

Child, Mission and Education Symposium



Held annually, this Symposium provides the opportunity for theologically engaged practitioners (including chaplains, RE teachers, Christian educators, ministers/pastors and children & families ministry leaders), those who are currently undertaking research around ministry with children and families and those who have previously completed such research, to gather, engage and explore together.

This year's Symposium explores the topic of Child, Mission and Education. Drawing together three significant thinkers, writers and leaders in their respective fields, this Symposium offers the prospect of challenging in-put, fascinating conversation and robust group engagement. A great day for anyone willing to be stretched in both their undergirding theological understanding and actual practice of ministry engagement with children and their families



Rev. Dr. John Flett - Co-ordinator of Studies (Missiology), Pilgrim Theological College

John is an internationally recognized scholar in the fields of intercultural theology and missiology. Originally from New Zealand, he completed his PhD at Princeton Theological Seminary. John has lectured to and learnt much from Christian communities across five continents. He is passionate about encouraging a passion for missiology in others.



Dr. Larissa McLean Davies - Deputy Director (Learning and Teaching), Melbourne Graduate School of Education (Melb Uni)
Larissa oversees the Master of Teaching program that encompasses 1000 pre-service teachers across Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary schools. Larissa's research interests include teacher education, Australian literature with a focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Literature, and the impact of literature on students' conceptions of identity, culture and belonging.



Beth Barnett - Learning and Theological Engagement, Victorian Council of Christian Education
Beth is a post-Christendom practitioner, teacher and resource writer. A key contributor to *Theology, Mission and Child: Global Perspectives*, Beth is a passionate advocate of integrating faith, theology and mission in all aspects of life. Beth has taught at a number of Melbourne theological colleges.

WHERE:

Centre for Theology & Ministry
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WHEN:

Friday 11 September 2015
9:45am to 3:30pm

COST:

\$40

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Larissa is the Deputy Director (Learning and Teaching) in the Melbourne Graduate School of Education (University of Melbourne). Having entered academia as an experienced English and Literature teacher, Larissa's research interests include teacher education, Australian literature with a focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Literature, gender in English education, critical literacy and in the impact of literature on students' conceptions of identity, culture and belonging. Larissa is committed to exploring the ways that texts can help young people in diverse communities gain an understanding of culture and place in a unique way, enabling them to make connection between their own and others' experiences.

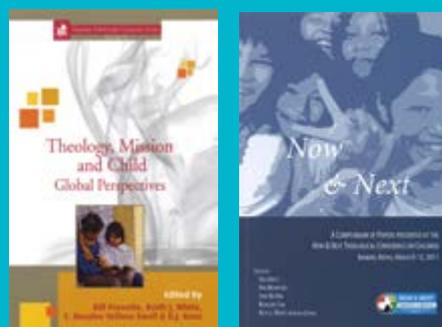


John is the Co-ordinator of Studies (Missiology) at Pilgrim Theological College, based at the Centre for Theology & Ministry. A New Zealander ordained as a Presbyterian in the US in order to teach at a South Korean Theology College, John arrived in Australia with his family at the beginning of 2015 having concluded a stint at the Institute for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies, Protestant University Wuppertal/Bethel (Germany). As someone who has lived on five different continents, contributed extensively to the field of missiology and has two primary-aged daughters, John brings a wealth of relevant experience and expertise to our gathering.



Beth is a post-colonial, post-Christendom, postmodern practitioner, teacher, artist and resource writer. Thinking about, theologising, facilitating and advocating for children and families, as both vulnerable and vibrant participators in their communities, continues to be at the heart of Beth's service in multiple missional roles. Currently working for the VCCE in the area of Learning and Theological Engagement, Beth is a passionate advocate of integrating faith, theology and mission in all aspects of life. Beth has taught at a number of Melbourne theological colleges and is (still) undertaking doctoral studies in the area of New Testament, examining the constructs of maturity in the letters of Paul.

For the second time, the Children & Spirituality Symposium will provide an opportunity for participants to engage reflectively with a number of recently released books. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to facilitate discussion around new books and other resources they have recently found helpful.



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