation, and is general editor of *Finding ourselves after Darwin* (2018). He is on the advisory council of the BioLogos Foundation and was previously on the international advisory council of the Museum of the Bible, advising on both science

and the Bible, and patristics. He is also on the editorial board of the journal *Religions*. His article 'Beside books: approaching Augustine's sermons in the oral and textual cultures of late antiquity' in *Tractatio scripturarum: philological, historical and theological studies on Augustine's Sermones ad populum* (2013) examines how early theology developed in an oral context.



Prof Robby Waddell

**Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity and
Director, Global Pentecostalism Center, Southeastern
University**

BA (King College), MDiv (Pentecostal Theological Seminary),
PhD (University of Sheffield)

Robby Waddell PhD (University of Sheffield, UK) is Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity and Director of the Global Pentecostalism Center at Southeastern University. He is a research fellow at the Centre of Pentecostal Theology in Cleveland, Tennessee, and he is a member of the editorial board of Sheffield Phoenix Press and *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies*. Waddell is a representative of the Society for Pentecostal Studies on the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches, and he supervises PhD students at Bangor University (Wales). His current projects include a book on Pentecostals and the Bible (Oxford University Press), a commentary on the Gospel of Mark (Brill), and a commentary on the Book of Revelation (Sheffield Phoenix Press). He is the lead pastor of Oasis Community Church and serves on the board of directors of the Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment.



Dr Rebekah Wallace

**Grants Coordinator and Supporting Structures Postdoctoral
Fellow, SCIO; Workshop Administrator**

BA (Dallas), MSt, DPhil (Oxon)

Rebekah Wallace graduated with a bachelor's degree in classical philology and French from the University of Dallas and an MSt and DPhil in science and religion from the University of Oxford under the supervision of Professor Alister McGrath. Her doctoral thesis examined the implications of embodied cognition theory for theological anthropology and doctrines of the soul. She has published in *Zygon* (2022) and the *Body and Religion Journal* (2022) as well as contributing to the Theological Puzzles project of St Andrew's University (2022).

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Dr Tommy Wasserman

Professor of New Testament, ALT School of Theology, Örebro; Professor of Biblical Studies, Ansgar University College, Kristiansand

PhD (Lund)

Tommy Wasserman is Professor of New Testament at ALT School of Theology (Sweden) and Professor of Biblical Studies at Ansgar University College (Norway). He is secretary of the International Greek New Testament Project, which oversees the publication of critical editions of the Greek New Testament, and is on the board of the Centre for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts. He has served on the editorial board of *New Testament Studies* and is currently senior editor of *TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism* and editor of *New Testament Tools, Studies and Documents* (Brill). He received his PhD at Lund University in 2007 after completing his thesis 'The Epistle of Jude: its text and transmission'. His two recent monographs are *A new approach to textual criticism* (with Peter Gurry) and *To cast the first stone: the transmission of a gospel story* (with Jennifer Knust). He has also edited several books, and published numerous articles in textual criticism and reception history in leading international journals. Now he is working on *The Oxford handbook of textual criticism of the Bible* (with Sidnie White Crawford) and a new Swedish translation of the New Testament.



Dr Eric Lewis Williams

Assistant Professor of Theology and Black Church Studies, Duke University Divinity School

BA (University of Illinois, Chicago), MA (McCormick Theological Seminary), MDiv (Duke), PhD (Edinburgh)

Eric Lewis Williams is Director of the Office of Black Church Studies and Assistant Professor of Theology and Black Church Studies at Duke University School of Divinity in Durham, North Carolina. He holds an MA in Theological Studies from McCormick Theological Seminary, an MDiv from Duke University, and a PhD in Religious Studies from the University of Edinburgh. In addition to having served as Curator of Religion for the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC, he has taught history, religion, and African American studies at institutions including Western Theological Seminary, Ashland Theological Seminary, Iowa State University, Boston College, and Harvard University. His current research examines the meanings of religion within African American history and culture, and the role and influences of Africana religions in the Atlantic world. He is co-editor of the T&T Clark *Handbook of African American theology* and is currently completing a manuscript which examines theological significations in African American religious thought. His work has taken him to Africa, South America, and Europe, throughout the continental USA and Mexico, and to islands of the Caribbean. Williams considers himself a transatlantic commuter, a collector of words, and an emergent jazz-man in the world of ideas.

