

SAVED BY TECHNOLOGY?

CUAC TRIENNIAL 2020 

THE PROMISE AND DANGER OF TECHNOLOGY
FOR CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

CUAC 10th International Conference
29th June – 4th July 2020
Whitelands College,
University of Roehampton, London, UK



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CONFERENCE THEME

Saved by Technology?

The Promise and Danger of Technology for Christian Higher Education

Since human beings like us first emerged, some 200,000 years ago, they have used their distinctively large brains to manipulate and change the world around them. They have been tool-makers and tool-users. Recently, however, the rate of the resulting technological advance has been astonishing: the digital world is now an inseparable part of the so-called real world; technology is even transforming the way we understand what it means to be human.

What do these changes, and their likely future developments, mean for the world of higher education in general and Anglican-founded universities and colleges in particular? Is face-to-face interaction any longer essential to good education? Might artificial intelligence supersede the human lecturer, at least in part? Is there a difference between access to knowledge and growth in understanding? Can relationships forged through shared physical space be equally well served by social media? And in all this, what might be lost and what gained?

Our next Triennial Conference in London aims to tackle these questions and more. Our panel of keynote speakers, including: Prof Tim Wu (USA); Dr Karen O'Donnell (UK); Dr Christianna Singh (India); and Prof Timothy Wheeler (UK) will provide the background we need for us to form our own views on the matter as we converse together.

Emerging technology promises to open the possibility of higher education to those who have lacked access before. But how might we avoid the accompanying danger that, in the process, education – especially Christian education – becomes something other, something thinner, than the best we can offer?

The Revd Jeremy Law, DPhil
Dean of Chapel, Canterbury Christ Church University
CUAC Distinguished Fellow



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, June 28, 2020

Chaplain Pre-Conference Delegates'
Arrival Day

- Chaplain Delegates Arrive for Pre-conference
- Transport provided to Whitelands College Campus from London Heathrow LHR
- Dinner for Board Members and Chaplains

MONDAY, June 29th

Chaplains Conference & Triennial Delegates'
Arrival Day

- Triennial Delegates Arrive
- Transport provided to Whitelands College Campus from London Heathrow LHR
- Chaplains' Conference 7:30 am – 6 pm
- Opening Dinner for All Delegates

TUESDAY, June 30th

Orientation & Launching, Reading Our Context

- Inauguration of Conference
- CUAC Welcome
- Orientation to Triennial Theme
- Keynote Presentations:
 - Jeremy Law – *Homo Sapiens as the Technological Animal*
 - Robert Derrenbacker – *The Printing Press as a 'Change Agent'*
 - Karen O'Donnell – *The Contemporary Challenges, Changes and Questions Raised by Technology*
- Reflection Groups
- Opening Eucharist
- Dinner



WEDNESDAY, July 1st
Theme Development I

- Keynote: Karen O'Donnell – *Stretchy Flesh: Theological Anthropology for Digital Spaces*
- Reflection Groups
- Bible Study (optional)
- Lunch with LASAR delegates
- LASAR Presentation
- CUAC/LASAR Panel Discussion
- Participant Presentations
- Accompanied Walk to Putney Heath
- Dinner
- Chapter receptions

THURSDAY, July 2nd
Theme Development II

- Eucharist
- Keynote: Tim Wu – *Information Versus Education*
- Reflection Groups
- Participant Presentations
- Choral Evensong at Westminster Abbey
- Leisure time in London
- Optional Dinner at Whitelands

FRIDAY, July 3rd
Theme Development III

- Keynotes: Christianna Singh & Timothy Wheeler – *Leadership in a Time of Technological Change*
- Reflection Groups
- Lunch in Chapters
- Participant Presentations
- Final Plenary Session/Business Meeting
- Group Photo (*Academic Dress Optional*)
- Closing Eucharist
- Closing Banquet

SATURDAY, July 4th
Delegates' Departure

- Transport to London Heathrow

RESOURCE PERSONS



Revd Nita C Johnson Byrd –

Chaplains Conference

Dean of Spiritual Engagement and Chaplain, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, former Chaplain at Saint Augustine's University, Raleigh, earned her B.S. and M.S. degrees

in electrical engineering from NC State University and her M.Div. and from Duke Divinity School, now makes interfaith connections at HWS. As an active member of the Association of Episcopal Colleges (AEC), Byrd participated in the planning committee for its "Ethics and Social Media Students' Conference."



