



BOOTH

**UNIVERSITY
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**Faculty
Research
Interests and
Publications
2018-2019**

The Role of Research at Booth University College

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

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

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

This publication presents results since June 1, 2016. It lists, by faculty member, research interests, publications, presentations, and significant professional appointments. It also has a "Forthcoming" category to indicate work which is currently under contract or formally accepted for publication.

**Dr. Michael W. Boyce,
Vice President Academic and Dean**

Dr. Michael Boyce's interests include film, especially British film, film genre, film adaptation; literature; religion and popular culture; television.

Dr. Boyce is working on several projects including a book-length study of representations of faith and the faithful in films like John Michael McDonagh's *Calvary* and Steve Coogan's *Philomena* using Charles Taylor's *A Secular Age* as the philosophical framework; a book-length project on serialized representations of war with two other scholars, and project on the work of David Lynch.

Dr. Boyce presented on representation of World War 2 in contemporary British television at the Annual Film Studies Association of Canada in Regina, May 2018.

Dr. Boyce also values public scholarship and uses his expertise to contribute to *Area of Effect* magazine, which looks at the intersection of faith and geek culture. He has published articles on a wide variety of topics, including *Doctor Who*, *Stranger Things*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *The Lord of the Rings* and *Orphan Black*. He also facilitates the *Theology in the Dark* series for saint benedict's table at Booth UC/

**Dr. Donald E. Burke,
Professor of Biblical Studies**

Research Interests

Dr. Burke's research and writing is focused on the Bible, especially selected writings of the Old Testament. Reflecting his ongoing interest in the intersection of the interpretation of Scripture with the life of the church, Dr. Burke's recent research has concentrated on the theological interpretation of the Bible as well as the application of a missional hermeneutic to the interpretation of the Bible. This research is being utilized in interpretations of the Lord's Prayer, the Matthean nativity narrative and the books of Joel and Amos. In addition, Dr. Burke continues to pursue his interests in the theology of the Salvation Army and the theology of John Wesley.

Book Sections

"Amos." In *Wesley One-Volume Commentary on the Bible*, edited by Joel B. Green and Kenneth J. Collins. Nashville: Abingdon, forthcoming.

"Joel." In *Wesley One-Volume Commentary on the Bible*, edited by Joel B. Green and Kenneth J. Collins, Nashville: Abingdon, forthcoming.

Articles

"The Perils of Power." *Salvationist*, February 2018, 22-23.

"Daring to Lead." *Salvationist*, March 2018, 22-23.

"Prophet of Doom." *Salvationist*, July 2018, 22-23.

"Seeking Shalom." *Salvationist*, August 2018, 22-23.

"Avoiding Cheap Grace." *Salvationist*, October 2018, 22-23.

Paper Presentations

"Toward a Salvationist('s) Biblical Hermeneutic." To be presented at the meeting of Salvation Army Scholars and Friends Session at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Denver, CO on November 17,2018.

**Dr. Evan Curtis,
Assistant Professor of Psychology**

Research Interests

I examine the fundamental structure and function of memory by blending computational simulations and laboratory experiments. In the last year I have focused on selective impairments in memory dysfunction such as amnesia in which some memory behaviours are damaged and others are spared.

My most recent work focuses on the phenomenon of transfer-appropriate processing, a pattern in which the match between conditions at study and test are highly predictive of memory performance. I have been developing a representational account in which particular features of experience are highlighted based on the type of processing that occurs during encoding and retrieval and expressing that principle mathematically.

I have four projects I am planning for the future: (1) using instance models of memory to predict categorization behaviour in the absence of categories, (2) exploring boundary / reversal conditions for the memorial benefit of saying information aloud, (3) using decision models in behavioural economics to predict problem gambling behaviour, and (4) applying semantics models to understanding spatial mappings between magnitude and number.

Recent Publications

Curtis, E. T., & Jamieson, R. K. (2018). Computational and empirical simulations of selective memory impairments: Converging evidence for a single-system account of memory dissociations. *Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology, online first*.

Curtis, E. T. (in press). Trace strength. In J. Vonk and T. K. Shackelford (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Animal Cognition and Behaviour*. Springer.

Curtis, E. T. (in press). Tip-of-the-tongue phenomenon. In J. Vonk and T. K. Shackelford (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Animal Cognition and Behaviour*. Springer.

Cresswell, J., & Curtis, E. T. (2017). Discussing moral goods and confronting research fetish: Review of Chirkov's (2016) "Fundamentals of Research on Culture and Psychology: Theory and Methods". *Culture & Psychology, 24*(1), 96-106. doi:10.1177/1354067X17701271.