STUDENT DIRECTORY



Andrew Mwumvaneza

All the Bible in Community

Degrees awarded: BSc (Kigali Institute of Science and Technology), Advanced Diploma in Bible and Theology (Africa College of Theology), MTh (Dallas Theological Seminary)

Andrew achieved his master's in theology in December 2022, specializing in Bible exposition. Soon after, he returned to Rwanda to educate and empower church leaders through teaching at a Bible college and leading a training organization, All the Bible in Community, where he is currently Vice President. These two years post-seminary underscored the need to advance his studies to enhance his teaching vocation. Hence, he will embark on his PhD journey in the autumn of 2025.

Andrew has been married to Betty for fourteen years. God has blessed them with three children: two sons and one daughter (Rhema, 12; Ezra, 6; and Andrea, 2). Andrew and Betty are Rwandans who met during college. Their passion for God's word has grown since then. They desire to see God's people reading and understanding their Bible.



Angela D. Rogers

Applying to doctoral programmes

Degrees awarded: BA (Bethel College), MMin, MATS (Bethel University)

Angela's research/academic interests include language development and linguistics for the purpose of working alongside Bible translation groups and exegetical research. In the future she hopes to teach Hebrew and Greek at the collegiate level as well as for pastors/lay leaders to aid in their personal growth and teaching/preaching ministries. She also has a desire to study the Septuagint combined with cultural influences and the role the development of the Greek language may have had in translation choices. In addition to her language-based interests, as a woman in higher education who teaches within a local church, Angela has also focused her research on the role of women within the home, church, and society at large, primarily within the New Testament context.

Angela lives in Indiana, USA, with her husband and three children on a small homestead. She loves the outdoors, hiking, cycling, and playing basketball, and is learning pickleball. A bibliophile at heart, she loves reading, especially by a bonfire. Angela has a deep love for the church and desires to serve her local fellowship as well as the global church.

Student Directory



Bennett Selfridge
University of Northwestern—St Paul

Degree in progress: BA, Bible

As an undergraduate student, Bennett is studying discourse analysis and its effect on Bible translation. His capstone project involved studying adversative connectives in Spanish in natural and translated texts (consisting of both narrative and hortatory segments) and analysing how their domains differ in different contexts. Discourse analysis holds a lot of metalinguistic data about the use of language, and Bennett is interested in sorting out how that should be factored into the process of translation. He plans to move on to a graduate degree in applied linguistics through Dallas International University and hopes to use his background in linguistics and theology to pursue Bible translation with Wycliffe Bible Translators in the future.

Bennett grew up in Rapid City, South Dakota, is the oldest of four kids, and enjoys spending time with his friends and family. His favourite activities involve being active (such as playing basketball, disc golf, and spike ball) and seeing God's creation (including hiking and running). He also enjoys reading books about World War II as well as biographies of missionaries.



Cindy Lee
University of California, Irvine

Degree awarded: BA (University of California, Irvine)

Degree in progress: MDiv, Biblical Languages

Cindy wants to bridge the gap between the academy and the global church by mastering and properly using biblical languages in scholarship and teaching. Whether explaining a book of the Bible or engaging with cultural issues of the day, she wants to help people see that the word of God is useful for all of life if we see it in its proper context. Her heart is to bring biblical language education to some closed mission contexts of the world and to help churches there experience the riches of God through these languages.

Cindy and her family are third-culture people. Having lived in different cultures as missionaries, she loves getting to know people and making new friends. She is also a pastor's wife and lives in California, where she grew up. She and her husband have three kids and a chocolate lab who hates the water.



Dakota Rehbein
Southeastern University

Degrees awarded: BA, MA (Southeastern University)

Degree in progress: MDiv

Dakota is interested in topics concerning renewal theology and practical theology. Renewal theology is a branch of Christian theology that emphasizes the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers, in the church, and in communities, particularly focusing on spiritual renewal, revival, and the manifestation of spiritual gifts. He is passionate about taking theological topics and making them practical for theologians, pastors, and the laity.

Dakota is from Lakeland, Florida, a first-degree black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, an avid home cook, and a coffee connoisseur.



Faith Steele
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Degree completed: BA (College at Southeastern)

Degree in progress: MA, Old Testament

Faith Steele is interested in Ancient Near Eastern linguistics with a particular emphasis in Hebrew poetry. She is interested in the intersection of poetic structure with interpretation. She is also interested in Semitic languages and culture. Currently, she is working on projects in biblical cursing and Hebrew poetic analysis of the Psalms.

