

# AASR Conference programme - 2011

## FRIDAY 1 JULY

5.00 onwards **Registrations – Level 1, outside Harvard Rooms**

6.00 – 6.55 Reception and Welcome from Prof. Mike Evans, Head of the School of Arts and Social Sciences

7.00 Charles Strong Lecture – Harvard Rooms  
Dr Anne Gardner - The Apocalyptic Visions of Dan 7:2-14; 12:1-3: their persistent appeal and the notion of revelation.

## SATURDAY 2 JULY

8.30 **Registrations – Level 1, outside Harvard Rooms**

### SESSION A – Room: Harvard 1

9.00 – 11.00 1 Douglas Pratt Swiss shock: Minaret rejection and European values – Islam and the challenge of tolerant neutrality  
2 David Herbert Paradise lost? Islamophobia and the collapse of multiculturalism in the Netherlands  
3 Benjamin Isakhan The Maliki government of Iraq: manipulating ‘Islam’ and ‘Democracy’ towards ‘Pluralised Authoritarianism’  
4 Roxanne Marcotte The Muslim gaze at the Jewish ‘other’

11.00 **Morning Tea and Book display – Seminar Room, ground floor**

11.30-1.00 1 Mustafa Tekin Embodying women in a global world: a sociological and political analysis of gender in Islam – the case of Turkey  
2 Dilek Cindoglu Secularism and women’s agency in local politics: the contested boundaries of the patriarchal political culture in Turkey  
3 Nicole Stirling Changes to the religious practice and identity of Iranian and Turkish migrant women in Australia

1.00-2.00 **Lunch and Book display – Seminar Room, ground floor**

2.00-3.00 **Penny Magee Memorial Lecture:** Deane Fergie – On Indigenous futures

3.00-3.15 **Break**

3.15-4.45 1 Taghi Azadarmaki Religion and food in Iranian culture  
2 Carmen R. Alviar Spirituality of food  
3 Paul Healy The taste of New Religious Movements

5.00-5.20 **Presidential Address**  
Prof. Douglas Pratt - Stressing Religious Studies: Some reflections on what we do, and how we are doing

5.20-6.30 **AGM**

7.30 **Dinner – Ivory Hotel ( for those who have registered for dinner)**  
Note: Dinner is Buffet style – delegates pay for their own beverages.

## SATURDAY 2 JULY

### SESSION B – Room: Harvard 2

- 8.30 Registrations
- 9.00 – 11.00
- 1 Ian Forrest-Jones Like lambs among wolves: mission and advocacy among one-percenter motorcycle clubs
- 2 Elizabeth Miller 'No splash diving' – evangelicalism and Australia's youth
- 3 Grant Bickerton, Dr Maureen Miner, Prof. Martin Dowson, Dr Barbara Griffin Personal spiritual resources as promoting work engagement and protection against burnout among Australia religious workers
- 4 Andrew Singleton 'A sky empty of angels': contemporary afterlife belief in Australia
- 11.00 **Morning Tea and Book display – Seminar Room, ground floor**
- 11.30-1.00
- 1 Jessica Garrahy Mediated monsters
- 2 Sheila McCreanor Mary MacKillop in political cartoons
- 3 Julian Droogan Archaeology, agency and the numinous
- 1.00-2.00 **Lunch and Book display – Seminar Room, ground floor**
- 2.00-3.00 **Penny Magee Memorial Lecture:** Deane Fergie – On Indigenous futures
- 3.00-3.15 **Break**
- 3.15-4.45
- 1 James L. Cox The Rainbow Spirit: a critical appraisal of a Christian Aboriginal theology
- 2 Remy Low On (not) understanding religion; or why only a hermeneutics of praxis can overcome metaphysics
- 3 Andrew Rutherford Philosophical perspectives on the epistemological believability of religion
- 5.00-5.20 **Presidential Address**  
Prof. Douglas Pratt - Stressing Religious Studies: Some reflections on what we do, and how we are doing
- 5.20-6.30 **AGM – Harvard 1**
- 7.30 Dinner – Ivory Hotel ( for those who have registered for dinner)  
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## SUNDAY 3 JULY

8.30                    **Registrations – Level 1, outside Harvard Rooms**

### **SESSION A – Harvard 1**

8.00                    **Women’s caucus breakfast**

- 9.00 – 11.00
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| 1 Matthew Dillon | The mythical potential and historical limitation in ancient Greek divinatory beliefs  |
| 2 Carole Cusack  | The production of ritual in modern Pagan religion: the Church of all Worlds           |
| 3 Angela Coco    | Pagan religiousness as ‘networked individualism’                                      |
| 4 Helen Farley   | A pilgrimage in pixels: an exploration of religious worship and ritual in Second Life |

11.00                    **Morning Tea and Book display – Seminar Room, ground floor**

- 11.30-1.00
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| 1 Deidre Michell | Divine horizons: theology and social class in the lives of two Australian women, Betty Archdale (1907-2000) and Kylie Tennant (1912-1998) |
| 2 Alan Edwards   | Ramana Maharshi as the Vedic Rishi Emperor: a critique on religious representations in colonial India                                     |
| 3 Steve Bevis    | Critics, churchmen and cheerleaders: the shifting voice of religious leadership in Kenyan politics  |

1.00-2.00                **Lunch and Book display – Seminar Room, ground floor**

- 2.00-3.30
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| 1 Devinder Singh | Exploring sacred geography of a displaced community: the case of Kashmiri pandits in India      |
| 2 Steve Bevis    | The promise and fulfilment of religion and community development? A case study from East Africa |
| 3 Rick Weiss     | Re-imagining religious communities in colonial India  |

3.30-3.45                **Afternoon tea**

3.45-5.00                **Panel: Marxism and religion.**

Speakers will present for 15 minutes each and then open to all for discussion and debate.

1. Roland Boer – ‘The religion of everyday life’: capital as fetish
2. Remy Low – Religion and revolutionary praxis: theologies of liberation in retrospect and prospect
3. Tamara Prosic – Orthodox Christian Theology and social change

## SUNDAY 3 JULY

### SESSION B – Harvard 2

8.00 **Women's caucus breakfast**

9.00 – 11.00 1 Stephen Muoki Joshua An organisational study of South African Catholic Church's responses to HIV and AIDS between 1984 and 2005: a historical-critical perspective

2 Douglas L. Kivoi The church versus the state: a case study of Kenya

3 Zachariah P. Duke Implications for the Australian Catholic Church speaking out in the public domain

4 Aaron Ghiloni and Sylvie Shaw Tramping through mud: religious responses to the 2011 Brisbane floods

11.00 **Morning Tea and Book display – Seminar Room, ground floor.**

11.30-1.00 1 Stephanie Dobson Gender and Islam: some emic perspectives from New Zealand Muslim women about interpreting Islam from a gendered perspective

2 Toni Tidswell The Qu'ran as critique and standard for the Hadith and later traditions: the case of Eve (Hawwa)

3 Julian Droogan & Caroline Ziemke-Dickens The emerging securitization of identity across Asia

1.00-2.00 **Lunch and Book display – Seminar Room, ground floor**

2.00-3.30 1 Des Tramacchi Entheogens and Australian Law

2 Robert Lingard Religious justifications in scientific debate: the example of Australian human reproductive cloning policy discourse

3 Matthew Seaman Red, yellow, blue and green: eco-mission within The Salvation Army

4 Yaghoob Foroutan Family, religion and social trends: socio-demographic analysis

3.30-3.45 **Afternoon tea**