Recent Conference Presentations

Curtis, E.T. (2018, July). *An instance-based account of transfer-appropriate processing*. 28th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Sciences, St. John's, NL, Canada

**Dr. David Cwir,
Assistant Professor of Psychology**

Some of my research interests focus on the psychological processes involved in the beginning stages of social relationships. More specifically, my research examines the factors that result in a sense of social-connectedness with others and the various cognitive, emotional, and physiological consequences of that sense of connectedness. In one line of research, for example, my colleagues and I found that people who feel socially connected to a stranger through the sharing of idiosyncratic preferences (such as a favorite book) experienced the same emotions and physiological arousal felt by the stranger (Cwir, Carr, Walton, & Spencer, 2011). In another line of research, we found that simply sharing a birthday with another math student, boosted people's achievement motivation in mathematics (Walton, Cohen, Cwir, & Spencer, 2012). The results from these studies suggest that even minimal cues of social connectedness (i.e., "mere-belonging") have important psychological consequences and affect important aspects of the self.

I have extended this research in the domain of intergroup relations, and have found that highlighting common interests between outgroup members (e.g., a favourite movie) results in intergroup empathy towards other members of the out group when they experience discrimination. This current line of research suggests that sharing even seemingly trivial similarities, such as a favourite band or book, might help to break down the cultural barriers that often result in mutual scepticism and misunderstandings. Not only does sharing preferences lead people to feel a sense of connectedness with an outgroup member, but the results from these experiments suggest that it also leads people to literally experience the emotions that outgroup members experience. Such sharing of emotional states may well result in other positive downstream consequences, such as reinforcing contact and fostering cultural appreciation.

In addition to my research in the domain of social-connectedness, I am also interested in how implicit processes that are outside of people's awareness affect people's thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. In some of my previous research projects, I examined the interplay between explicit and implicit self-esteem and the various ways in which their interaction can effect perception, behaviour, and the self-concept. In one line of research, for example, I assessed the relation between defensive self-esteem and prejudice, both how implicit self-esteem can lead to prejudice and how prejudice affects implicit self-esteem. More recently, I have been assessing the effects of attributional processes on the interpretation and experience of relatively implicit emotional states.

**Dr. Roy R. Jeal,
Professor of Religion**

Publications

Review

- Review of Robert Seesengood, *Philemon: Imagination, Labor, and Love*, in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2018).

Chapter Forthcoming

- "The Letter to Philemon" in *Oxford Handbook of New Testament Rhetoric*. Ed. Mark Given. Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

Conference

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston (November)

- Presided at Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Seminar/Bible and Visual Art Joint Session, "Visual Exegesis: Art Historians Dialogue with Biblical Scholars"
- Participated in SBL Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Seminar Steering Committee Meeting and Planning
- Participated in SBL Press Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Editorial Board Meeting

In Preparation

- "The Rhetoric of the Sublime in the Narrative of Mary the Mother of Jesus (Luke 1–2)" prepared for the SBL 2018 Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity New Horizons Seminar
- "Colossians" prepared for the SBL 2018 Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Analytical Horizons Seminar (2.5 hour presentation)
- *The Nations Speak*. Essays edited with Vernon K. Robbins. International Voices in Biblical Studies.
- *Exploring Colossians: Transferred to the New Reality*. A Sociorhetorical Explorations commentary.

Presentation

- With artist Christian Worthington, Visual Exegesis. St. Margaret's Thursday Night Lectures

Service

- Appointed to the Diocese of Rupertsland Theological Education Council
- Regular preaching at St. Margaret's Church
- Special Series on Colossians at Fort Garry MB Church
- Leadership of Booth UC Philosophy of University Group
- Consultation with scholars and editors regarding scholarship and publication.

- Membership in the Fellowship of the Silver Star

**Angela Davis,
Associate Professor of Business**

Research Interests:

Professor Davis' interests include Financial Crime Prevention/Detection – fraud, money laundering, terrorism financing, and cybercrime, Accounting & Auditing and Entrepreneurship.

Media/Print Interviews:

CJOB

CBC

CTV

Global

CJNU

Salvationist Magazine

Supercrew

Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce

Booth UC Connect

University Textbooks:

Related to the scholarship of teaching Professor Davis is working as a subject matter expert/reviewer/reviser/author for various textbooks resources. This work typically involves the review and application of changes in accounting standards for both new and revised Canadian and International accounting standards to various textbook resources. It also can involve the adaptation of US resources for Canadian Standards.

Another piece of this work involves the review, evaluation, creation and modification various textbooks and their related resources including cases, problems, videos and tutorials and other resources in order to enhance student learning.