Faith Steele is from Greensboro, North Carolina, and currently lives in Wake Forest, North Carolina, with her husband, Patrick. She is part of the leadership team for a Biblical languages club and Society for Women in Scholarship at her institution. Her hobbies include Baptist history, crocheting, and Taylor Swift.

Student Directory



Heath Rosser
Oklahoma Christian University

Degree in progress: BA, English

Heath is fascinated by all things language-related. He loves exploring nuances in grammar and syntax as well as tracing etymological lineages. He is also interested in the cultural and ethical implications of languages and enjoys reading Saussure, Derrida, Foucault, and Butler. He then applies these interests to biblical research and translation. Upon completing his BA, Heath looks forward to pursuing an MA and ultimately a PhD in Semitics or philosophy and religious studies. He is currently a Hebrew tutor for the Oklahoma Christian University Bible Department and an intern for the Sofer Collection, specializing in Judaica and Jewish history, art, and culture.

Heath was born in Mito, Japan, and despite moving to America at a young age always feels a special connection to his birth country. He has lived in Oklahoma most of his life, but looks forward to travelling and living abroad in the future. He currently lives with his two parents, brother, two cousins, and four dogs.



Isaiah C. Padgett
McMaster Divinity College

Degrees awarded: BA (Evangel University), MA (Assemblies of God Theological Seminary)

Degree in progress: PhD, Old Testament

Isaiah is interested in Old Testament ethics, particularly in the realm of ancient economics and its connection to modern economic theory, modern theological ethics, the theology of the book of Ruth, and Ancient Near East history, language, and culture. Isaiah is currently researching economic ethics within the book of Ruth as reflected in the field gleaning laws and hospitality codes, as well as their connections to both modern economic notions of scarcity and consumption. Part of his research is also concerned with making scholarship both accessible to and fruitful for ministry and the lives of those in the local and global church.

Isaiah is originally from Fredericksburg, Virginia. While he likes academic reading and writing, he particularly enjoys science fiction and fantasy books, as well as the occasional video game. Both he and his wife Becca have a love for international travel, cooking, and experiencing new cultures and languages. They both currently reside in Hamilton, Ontario.



Jared Dodson
Multnomah Biblical Seminary

Degree awarded: BA (Bushnell University)

Degree in progress: MA, Hebrew Bible

Jared Dodson is interested in the development of Semitic languages, and how the process of Hellenization has impacted the interpretation of the Hebrew Bible in the Second Temple period. He is also interested in how the authors of the New Testament interpret the Hebrew Bible, whether faithfully or not. He is currently working on a project that explores the Aqedah in the Septuagint, with hopes to pursue doctoral work on the reception of the Aqedah in the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Jared is from Eugene, Oregon, and currently lives in Junction City, Oregon, with his wife Rose and five-month-old daughter Eden. He is a Greek tutor at his institution and works as a research assistant for a faculty member at his alma mater. His hobbies include reading, hiking, and playing basketball.



Jeremias D. Zuniga
Indiana Wesleyan University — Wesley Seminary

Degree awarded: BA (Indiana Bible College)

Degree in progress: MDiv, Biblical Studies

Jeremias has focused his recent research on the Old Testament and, in March 2024, presented research on the reception and use of the Old Testament at the Student Religious Studies Conference held at the University of Notre Dame. That research re-examined the setting and structure of the Sinai Covenant, advancing the argument that it represents a proto-liturgical appropriation of Genesis 1:1–3 departing from neighbouring suzerainty treatises. He is interested in the Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East. Specifically, he enjoys researching Pentateuchal studies, ancient Israelite religion, Ancient Near East conceptualizations of kingship, priesthood, deity, and deification, and the theological appropriation of the Old Testament within the New Testament.

Jeremias comes from a large family and has grown up serving in various capacities in his local church. He enjoys being an open resource to believers in a local context and contributing to the spiritual formation of those within his congregation. He has also recently accepted a position teaching Scripture at a private high school in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Joey McCollum
Australian Catholic University

Degree awarded: BFA (University of Maine, Farmington)

Degree in progress: PhD, Early Christian Studies

Joey's PhD research focuses on the textual history of Ephesians and how to reconstruct it using traditional assessments of variant readings and computer-assisted approaches. More broadly, his interests include New Testament textual criticism, Greek linguistics and discourse analysis, digital humanities, and the exciting intersections between textual studies and computer science. He has published methodological papers in *Digital Scholarship in the Humanities* and *Andrews University Seminary Studies*. He also has articles on New Testament manuscripts and textual variants in the *Journal for the Study of the New Testament*, *TC: Textual Criticism*, and *Filologia Neotestamentaria*. He has co-edited Koine Greek translations of children's stories as resources for Greek students, as well as an English translation of the *Acts of John*.

