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ROLE AT PTC

Murray lectures and supervises research in Biblical Studies at the PTC, with a focus in New Testament and Greek exegesis. He is also engaged with developing materials for the Timothy Partnership *Diploma of Theology* program (www.timothypartnership.com.au).

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Ph.D. (cand.) Macquarie University (2007-)

Ancient History

Thesis: 'Jesus, Paul & the logic of the final advent in earliest Christianity'

M.A. (Hons) Macquarie University (2006)

Early Christian and Jewish Studies

Thesis: 'The Son of God and the Kingdom of Heaven: Eschatological Implications of the Son of God Christology in the Gospel of Matthew'

M.A. (Hons) University of Sydney (2001)

Early Modern European History

Thesis: 'Justifying Heresy: Martin Luther's Doctrine of the Work of Christ and his Break with Rome 1513-1522'

Grad.Dip.Ed. University of New England (2008)

Religious Education and History

B.A. University of Sydney (1999)

History, Sociology and Social Policy

PREVIOUS PASTORAL & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pastor for Teaching & Training, Kirkplace Presbyterian Church (Dec 2008-July 2010)

Lecturer in Koine Greek, School of Christian Studies, Robert Menzies College (2008-2010)

Lecturer in *Jesus: Person, Politics & Ethics* and *World Religions and the Christian Faith*, Macquarie Christian Studies Institute (2008)

Teacher of Religious Education, Presbyterian Ladies College, Sydney (part-time: Apr 2006-Dec 2008)

Teacher of History & Religious Education, Newington College (Jan 2002-Apr 2006)

Howard Guinness Internship, Sydney University Evangelical Union Graduates Fund (2000-2001)

AWARDS & GRANTS

The *Macquarie-Tyndale Travelling Scholarship* (2010) for research at Tyndale House, Cambridge, UK (Jan-Feb 2010)

Macquarie University Postgraduate Research Fund grant for research at the Asia Minor Research Centre, Izmir, Turkey (Jul 2009)

The *Sir Asher Joel Scholarship for Study in Israel* for research at the Israel Museum, the Hebrew University and l'École biblique et archéologique française de Jérusalem (Jan-Feb 2008)

The *Paul Dovico Prize for Early Christian and Jewish Studies* (2006) for best thesis in the Macquarie MA program.

PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS

Better than heaven: A biblical theology of hope, Biblical Theology for Life Series, (Zondervan: Grand Rapids, forthcoming)

'The Political Context of the Gospels' in M. Harding & A. Nobbs, *The Content and Setting of the Gospel Traditions*, (Eerdmans: Grand Rapids, 2010).

'The Gospels in Early Christian Literature' in M. Harding & A. Nobbs, *The Content and Setting of the Gospel Traditions*, (Eerdmans: Grand Rapids, 2010).

Jesus: All About Life, (NSW Bible Society: Macquarie Park, 2009).

Review of Nicholas Perrin, *Lost in Transmission? What Can We Know about the Words of Jesus?* (Thomas Nelson: Nashville, 2007) in *Crucible* 1:2 (October, 2008).

Murray has presented papers the *Society of Biblical Literature* meetings in New Orleans (2009), Rome (2009), Boston (2008), Auckland (2008), and Vienna (2007). He also presents regularly at the annual conference of the *Society for the Study of Early Christianity* at Macquarie University.

MEMBERSHIPS & APPOINTMENTS

Murray is a member of the *Society for the Study of Early Christianity* (2002-), the *Society of Biblical Literature* (2006-), and the *Evangelical Theological Society* (2009-).

He is the Scanner for New Testament Diploma units for the Australian College of Theology

OTHER

Murray is Co-Director of *Groundwork*, an evangelical and non-denominational training network that helps churches to ground their members in the gospel and equip them for the work of the 'ordinary Christian life' (www.gospelgroundwork.com.au).

He serves as an elder at Kirkplace Presbyterian Church (www.kirkplace.org.au), and preaches and teaches regularly at Kirkplace and elsewhere.