As of late 2017 into 2018 Professor Davis is currently working on the following textbooks:

Auditing: A Practical Approach 3rd Canadian Edition by Moroney - Wiley 2018

Managerial Accounting: Tools for Business Decision Making, 5th Canadian Edition by Weygandt, Kimmel, Kieso and Aly – Wiley 2018

Managerial Accounting: Tools for Business Decision Making, 5th Canadian Edition by Weygandt, Kimmel, Kieso and Aly – Wiley 2018

Accounting Principles - 8th Canadian Edition Volumes 1 & 2 by Weygandt, Keiso, Kimmel, Trenholm, Warren, and Novak - Wiley 2019

Other:

Government of Canada – Treasury Board appointment: Departmental Audit Committee - Canadian Grain Commission.

**Dr. Andrew Eason,
Associate Professor of Religion**

Research Interests

Dr. Eason explores the history, mission, and theology of The Salvation Army in Britain and colonial settings. His past writings have addressed topics such as gender and equality within the early Salvation Army, the life and thought of Catherine and William Booth, the sacraments, and the work of officer missionaries in nineteenth-century Cape Town and Natal (South Africa). Dr. Eason's current book-length project examines the origin and development of The Salvation Army in British India. Among other things, it seeks to identify and assess the dynamic relationships that Salvationist missionaries had with indigenous peoples and cultures, other Christian missions, and imperial authorities.

Publications

Settled Views: The Shorter Writings of Catherine Booth, ed. Andrew M. Eason and Roger J. Green. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2017. (Lead Editor)

Gudrun Maria Lydholm, *Lutheran Salvationists? The Development towards Registration as an Independent Faith Community in The Salvation Army in Norway with Focus on the Period 1975–2005* (Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock, 2017) in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (April 2018): 464-465.

Harold Hill, *Saved to Save and Saved to Serve: Perspectives on Salvation Army History* (Eugene, Oregon: Resource Publications [Imprint of Wipf & Stock], 2017) in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (forthcoming)

"Spreading Salvation Abroad: Catherine Booth and World Missions," forthcoming in *Word and Deed: A Journal of Salvation Army Theology and Ministry* 21, 1 (forthcoming November 2018)

Academic Conferences

"Spreading Salvation Abroad: The Impact of World Missions on the Life and Thought of Catherine Booth," American Academy of Religion, Additional Meeting, November 18, 2017

**Jennifer Hedges,
Assistant Professor of Social Work**

Research Interests

Professor Hedges' research interests are pedagogy in higher education and best practices in clinical social work and child welfare. She is a PhD candidate at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Social Work with a research focus on social work education and student preparation for working in the child welfare field. Professor Hedges is a Sir Gordon Wu Scholar and has been awarded a University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship.

Professor Hedges has collaborated on a number of research projects including: the use of a clinical skills competition to teach and evaluate social work student's basic clinical skills, vicarious trauma and retraumatization experienced by social worker students in their field placements, the use of geographic information system (GIS) mapping for reunification, and evaluating the use of videos and roles plays in child welfare training.

Professor Hedges is a member of the Prairie Child Welfare Consortium, a group of academic, government, and community representatives who collaborate on child welfare education and field initiatives in the Prairies.

Publications and Presentations forthcoming

Book Chapter:

Transforming the Classroom: Supporting Critical Change in Social Work Education in the Spirit of Reconciliation for Child Welfare (Oct 2018). In D. Badry, H. M. Montgomery, D. Kikulwe, M. Bennett, & D. Fuchs (Ed) *Imagining Child Welfare in the Spirit of Reconciliation*. University of Regina Press, Regina, SK.

Conference presentations:

Hedges, J. (Oct 2018) Critical Transformation of Social work Education for the Future of Child Welfare. The Prairie Child Welfare Consortium and the Provincial & Territorial Directors of Child Welfare, Calgary, AB

Hedges, J. (July 2018) Social Work Education as a Platform for Critical Transformation. International Federation of Social Workers, Dublin, Ireland.

Hedges, J., Montgomery, M., Fuchs, D. Badry, D., Rocke, C., & Kiliwike, D. (May 2018) Prairie Child Welfare Consortium: Promoting knowledge mobilization, strengthening capacity and promoting dialogue in the spirit of reconciliation. Canadian Association of Social Work Education, Regina, SK.

Laszlo Markovics, Assistant Professor of Business

I am in the process of writing a case study for Ivey Business School. Case studies are particularly helpful for business students, since they can place themselves in a decision making situation of an existing business. My case study is focusing on understanding the operations of four work cells at a business manufacturing promotional items and trying to maximize scheduling and production efficiencies. Also, it will help identify the key factors in the cost allocation decisions.

As a general interest, I am trying to get involved with behavioural economics, a relatively new branch of the discipline. Behavioural economics is dealing with the psychological characteristics of economic decision making.