Joey grew up in New Hampshire. After dual-majoring in mathematics and creative writing in Maine, he moved south to work in software engineering. In Virginia, he learned New Testament Greek from his pastor. It wasn't long before he caught the textual criticism bug, which led him overseas for a PhD. He and his wife currently live in Melbourne, Australia.



Jonathan Larach
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Degrees awarded: AA (Santa Monica College), BA (University of California, Santa Barbara), MTS (Harvard)

Degree in progress: PhD, New Testament

Jonathan's research interests are centred on the historical Jesus: studying Christ as a historical actor and his movement and sayings as elements of a historical period. More specifically, he is interested in studying Jesus first and foremost as a Jew who participated in Jewish religion, culture, and society. It is his objective to research how the Jewish Jesus, his teachings, and his ministry at large connected with and/or stood in contrast to Second Temple Judaism. If Jesus was fully embedded in his Jewish context, what was significantly different about him and his movement? Jonathan is always eager to struggle with questions like this one.

Jonathan is from El Salvador but was raised in the great city of Los Angeles. He is the youngest of three and as such is the spoiled child of the family. Jonathan absolutely loves watching football; his favourite team is Real Madrid. In addition to football, he loves watching shows like *The Last Kingdom* and *Medici*.



Joseph Byamukama
Ridley College, Melbourne

Degree awarded: MDiv (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary)

Degree in progress: PhD, New Testament

Joseph Byamukama's PhD research is in early intertextual Christology as he investigates how Isaiah shapes Jesus' Lordship in the book of Acts. Joseph is fascinated by the early church's proclamation of Jesus' divine identity in polytheistic cultural contexts, given Yahweh's exclusive claims in the book of Isaiah. Joseph hopes to engage African Christologies and explore the theological ramifications of Jesus's exclusive Lordship in an African context whose polytheistic past is not distant from the present. These interests intersect with his passion for contextual discipleship efforts in Uganda, given that discipleship entails understanding who Jesus is and what it means to follow him.

Joseph was born in western Uganda, and his theological education has taken him to the USA and Australia. He lives in Kampala, Uganda, with his wife, Daphne, and their two sons. He is the Team Leader at Veracity Fount, a ministry that seeks to equip the Ugandan Church through theological research and resources. Joseph is also passionate about planting healthy churches in Uganda.



Joshua A. Hunter
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Degrees awarded: BS, MA (Welch College), MDiv (Welch Divinity School)

Degree in progress: ThM, Biblical Studies: Ancient Languages and Cultures

Joshua Hunter's research is on the Bible and its Ancient Near Eastern context, specifically on the relationship between Judaism/early Christianity and Ancient Near Eastern religions. His current research includes a possible reference to Khnum in Jeremiah 18, the concept of *deus faber* anthropogeny in the book of Jeremiah, and its implications on the *imago Dei*. His other academic interests include Semitic languages, church history, and ministry.

Joshua Hunter resides in Waverly, Tennessee, where he pastors the First Free Will Baptist Church and is about to be married to his fiancée, Michaela. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with friends and with his dog Cassie, finding great places to eat, and collecting books.

Student Directory



Joyce Kanini Meka Singi
Regent University

Degrees awarded: BA (KAG East University, Kenya), MDiv (International Leadership University, Kenya)

Degree in progress: PhD, Church History

Growth is the expectation of every well-meaning person; growth should be natural. From the time of Jesus to the time of the Apostles, and also in the time of the church fathers, the church experienced a lot of true miracles, unlike the church today. The moving of the Holy Spirit was evident; the Apostles never made mistakes in their messages and nor did the early church fathers. What was the secret of the church fathers and Apostles that led to the kind of growth that is recorded in history? Today's church needs to go back to history and study what the early church knew and what made it experience God in such a special way.

Joyce is a female born-again believer and disciple of Christ. She comes from Kenya and is interested in discipling believers, teaching, and mentoring. She has been married by God's grace for 23 years and is blessed with two biological sons: Keith (22) and Caleb (19) and has adopted four girls. Her family loves God.



