Message from the Director

Welcome to the RUSSLR Report covering activities in 2014

Established in 2007, the University of Adelaide Research Unit for the Study of Society, Law and Religion (RUSSLR) is the first centre or institute in Australia to study the relationship between society, law and religion—putting it at the leading edge in Australia of what is already a major research area worldwide.

RUSSLR’s principal objective is to create a space for dialogue on significant issues involving the relationship between society, law and religion in Australia. We seek to foster an environment where divergent views can be expressed with good will and respect in order better to understand the place and role of religion and law in contemporary Australian society.

The work of members of the RUSSLR Research Group within the Adelaide Law School covers a diverse range of scholarship covering a wide spectrum of ideas related to the intersection of society, law and religion.

This Report outlines the activities of RUSSLR and its University of Adelaide members during 2014. As you will see from the Report, it was an exciting year, with both RUSSLR and its members making outstanding national and international contributions to the ongoing dialogue surrounding law and religion.

Paul Babie
Director
RUSSLR
I. RUSSLR Activities

A. 2014 RUSSLR Oration
Professor Steven D Smith, University of San Diego School of Law, 'Equality, Religion and Nihilism', 5 August 2014, Co-Sponsored by Pilgrim Uniting Church, Adelaide; Neville G Rochow SC; The University of Adelaide Research Unit on Military Law and Ethics

B. Inaugural Ethics, Law and Society Lecture
Professor Timothy Caulfield, University of Alberta, Faculty of Law, 'Health Myths and the Forces that Twist', 9 July 2014

C. Speakers
Dr Roshan de Silva Wijeyeratne, Griffith Law School, Griffith University, ‘The Protestant Turn in Sinhalese Buddhism in Colonial Ceylon in the 19th century’, 6 March 2014


Joshua Neoh, ANU College of Law, ‘Law and Love in the Garden of Eden’, 29 April 2014

Professor Ann Belford Ulanov, Union Theological Seminary, New York, ‘The Un-shuttered Heart’, 11–13 September 2014, Co-sponsored with Pilgrim Uniting Church, Adelaide

II. Research Activities of RUSSLR Members

A. Books
Margaret Castles and Anne Hewitt, *Dispute Resolution and Ethics*, (Thomson Reuters, 2014).

Bernadette Richards and Jennie Louise, *Medical Law and Ethics, A Problem-Based Approach* (LexisNexis, 2014)

B. Book Chapters


C. Articles


D. Grants
E. Conference/Seminar/Lecture Presentations

Paul Babie, ‘Climate Change as an Economic and Faith Issue’, G20 Interfaith Summit, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, 16–18 November 2014

Paul Babie with Patrick Quirk, ‘Recent US and Australian cases on religious freedom’, Australian Catholic University, Sir Thomas More Law School, Public Lecture, Sydney, Australia, 29 October 2014


Suzanne Le Mire, ‘Ethics and the Civil Law’, invited presentation as part of a panel on ethics for legal practitioners, CPD Forum, Law Society of South Australia, 7 February 2014


Joshua Neoh, ‘Law and Love: (Re)turn to Paul’, Presented at the Colloquium on Law and Love, Humanities Research Centre at the Australian National University, 5 December 2014


Joshua Neoh, ‘The Name of God on Trial: Narratives of Law, Religion and State in Malaysia’, School of Arts and Social Sciences Seminar Series, Monash University in Malaysia, 14 July 2014

Joshua Neoh, ‘Law or Love: The Foundation of Political Community’, Annual Conference of the Australian Society of Legal Philosophy, Murdoch University, 29 June 2014

Joshua Neoh, ‘Law and Love: (Re)turn to Paul’, Research in Progress Seminar, ANU College of Law, 29 May 2014


Bernadette Richards, ‘Consent, Research and the National Statement’ Bellberry Ethics training weekend, 24 May 2014
Bernadette Richards, Specialist panelist, Royal Institute of Australia (RiAus) Donate Life event, 4 June 2014

Bernadette Richards, Innovative Surgery and Consent: Linkage Grant workshop, 30 October 2014

Bernadette Richards, ‘Driving Re-Generative Medicine Workshop’, Toronto, Canada, 6–7 November 2014

Bernadette Richards, ‘Consent, Confidentiality and the Vulnerable Patient’, Dental CPD, 21 May 2014 and 8 August 2014

F. Other Publications
III. Other Activities of RUSSLR Members

A. Teaching
Paul Babie, Adelaide Law School, Law and Religion (LLB/MCL) (Elective Subject), Semester 1, 2014

Paul Babie, Brigham Young University Law School (USA), Peking University (China) Certificate Training Program on Religion and the Rule of Law, 10-day intensive subject, July 2014

Paul Babie, Brigham Young University Law School (USA), Hanoi University (Vietnam) Certificate Training Program on Religion and the Rule of Law, 10-day intensive subject, July 2014

B. Community Service
Paul Babie, Advisory Editorial Board, Member (by invitation), Routledge Research Series in Law and Religion (UK)

Paul Babie, Chair, Editorial Board (by invitation), Interface: A Forum for Theology in the World (Australia)

Paul Babie, International Advisory Board (by invitation), Journal of Law and Religion (Cambridge University Press, UK)

Paul Babie, Editorial Board (by invitation), International Perspectives in Victimology (California State University, Fresno, USA, and Tokiwa International Victimology Institute, Japan)

Paul Babie, Ethics Series Editorial Board – Chair (by invitation), ATF Press (Australia)

Paul Babie, Editorial Board (by invitation), Ethics: Critical and Contemporary Perspectives (Australia)

Paul Babie, Editorial Board, Chair (by invitation), Interface: A Forum for Theology in the World (Australia)

Bernadette Richards, Editorial Board, Journal of Bioethical Inquiry

Bernadette Richards, President, Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law (AABHL) (by appointment)

Bernadette Richards, Deputy Chair, Southern Adelaide Clinical Human Research Ethics Committee

Bernadette Richards, Secretary, Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law

Nigel Wilson, Co-ordinating Committee Member, St Barnabas’ Theological College 2015 Conference

C. Awards/Prizes
Paul Babie, The University of Adelaide, Faculty of the Professions, Executive Dean’s Commendation for Excellence in Research (2014)