

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT: ANZATS 2016

Sunday 3 to Wednesday 6 July 2016

The Atonement.

Serene Jones has remarked that *'theologians have returned to the scene [of the cross] again and again, trying to decipher [its] significance...Yet the cross makes sense in ways that do not make sense. Imprinted on our conscious minds, it animates our unconscious compulsions and drives in ways that escape us. We live within the story [of the cross] but are not always quite sure how.'*

Given how central the Cross of Christ is to the Christian faith, no doctrine is more freighted with contested interpretations than the atonement. The subject invites speculation not only with regard to *how* we are made right with God through Christ, but *what* 'being made right' even means. In today's post-Christian environment, how can the Churches speak



meaningfully about the benefits of the Cross? And how do the Churches speak to one another on the same issue?

This conference invites papers from all theological disciplines which reflect on these and related issues.

Keynote Speaker

Rev Dr Serene Jones

The Rev Dr Serene Jones is the 16th President of Union Theological Seminary in New York, and the first female to hold that position. Professor Jones was appointed President of Union after seventeen years teaching at Yale University.

In 2016, Professor Jones will be the President of the American Academy of religion.

A prolific and popular scholar in the fields of theology, religion, globalization, and gender studies, her books include *Trauma and Grace: Theology in a Ruptured World* (2009), and *Feminist Theory and Theology: Cartographies of Grace* (2000).

Host

The 2016 ANZATS conference will be hosted by the University of Divinity, and will be held at the Trinity College Theological School and the Pilgrim Theological College, both in Parkville, Melbourne.

Call for Papers

1. Proposals should be between 200–250 words in length and must include your full name, title, institution (or location), and both email and postal addresses.
2. Ensure that your abstract demonstrates how your paper will fit within relevant discussions, among scholars and/or within the church.
3. Indicate whether you have an interest in creating a forum at the conference (e.g. to discuss a significant new book, to focus on a discrete area of specialisation, or to



discuss recent trends in theological education), or whether you would like to contribute an artistic or creative representation of the conference theme. **Please note that papers outside the theme will also be considered.**

4. If you are a doctoral student, you are asked to include a certification from your supervisor regarding the suitability of your proposal.
5. Note that papers should be no longer than 30 minutes in length. This will allow an additional 15 minutes for questions and discussion.
6. You must indicate whether you will need audio-visual equipment for your presentation, so that the appropriate room can be allocated.
7. The steering committee will give due consideration to all papers, even if not immediately related to the Conference theme. However, if space becomes limited, preference will be given to those papers that are more related to the Conference theme.

Abstracts should be emailed to Revd Professor Mark Lindsay,
mlindsay@trinity.edu.au by 7 March 2016.

The 2016 ANZATS conference will be immediately preceded by the Luther@500 conference. Hosted by the Australian Lutheran College, this conference will be a major event in anticipation of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. It will be held at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne, from 28 June to 3 July 2016. More details can be found at <http://www.luther500.com.au>