Konrad Helliesen
Fjellhaug International College University

Degree awarded: BA (Fjellhaug International College University)

Degree in progress: MA, Systematic Theology

Konrad's pursuit of a broad academic scope, driven by his wide-ranging curiosity, has led him to explore various disciplines, from languages (Greek, Hebrew, and medieval Latin) to systematic theology, especially from a Lutheran perspective. He has worked on the central synoptic concept of the kingdom of God in its syntagmatic relations, bringing out the local aspect. He has done some research on ecclesiology and the dictum of the visible and invisible church and Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. In missiology, he has studied the Batak culture in Indonesia, and evaluated Paul Hiebert's theory of contextualization. Konrad also has opinions about the many Norwegian Bible translations.

Konrad comes from the very south of Norway and got married to Julie this past autumn. He enjoys Norwegian nature and likes to spend time there. Otherwise, he likes to read books related to theology, philosophy, or history. A good and stimulating discussion among friends is also something he appreciates.



Kyungmin Kim
University of Zurich

Degrees awarded: BA (Yonsei), ThM (Yonsei), MAR (Yale)

Degree in progress: PhD, New Testament

Kyungmin Kim's research interests include Johannine literature, Pauline letters, Greco-Roman literature, literary criticism, narrative criticism, ancient rhetoric, gender and sexuality, ethnicity, and ancient emotion. His article 'Paul's defense: masculinity and authority in 2 Cor 10–13' investigates how the traits of masculinity were used for rhetorical purposes. He is now working on a doctoral project on the literary relationship between the gospels of John and Luke, in particular how the fourth evangelist uses and transforms his synoptic materials from Luke in John 11–12 to articulate his theology.

A list of things he loves: travelling, taking photos, cooking, playing basketball, watching old movies made by Alfred Hitchcock, and recent films by directors Quentin Tarantino, Martin Scorsese, and Demien Chazelle, and Tottenham Hotspur! If you start a conversation with him about any of these topics, it could probably last all day.



Lydia Bindon
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Degrees awarded: BA (Cornerstone University)

Degree in progress: MDiv

Lydia has been interested in Greek and Hebrew since being introduced to the biblical languages in her undergraduate programme. Her current interests involve Pauline and pastoral epistles. Recently, this work has centred on Colossians. She hopes to be able to use her knowledge of Greek to pour into the local church and in educating lay Christians.

Lydia grew up in a small fishing village in Alaska, which has set her up with enough grizzly bear and salmon stories for life. Whenever she can find time, she enjoys photography, reading fiction, and hosting board game nights.



Madyson Cappelletti

Point Loma Nazarene University

Degree in progress: BA, Christian Studies and Psychology

Madyson is particularly interested in the New Testament (but is also fascinated by the Old Testament) and especially enjoys the academic study of Paul's letters. She hopes to research topics in feminist theology, eschatology, mental health, and theodicy. After earning her BA, she is considering pursuing a dual degree programme in which she could earn both a Juris Doctor degree and a master's in divinity. She particularly likes the challenge of wrestling with controversial issues in modern Christian discourse and hopes to continuously gain knowledge that equips her to faithfully intertwine scripture, reason, and experience in order to honour God and others in said discourse.

Madyson is from Lakeside, California, and lives with her father and her chubby cat. She currently serves as a resident assistant and a teaching assistant and works part-time as a busser in a restaurant while she pursues her education. She enjoys reading, singing, and spending time with loved ones.



Maria Kampaki

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Returning Logos Fellow

Degrees awarded: BA, MA (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Maria Kampaki is currently in anticipation of potential offers for a PhD position. Since 2013 her academic pursuits have revolved around manuscript transcriptions, fostering a keen interest in Pauline studies. She specialized in textual criticism of the Pauline epistles in her master's thesis, focusing on text-critical issues in 1 Thessalonians. In 2019 she made significant contributions to the Institute for New Testament Textual Research in Münster, Germany, during an exchange programme. Maria participates in scholarly projects, affiliating with organizations like the European Association of Biblical Studies and contributing to the Thessaloniki in Byzantine Project on the New Testament Virtual Manuscript Room website.

Meet Maria from Thessaloniki, Greece — Byzantine music buff, choir member, and DIY virtuoso with a flair for fixing things. When she's not hitting high notes, she's hitting the road on her beloved Honda. Her dream? A Greek odyssey on two wheels.



Matthew Delaney
Oral Roberts University

Degrees awarded: BA, MA (Oral Roberts University)

Matthew Delaney is primarily focused on making sense of the Hebrew Bible in its Ancient Near Eastern context to non-experts and popular audiences through his podcast and YouTube Channel 'Hebrew Bible insights'. Matthew and his team interview scholars and also present their own research on a wide array of Hebrew Bible topics. Matthew's personal research focuses on Hebrew language (especially word choice, style, intertextuality, and pedagogy), manuscripts, poetry, Proverbs, and rhetorical-critical analysis.