Revd Canon Dr Robert Derrenbacker

The Printing Press as a 'Change Agent':

Books and Readers in Post-Gutenberg Christianity Dean at the Theological School at Trinity College (Melbourne, Australia)

since 2019. Prior to Trinity, Bob was

President of Thorneloe University in Sudbury, Canada. He is a New Testament scholar with particular interest in Greco-Roman literary cultures and ancient media technologies. Bob has been on the Board of Trustees for CUAC since 2011 and Chair since 2014.



Professor Jean-Noël Ezingard

Vice-Chancellor, University of Roehampton

Jean-Noël was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University of Roehampton in May 2019. His research expertise is in systems and processes management with a focus

on the social aspect of information systems management (including information security). Jean-Noël is a board member for the National Centre for Universities and Business.



Revd Dr Mark Garner

Head of Whitelands College

Before being appointed Head in 2012, Mark held academic posts in applied linguistics at universities in Australia, Indonesia, and Scotland. He has published

extensively on topics including language teaching, discourse analysis, and emergency communication. He graduated with MTheol from the University of Aberdeen, and was ordained to the priesthood in the Scottish Episcopal Church.



Revd Dr Jeremy Law

Homo Sapiens: the Technological Animal
Dean of Chapel at Canterbury Christ Church University. Following a first degree and post-graduate work in geology, he read theology

as part of his ordination training and subsequently completed an Oxford DPhil on the theology of Jürgen Moltmann. His published work includes reflections of the purpose of Education and the theology of human evolution. He is a Distinguished Fellow of CUAC.



Dr Karen O'Donnell

The Contemporary Challenges, Changes and Questions Raised by Technology (30th June)
Stretchy Flesh: Theological Anthropology for Digital Spaces (1 July)

Coordinator of the Centre for Contemporary Spirituality at Sarum College, Salisbury, UK. She is a feminist, ecumenical, practical theologian whose interdisciplinary research interests span theology, spirituality, and pedagogy. She is author of *Digital Theology: Constructing Theology for a Digital Age* (forthcoming, 2019).



Dr Christianna Singh

Leadership in a Time of Technological Change
Principal of Lady Doak College in Madurai, India and is a strong proponent of the use of teaching and learning with technology within higher education. She completed

her doctoral degree in Economics at Madurai Kamaraj University, with specialization in Gender Economics. Dr Singh is also a former United Board Scholar and has also undergone Advanced Leadership Training at the Haggai Institute, USA (Hawaii).



Revd David Stroud – Chaplains Conference
Anglican Chaplain Canterbury Christ Church University

David was ordained in 2004 and after serving his curacy in Portsmouth diocese took up a post as Mission and Outreach chaplain at Canterbury Christ Church University. In 2014 David became Senior Chaplain at the same institution. As an academic, David Lectures in Education and Practical and Pastoral Theology. He is a keen walker and cyclist and enjoys real ale and going to the cinema.



The Most Revd and Right Honorable Justin Welby

105th Archbishop of Canterbury, He was ordained in 1992 after an 11-year career in the oil industry. He spent his first 15 years serving in Coventry diocese, latterly

as a Canon of Coventry Cathedral where he jointly led its international reconciliation work extensively in Africa and the Middle East; he has had a passion for reconciliation and peace-making ever since. He has been CUAC's patron since becoming Archbishop.



Rt Revd Martin Wharton

Martin was ordained in 1972 and his varied ministry in the Church of England has included serving in parishes, on the staff of a theological college, a cathedral, as Bishop of Kingston and then, until retirement, Bishop of Newcastle. He has a lifelong interest in higher education and has been Chair of the Governing Body of Whitelands College and of St Chad's College in Durham. He has attended every CUAC triennial conference so far.



