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NEWS FROM THE MANCHESTER WESLEY RESEARCH CENTRE – January 2018

Happy New Year! We have much to look forward to in the New Year at the MWRC. To reduce the amount of text below, keywords are hyperlinked to web addresses where you can find full details on news items.

Methodist Studies Seminars

The next [Methodist Studies Seminar](#) will be at the John Rylands Library in Manchester (organised by the MWRC and Cliff College) on **Friday 20 April 2018**. Proposals for 25 minute papers are now being accepted until 10 March. Attendance is free of charge; however, to help us with planning catering, please register by emailing Helen Stocker at: hstocker@nazarene.ac.uk by 12 April.

The Methodist Church will hold its [Annual Methodist Research Conference](#) at the Rylands on Thursday 19 April 2018.

The second 2018 seminar will be at The Queen's Foundation in Birmingham (organised by Queen's and the Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History) on Saturday 8 December.

Call for Applications for 2018 MWRC Visiting Fellowships

The MWRC is accepting applications for three visiting fellowships:

- 1) [The MWRC Sabbatical Fellowship](#). This new Sabbatical Fellowship is for pastors, laypeople, and missionaries. The aim of this fellowship is to provide time and space for research and theological reflection on the Methodist, Wesleyan, and evangelical traditions. The fellowship recipient will be provided with accommodation for two to three weeks at Nazarene Theological College. Applications are being accepted until **31 January 2018**.
- 2-3) [The John Rylands Research Institute-MWRC Joint Visiting Research Fellowship and the MWRC Visiting Research Fellowship](#). These are six week fellowships are for visiting scholars undertaking research in the Methodist, Wesleyan, and/or evangelical traditions. Applications are being accepted until **15 January and 31 January 2018** respectively. The link above includes a video by Dr Stan Rodes reflecting on his experience as a 2017 Visiting Research Fellow.

The MWRC Annual Lecture

Our next annual lecture will be given by Dr Ulrike Schuler, Professor of Church History, Methodism, and Ecumenism at Theologische Hochschule Reutlingen (Reutlingen School of

Theology) in Germany. The lecture will be on Monday 18 June 2018 at 5pm at the J.B. Mclagan Chapel on the campus of Nazarene Theological College. The title of her lecture is 'Re-formation: Liberty in a Wesleyan Spirit and Praxis'. It will be live-streamed.

***Wesley and Methodist Studies*, vol. 10:1 (January 2018)**

The new issue of [Wesley and Methodist Studies](#) is now out! In addition to book reviews, it includes the following articles:

Brett C. McInelly, A New World, a New Approach to Answering His Critics: George Whitefield in the American Colonies, 1740–45

Ryan Nicholas Danker, Fighting Over the Dead: John Wesley, Ritualism, and the Politics of Church and State in 1870s England

Priscilla Pope-Levison, Pentecost in the Churches: Women in the Pentecostal League of Prayer

Michael Hirst, Solidarity with the Poor? Positioning the Church of the Nazarene in England in 2003 and 2013

Further details about the journal, including the full contents pages and how to subscribe can be found at the link above.

MWRC Library Extension Project

With a number of substantial book donations in recent years alongside or annual purchase of books for the library, the need to expand the library became evident. We're pleased to say that this library extension project is now underway! Our existing historical oak shelving has been refurbished and expanded and we are awaiting arrival of four new bookcases. When the project is complete we will have expanded our shelving capacity by 67%! Pictures of the work are attached to this message.

Recording of the MWRC Session at the American Academy of Religion

An audio recording of the MWRC session on 'New Research on Methodism and the Holiness Movements in Britain' at the AAR conference in Boston, MA, in November 2017, is now [available on the MWRC YouTube page](#).

[George Whitefield: Life, Context, and Legacy](#) 50% off in the OUP Holiday Sale

This product of the 2014 conference co-sponsored by the MWRC is 50% in the OUP Holiday Sale until 13 January.

Other News:

Nazarene Theological College Post in Biblical Studies (Old Testament)

NTC is accepting applications for a [post in Biblical Studies \(Old Testament\)](#) until 1 March 2018.

Point Loma Nazarene University Summer Visiting Scholars Programme

The Wesleyan Center at PLNU is accepting applications for its summer visiting scholars programme until 15 February. The programme is for scholars wishing to study and/or write on a topic related to the Wesleyan theological tradition. Scholars from any field of study are welcome to apply. Any topics written in the spirit of the Wesleyan heritage will be considered. For further details or to apply, contact Interim Director, Dr Sam Powell, at: SamPowell@pointloma.edu

The John Rylands Library

The Methodist Archives at the John Rylands Library has recently enhanced the cataloguing of the [Home Mission Papers relating to British Methodism](#). A recent blog—'[An argument in books: Augustus Toplady versus John Wesley](#)'—may also be of interest.

The MWRC on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube

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