Also, I am increasingly active in the field of academic integrity, both in the theoretical and empirical aspects. Booth University College will host the AllIM 2019 conference on May 29, 2019, which I helped organize.

Meagan Morash, Director of Library Services and Assistant Professor

Research Interests

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

**Jason Peters,
Assistant Professor of English**

My primary area of teaching and research is sixteenth- and seventeenth-century literature, with a particular focus on the non-dramatic poetry of Spenser and Milton. My current book project, *Poetry and the Pursuit of Consensus in Renaissance England*, seeks to revise two dominant narratives about the Protestant nation-state's rise in sixteenth- and seventeenth-century England. The first narrative, associated with recusant and high Tory nostalgia for a hierarchical Middle Ages, sees the Reformation as the moment when "a rich and comforting consciousness of communal identity" passed away and something more like modern pluralism began to emerge. The second, associated with equally influential Whig narratives of liberation and progress, reverses that story and sees the Reformation in more salutary terms, as the moment when the individual first broke free from the church and became a significant actor on the world stage.

My research tells a different story. It looks at the way several writers, including Skelton, Tyndale, Spenser, and Milton, responded to one of their period's most pressing issues—sectarianism—by positing an "aesthetic community" that binds citizens together not with external laws and institutions, but with a deeper, more internal form of authority that reconciles individual liberty with a rich sense of communal identity. For these writers, the broad cultural changes brought about by the Reformation, changes that centered on the tensions that emerged throughout the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries between the institutional authorities of the church and state, on the one hand, and the individual conscience, on the other, required the deployment of new forms of authority that could unite and increasingly divided populace. The result is not only a prehistory of eighteenth-century aesthetics, particular as it relates to what Terry Eagleton has called "a dream of reconciliation – of individuals woven into intimate unity with no detriment to their specificity," but also an account of some of England's earliest responses to the quintessentially modern problem of pluralism.

Other areas of interest include church history, theology and literature, book history, science fiction and fantasy, and the history and uses of irony.

**Dr. Alexander Sawatsky,
Associate Professor of Social Work**

Research Interests

Dr. Sawatsky's research interests involve mental health history, policy and practice, the history of the profession and the field of pedagogy. Current research involves pedagogy, further historical research of mental health and social work practice in Canada and present experiences of those with lived experience in mental illness in Manitoba. He is a member of the board of directors for the Manitoba Institute for Registered Social Workers.

Presentations

Alex Sawatsky and Buetta Warkentin, "Reconciling Critical Social Work Approaches with Faith Based Practice" North American Association of Christians in Social Work Annual Convention, November 19, 2016

Publications

Alex Sawatsky "The Decline of Community Mental Health under Reagan" and "Bush & Clinton's Efforts to Respond to Escalating Costs & the emergence of mental health parity" in *Mental Health Care Policy: A Biopsychosocial Perspective*, Edited by Cynthia Moniz & Stephen Gorin, Taylor & Francis/Routledge, forthcoming.

**Dr. Cynthia Sottie,
Associate Professor of Social Work**

Research Interests

- Mental health and stigma,
- Stigma and illness
- Harmful cultural practices/beliefs, effects on vulnerable populations
- International social work

Publications

Journal Article

Sottie, C. A., Mfoafo-M'Carthy, M. & Moasun, F. (2018) Graduate social work students' perceptions and attitude toward mental illness: implications for practice in developing countries, *Social Work in Mental Health*, 16(5), pp 540- 555, DOI: [10.1080/15332985.2018.1448325](https://doi.org/10.1080/15332985.2018.1448325)

Conference Paper

Sottie, C. A. & Darkey, J. (2018) Living with Stigma: Voices from the Cured Lepers' Village in Southern Ghana, 14th Annual International Congress of Qualitative Research, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. May 16, 2018 to May 19, 2018.

**Buetta Warkentin,
Associate Professor of Social Work**

Publications

Warkentin, B. (2017). Teaching social work with groups: Integrating didactic, experiential and reflective learning. *Social Work with Groups* 40(3), 233-243.

Warkentin, B. (2018). Spiritual but not religious: The fine line between the sacred and the secular on the Camino de Santiago. *Social Work and Christianity* 45 (1), 109-121.

Warkentin, B., & Sawatsky, A. (2018). Points of discourse: Reconciling Christianity and social work through critical theory. *Social Work and Christianity* 45 (2), 57-67.

Conference Presentations

Spiritual Care: Journeying on the Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage. November 3, 2017. North American Association of Christians in Social Work Annual Convention.

Research Interests and Current Projects

My research interests lie in the intersection of social work and Christianity, exploring the role of Christianity in the emergence of the Social Work profession, and the role of spirituality and religion in current social work practice.

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