Matthew lives in Oklahoma with the best parts of his life — his wife, Shannon, and their two kids. Outside of Hebrew Bible studies, Matthew derives great joy from helping others find purpose and meaning in life. Otherwise, he enjoys working out, basketball, and nerding out on things like *Star Wars*, *Lord of the Rings*, and Marvel/DC.



Paraskevi Arapoglou
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Degrees awarded: BA (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), MA (London Institute of Linguistics), MA (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Degree in progress: PhD, New Testament

Paraskevi's research interests include translation and gender studies, ecocriticism, and ecotheology, on which she has both published and presented at various conferences. She also focuses on Byzantine manuscript tradition and textual criticism through her work with the MOTB Greek Paul Project on 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

Born and raised Thessalonian, Paraskevi works for the Hellenic Bible Society while pursuing her PhD in Thessaloniki. She loves travelling, exploring new places and cultures, music, literature, and cinema.



Peter Gadalla, SJ
Pontifical Biblical Institute

Degrees awarded: BS (University of South Alabama), MA (Saint Louis University), MDiv (Regis College, University of Toronto), Licentiate in Sacred Scriptures (Pontifical Biblical Institute)

Degree in progress: Doctorate in Sacred Scriptures, Old Testament

Peter Gadalla's research interest focuses on exploring early Arabic manuscripts of the Old Testament to discern the text's initial reception in the Arabic-speaking sphere. While primary translations have received significant scholarly attention, recent years have seen a growing interest in early Arabic manuscripts, particularly those in the extensive library of the Monastery of St Catherine. Studying the translation techniques employed in Arabic versions may unveil their interpretative and exegetical nuances, offering insights into the reception of the Bible among Arabic-speaking Christians. His project aims to do a comparative analysis of translation techniques found in early biblical and liturgical Arabic manuscripts of Isaiah. Given that most Arabic versions are tertiary translations, his research also encompasses an examination of the Greek and Syriac translations.

Peter is Egyptian-American and was raised attending the Coptic Catholic Church. Following a career as a mechanical engineer, he joined the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). His enthusiasm for Scripture studies blossomed during his time teaching and serving as a campus minister in the Holy Land.



Phil Smith
Applying to doctoral programmes

Degrees awarded: BA (Clemson University), MDiv, ThM (Southern Seminary)

Degree in prospect: PhD, University of Cambridge

Phil is interested in studying things that help him understand and teach the Bible. At this stage in his life, he is building a foundation in areas such as languages and textual criticism. His ThM thesis was about when and where the new Covenant was inaugurated in Hebrews. This October, he plans to begin a PhD that will allow him to gain skills that will be useful for biblical and theological studies in the coming decades. In this project, he plans to make a critical edition of the Apocalypse of Peter and to compare this document with 2 Peter.

Phil is from the Midwestern and south-eastern United States. He loves the mountains, but he also loves cities because of their theological significance. He sings sometimes. He likes to run (though not quickly). Learning languages and cultures is a joy for him (though he is sometimes only partially successful).



Richard Meehan
Denver Seminary

Degrees awarded: BA (Johns Hopkins), MDiv (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School)

Degree in progress: ThM, New Testament

Ever since taking New Testament Greek in seminary, Richard has had a deep interest in the linguistic and semantic world underlying the biblical text. He is passionate about discerning how study of the original languages impacts modern exegesis, translation, and teaching, especially through the lens of narrative criticism, discourse analysis, and intertextuality. He hopes to use insights gained from the academy to build confidence in the beauty and authority of the biblical text, especially in passages that have traditionally caused doubt or confusion.

Born in Seoul, South Korea, and raised in New York City, Richard grew up between two cultures. After moving to Baltimore, Maryland, for college in 2010, he has now settled down there with his wife, Annie, and their tortico cat, Seraphina. He enjoys playing tennis, working out, and fishing.



Sarah Minsook Park
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Returning Logos Fellow

Degrees awarded: BA (Kongju National University), MA, ThM (New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary)

Degree in progress: PhD, New Testament

Sarah's research area encompasses ancient commentaries on biblical texts and the use of textual studies for interpreting the New Testament. Her research focuses on creating a critical edition of the Euthalian Apparatus (EA), which includes explanatory materials on Acts, the General Epistles, and the Pauline letters from the fourth century. Notably, despite nearly 300 years since Zacagni's work in 1698, a critical edition of the EA has not been accomplished. Sarah intends to develop a critical edition of the EA specifically for the Pauline letters.