Canon Prof Timothy Wheeler

Leadership in a Time of Technological Change
Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Chester. He holds a doctorate in psychology and has enjoyed a long and varied academic career, including work in academic and industrial consultancies. He has published over 120 articles, books and research reports in a diverse range of areas including psychopharmacology, dyslexia, communications and safety. He is a Deputy Lieutenant for Cheshire and is actively involved with Chester Cathedral.



Dr Tim Wu

Information Versus Education
Julius Silver Professor of Law, Science and Technology at Columbia University in New York, and a contributing opinion writer for the New York Times. He is best known for his work on Net Neutrality theory. He is author of the influential article "Network Neutrality, Broadband Discrimination" (2003) and a number of significant books including: *The Master Switch* (2012), *The Attention Merchants* (2017) and *The Curse of Bigness* (2018). In 2017 he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.



CUAC Delegates in Chennai, India in 2017

CONFERENCE DETAILS

Registration Details

Full Registration

Includes: Conference fee, single accommodation, all meals and tea breaks

Early Bird: US \$1,600 before February 14, 2020

General: US \$1,775 after February 14, 2020

Off-Campus Registration

Includes: Conference fee, lunch, dinner and tea breaks

Early Bird: US \$1,125 before February 14, 2020

General: US \$1,250 after February 14, 2020

All registrations include transport to and from Heathrow International Airport and Whiteland College, as well as the conference excursion. Registration is open to delegates from active member institutions (or active individual members) whose dues have been paid.

Online Registration

Visit www.CUAC.org for the online registration form with payment accepted via credit card or PayPal.

Accommodation

On-campus accommodation is adjacent to the conference location.

Rooms are ensuite, single occupancy, with a common-room and kitchen area.

Off-campus double room accommodation can be booked by the delegate at:

Wandsworth or Putney Bridge Premier Inn's at www.premierinn.com (twenty-five minute single bus fare journey)

All accommodation is non-smoking. For questions regarding accessibility of hotel and conference facilities, please contact Whitelands at Steven.Taggart@roehampton.ac.uk.

Travel Information

Delegates are advised to travel to London Heathrow Airport/LHR if possible. The Chaplains' Pre-Conference delegates' arrival day is **Sunday, June 28th 2020**. **Triennial delegates'** arrival day is Monday, June 29th 2020. Departure Day is Saturday, July 4th. *Airfare is not included in the Conference Fee.*



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A complimentary shuttle bus will transport delegates to and from the London Heathrow Airport and Whiteland College as well as to Westminster Abbey for the conference excursion.

Please note: All other travel must be arranged by delegates at their own expense. If you need public transport instructions from other London airports, contact: Steven.Taggart@roehampton.ac.uk.

Visa Requirements

All foreign nationals entering the United Kingdom are required to possess a valid passport and visa. Please contact Steven.Taggart@roehampton.ac.uk if you require a “Letter of Invitation” from Whitelands College to obtain a UK visa. Please apply well in advance to ensure processing and issuing of a visa before beginning your travel.

Insurance

Delegates are reminded that health care insurance should be procured to cover all travel abroad. Sponsors of international conferences, including CUAC, are not able to assume health care and emergency medical responsibility for their delegates. When booking your travel, please arrange for medical insurance coverage. It can often be obtained through the credit card used to purchase airline tickets, and should cover both accident and illness abroad and, if possible, medical evacuation and body repatriation. Travel cancellation coverage is also advisable.

LASAR (Learning About Science And Religion)

The LASAR Centre, based at Canterbury Christ Church University, conducts research and provides public seminars, workshops and resources exploring the relationships between science, religion and other disciplines in education. The workshops explore Big Questions to do with personhood, meaning, and the nature of reality and also the strengths, relevance and limitations of various disciplines. Research projects seek to understand and inform the way that questions bridging science and religion are managed in educational institutions.

Call for Participant Presentations

A vital feature of Triennials is the interchange coming from presentations from CUAC members sharing insights and innovations from their experiences, which are scheduled over two sessions for delegates to choose. When registered, participants are invited to propose presentations they would like to make, either in a seminar form or with a poster talk in the Marketplace.

Chaplains' Conference

Maintaining Relevance in a Changing World

Co-convened by the Revd Nita C. Johnson Byrd, Dean of Spiritual Engagement and Chaplain, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, USA and the Revd David Stroud, Chaplain at Canterbury Christ Church University, UK.

