

Theology and Qualitative Research

A One-Day Conference for Doctoral Advisers & Students



29th October 2021
St John's University NY/Online



The move towards doctoral research that combines Theology and Qualitative Research has grown significantly in recent years. These kinds of projects are genuinely pushing the envelope of research in a variety of ways and the different choices and decisions that are involved are exciting and creative but also complex. Doctoral work that situates itself as both theology and qualitative research crosses previously understood boundaries between disciplines, methodologies, and epistemologies.

This Day Conference, supported by St John's University NY, is for doctoral advisors/supervisors, doctoral students and those preparing to start doctoral work. It is designed as a conversation to facilitate our learning in this fast-emerging new field of theology.

Those presenting are all contributors to the forthcoming *Wiley Blackwell Companion to Theology and Qualitative Research* edited by Pete Ward and Knut Tveitereid.

All presentations will be 15 minutes giving a brief overview of their chapter and reflections on the implication of their work for the wider academy and Church with some thoughts on how their work might feed into the discussion around the design and supervision of doctoral work.

The presentations will be followed by around 45 minutes of discussion on the topic of doctoral work.

The day will be held at St John's University, Queens Campus, room tba. The day will also be online. Directions, digital links, and access information will be provided to registered participants in the weeks to come.

The day is supported by St John's University and there is no charge for attending.

Registration

To register to attend the conference online or at St John's please email Sandra Dobbins
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Organising Group

Rachelle Green, Fordham University
Easten Law, OMSC @ Princeton Theological Seminary
Pete Ward, Durham University and 2021 McKeever Chair St John's University NY

Conference Timetable

All times are NY Eastern Standard Time

9.00 Arrivals

9.20 Welcome from Fr Patrick Flanagan St John's University

9.30 – 11.00

Chair: Rachelle Green

Presenters:



Theology and Qualitative Research: An Uneasy Relationship

Pete Ward / Durham University, UK / peter.ward@durham.ac.uk



Empirical Research: Theological limits and possibilities

John Swinton / University of Aberdeen, UK / j.swinton@abdn.ac.uk



Reflexivity

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11.30- 1.00

Chair: Pete Ward

Presenters:



Ethnography as Critical Pedagogy

Rachelle Green / Fordham University, US / rgreen36@fordham.edu



Theology in the Lived

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World Christianity

Easten Law / Georgetown University, US / easten.law@ptsem.edu

1.00-2.00

Lunch Break (Lunch will be provided)

2.00 – 3.30

Chair: Easten Law

Presenters



Political Theology

Luke Bretherton / Duke Divinity School, US / luke.bretherton@duke.edu



Writing Research

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Worship

Glenn Packiam / New Life Church, Colorado, US / gpackiam@newlifechurch.org