Sarah Minsook Park is from South Korea and is pursuing a PhD in New Testament and Greek at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Her husband, Abraham, is also a PhD student in the same field. Sarah is a project manager at the H. Milton Haggard Center for New Testament Textual Studies, focusing on studying ancient New Testament manuscripts. Apart from her academic pursuits, she loves fishing and travelling.



Stella Tapaskou
Pontifical Biblical Institute

Degrees awarded: BA (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), MA (Pontifical Biblical Institute)

Degree in progress: PhD, Old Testament

Stella Tapaskou is currently working on her doctoral thesis entitled ‘Spectrum of local resistance in the southern Levant’. Her work aims to decipher and analyse the different types of resistance — bold or subtle — exercised by local agents, be they members of elite society or peasants. Textual documents and archaeological findings go hand in hand in her approach, which seeks to offer a composite picture of the international and regional dynamics that produced complex policies. She concludes by stating that one of the most effective forms of resistance can only be achieved through diplomacy and comprehensive political strategies. Her academic interests include Semitic languages and the history, culture and politics of the ancient Middle East, especially the Neo-Assyrian era.

Stella is originally from Thessaloniki, a city in northern Greece. As soon as she finished her theology studies in Thessaloniki, she moved to Rome to attend the four-year postgraduate course at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, while last year she enrolled for her doctorate. Archaeology, music, and ancient literature are among her interests.



Triantafillos Kantartzis
Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich

Degrees awarded: BA, MA (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Degrees in progress: ThD, New Testament Studies; BA, Bible Translation

Triantafillos Kantartzis is interested in Apocryphal and early Christian literature and in the narrative of the apocryphal stories. His current research delves into the study of focalization and narrative perspectives in apocryphal texts that centre on Jesus during his passion. This uncovers compelling narratives in texts like the apocryphal gospel of Nicodemus, which offers a unique perspective on Jesus’ last days. He is also extending his MA research on colour usage in the Apocrypha and Bible translations within a Greek Orthodox context, as well as delving into the fascinating worlds of palaeography and manuscript tradition. This latter focus aims to uncover the unique insights that manuscripts provide for critical editions of the New Testament.

Triantafillos is the second son in a family of eight from a rural area in northern Greece, born into a family with a priestly heritage. Raised in an ecclesiastical setting, a hallmark of Greek country towns, he participated in numerous activities of his local church. His hobbies include knifemaking, leatherworking, woodworking, and traditional bookbinding.



Tsehay Ademe Belay
Addis Ababa University

Returning Logos Fellow

Degrees awarded: BSc (Ethiopian Catholic University of St Thomas Aquinas), MA (Addis Ababa University), MA (St Ephrem Ecumenical Research Institute, Kotayam, India)

Degree in progress: PhD, Ethiopian Philology

Tsehay Ademe Belay is a researcher and lecturer at the Academy of Ethiopian Languages and Cultures, Addis Ababa University. His PhD project is entitled 'The Ethiopic book of Joel: a critical edition, annotated translation and its reception'. He has published an article on the Ethiopic interpretation of Matthew's Gospel in comparison with an ancient Christian Arabic commentary (*Zena-Lisan*, 2020). Tsehay Ademe's interests include textual criticism of ancient texts written in Classical Ethiopic or Ge'ez, including the production of critical editions and comparison with versions in other ancient languages, the reception and Ethiopian hermeneutics of ancient Ge'ez texts, the traditional Ethiopian *Abännät Təmhərt* educational system, and ancient Ethiopian poetry (*Qənie*).

Tsehay Ademe was educated in a traditional *Abännät Təmhərt* school. He is single and is the middle child in his family, with four brothers and two sisters. He enjoys educational trips. His meditations are on nature and scripture, and he loves reading the works of the Syriac fathers St Ephrem and St Isaac of Nineveh.



Yoseph Asrat
Columbia International University

Degrees awarded: BTh (Evangelical Theological College), MA (Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology)

Degree in progress: PhD, Theological Studies

Yoseph Asrat is a PhD student pursuing a doctoral degree in theological studies at Columbia International University. His research focuses on the Christological controversies in the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, intending to illuminate the complicated theological debates that have taken place in the church throughout history and how they affect the interpretation of Christology. Yoseph's academic interests are Christology, historical theology, and church history. He is passionate about exploring the roots of religious thought, tracing its evolution over time, and contributing to the ongoing theological discussion.