To be called to the work of a chaplain in one of our Anglican Colleges or Universities is to be afforded a rare opportunity to live out one's vocation in a vibrant and changing environment. We stand at the front line between the promises of the Gospel of Christ and the reality of everyday living. Rowan Williams once spoke about the challenge for chaplains to be "part of the map, part of the furniture": safe, trusted, reliable whilst also being creative, adaptable and relevant to a new generation. In a recent interview he noted, "If I were to try to prepare chaplains for this work, I'd say, 'well let's begin by finding out what really animates you, not just your faith, your ministry, but what animates you as a person' and see what could be built around that."

In recognition of the vital contribution chaplains make to the life and Anglican identity of CUAC institutions, chaplains are warmly invited to arrive a day early to the London conference at no additional cost for a special chaplain's only introduction to the Conference. Building on previous years we shall come together to engage topics that are pertinent for our distinctive ministry in a way that will complement and enhance this year's conference.

Together we will connect with the local and national picture of Higher education in England and through prayer, worship and hospitality we will grow in our relationships together. Past triennials have led to lasting partnerships of support and encouragement between chaplains in different parts of the world. We hope the 2020 Triennial, will be no different.

Note: There will be no additional cost for chaplains to attend this extra day of the conference.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

Whitelands College, University of Roehampton, London

The Head of College writes:

Whitelands is the oldest of four constituent colleges that make up the University of Roehampton. We were established by the National Society of the Church of England in 1841, to train teachers for Church schools. We were the first institution in the UK to provide higher education for women. By the last decades of the 19th century, Whitelands was rated as one of the foremost female teachers' training colleges in the country. It became co-educational in the 1960s.

The great art critic and social commentator, John Ruskin, was a close friend of Whitelands until his death in 1900. Every year he gave the college copies of his numerous books, along with teaching materials such as botanical and geological specimens. Through Ruskin's personal influence, the Arts and Crafts pioneer, William Morris, made a magnificent altar frontal for the College chapel, which will be on display during the conference. Sir Edward Burne-Jones, the foremost stained-glass artist of his day, created 15 windows portraying female saints, which can be seen in the main building, Parkstead House.

Ruskin initiated the College's May Day festival in 1881, at which the students elected a May Queen for the coming year. The ceremony has continued every year since then; last year, at our 139th May Day, our colleague, Bishop Prince Singh, installed Queen Abby as May Monarch.

The College has occupied three sites throughout our history; we moved to our present site, at Parkstead House, in 2004. Like the College, the site has an illustrious history, and is now classified Grade 1 by English Heritage. It was built around 1760 as a country house for the Earl of Bessborough. A century later, the property was acquired by the Jesuits, and renamed Manresa; for a century or so it was a training college for Roman Catholic priests. During that period, the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins served his novitiate here, and was ordained at the church just down the road. He later returned to Manresa as a lecturer.

Today, the College continues to celebrate its Anglican ethos, and has close links with the Diocese of Southwark and with local churches. We are home to two academic departments, Psychology and Life Sciences, and the Ministerial Theology programme. Some 350 students live on-site during term-time, and around a further 2,000 students commute from elsewhere.

Whitelands occupies some 14 acres of grounds, which I hope you will find time to explore during your stay. There are lovely views over Richmond Park, which offers delightful walks.



Colleges & Universities of the Anglican Communion (CUAC)

CUAC is a world-wide network of Anglican colleges and universities which exists for the mutual flourishing of its members through engaging with each other, their society, and their churches, as they seek to enable their students and faculties to become active and responsive citizens in God's world.

CUAC connects over 160 institutions of higher education that were founded by and retain ties to the churches of the Anglican Communion. With institutions on five continents, CUAC exists for the exchange of ideas and the development of programs among member institutions.

CUAC is a network of the Anglican Communion organized in chapters by region for mutual support and periodic meetings. Membership assumes payment of an annual subscription based on the size of the institution or individual membership. Each active institution or member has a vote at the Triennial meetings of the association. Membership information can be found at the web site www.cuac.org or by contacting the Program Associate Julia DeLashmutt at office@cuac.org.

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