Yoseph Asrat and Meron Gebremeskel live in the charming city of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, with their adorable three-year-old daughter, Mahlet. Yoseph dedicates his time to serving at SIL Ethiopia in Bible translation. Currently, he is a consultant in training. He is also an active member of Living Way Church, where he consults, teaches, and preaches.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING PRAYER

Greeting

Minister O Lord, open our lips.
All **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Minister Let us worship the Lord.
All **All praise to his name.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be. Amen.**

Old Testament reading

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament reading

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Address

All Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayers

Order of Service for Morning Prayer

Minister

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us safely
to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin
or running into danger, order us in all our doings
and guide us to do always
what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing



Logos in DC 2022

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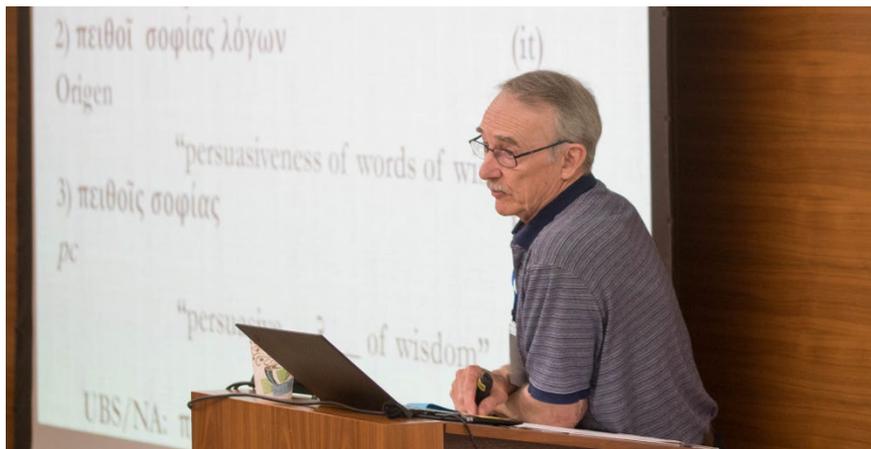
(All Logos participants have agreed to abide by the following code of conduct.)

Logos is a communal workshop upholding the values of respect, equality, and diversity. Participants are asked to affirm their agreement to Logos' code of conduct and familiarise themselves with attendance expectations. Logos was founded for the purpose of forming Christian scholars looking to integrate their faith and intellectual life. Logos endeavours to encourage understanding and approaches that will enrich participants in their life-long vocational commitments. Through this we hope the scholars formed will serve the Christian community and the common good both in academia and related fields. To this end, participants are expected to live in the communal housing provided (except in pre-approved exceptional circumstances) and attend all lectures, seminars, and meals. Part of the purpose of Logos is to nurture a community of scholars, and full participation is central to the design of the programme and enriching to all participants. The funds awarded in the form of a generous stipend, coverage of meals and board, and waiver of any tuition fees reflect this time commitment.

Logos participants commit to treating fellow participants respectfully and without discrimination, and to abide by professional academic norms in all interactions with staff and fellow participants. Participants must commit to upholding high standards of behaviour at all times, including during scheduled academic and social events and when mixing with participants in free time; in professional venues and in residences in use by Logos; in online and in-person interactions. Please understand that the workshop organisers will treat any reported lapse in behaviour seriously and that such reported lapses will be investigated. If anyone is found to have failed to act respectfully and professionally, they will be required by the organisers to change such conduct if permitted to remain an event participant. In the case of more serious lapses, it may be required to leave Logos and/or any associated residential accommodation. Any sanction imposed by SCIO does not preclude sanction imposed by another authority, including employer or law enforcement authorities. Participants commit to living in the communal housing provided and participating fully in the lectures, seminars, and events (including meals).



Participants at Logos 2022



Mike Holmes speaking at Logos 2022



Factum est verbum domini

This Latin motto is taken from the Vulgate translation of the Bible, where it appears frequently in the Old Testament to render the idea of a prophet's divine inspiration: 'the word of the Lord came unto...'. Rendered literally, however, it can be translated 'the word of the Lord was made', thus reflecting the fact that the Scriptures, inspired by God, have been physically manifested in so many ways over the centuries. The text used in the Logos motto derives from the first printed Bible, the Gutenberg Bible.

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