

THEOLOGY & CULTURE CONFERENCE ON GENDERED VIOLENCE

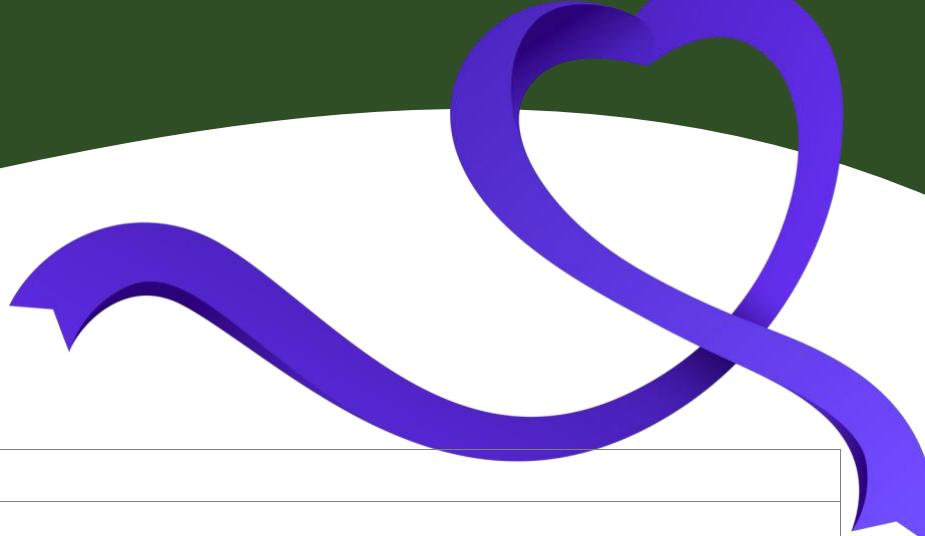
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

11-13 FEB 2026

DAY 1. WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

11:00 am - 12 noon	<p><u>PRE CONFERENCE SESSION - PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.</u> Please email Rosie (rosie.shorter@unimelb.edu.au) by 3rd February if you would like to attend. "Creating a Collective: an informal session for peer-to-peer support, mentoring, collaboration and friendship": Rosie Clare Shorter</p>					
1:30 pm	<p>Official Opening - Welcome to Country</p>					
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	<p>PLENARY PANEL: <u>What is Gender?</u> Moderator: Rosie Shorter Panel: Steff Fenton, Monica Melanchthon, Geoff Thompson</p>					
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5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	<p>Drinks and Dinner</p>					
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<p>OPENING NIGHT PANEL: <u>Is Religion Dangerous (for Women)? Mapping the Landscape</u></p> <p>Moderator: Rosie Clare Shorter Panel: Ruth Powell, Sarah Wendt, Timothy Jones, Sara Muzamil</p>					

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DAY 2. THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY

9:00 am	<i>Chapel Open for meditation and private prayer</i>		
9:30 am – 10:45 am	PLENARY KEYNOTE: <u>Gendered Violence and Biblical Texts</u> Speaker: Emily Colgan Moderator: Liz Boase		
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Morning tea</i>		
11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Concurrent Session 2: Workshops & Papers		
	WORKSHOP 2 11:15 – 12.10 <u>Jaime Simpson</u> : Pastor Sexual Exploitation of Adult Congregation Members (or Don't Call it an Affair) (55 mins) Session 2C - Chair: Robyn Whitaker 12:15 – 1:15 <u>Heather Centragolo</u> : Leading congregations through Metanoia: A Franciscan Approach to Systemic Change. <u>Joan Wright Howie</u> : Spiritually Informed Care: a source of empowerment in the face of gendered violence.	SESSION 2a - Chair: Tanya Riches 11.15 – 1.15 <u>Cath McKinney</u> : Knowing and Not Knowing: The Pursuit of Certainty as a Resistance to Good Work <u>Naomi Wolfe</u> : Decolonising Theology on Aboriginal Lands: Aboriginal Women's Wisdom Amid Violence, Faith, and Renewal <u>Ballina Gee (Tau il'iili)</u> : Reclaiming Matriarchal Wisdom + discussion	SESSION 2b - Chair: Kylie Crabbe 11:15 – 1:15 <u>Sara Muzamil</u> : "Towards Understanding FGM: Cultural, Health, and Human Rights Perspectives." <u>Angela Marquis</u> : The Silent Word: Language, Apathy and the Catholic Church <u>Fillaree Chapman</u> : Transforming Taboos: Why Wesleyan Epistemology Critiques Menstrually Motivated Gendered Violence + discussion

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1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	<i>Lunch</i>					
2:15 – 2:45 pm	<p>Spoken Word Play – Between Us, the Silence Breaks in the YUMA Auditorium A two-woman spoken word play that confronts the violence inflicted on women by theology and church institutions. Performers: <u>Naomi Wolfe & Sarah Eldridge</u></p>					
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	<p>Concurrent Session 3: Workshops & Papers</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;"> WORKSHOP 3 <u>Steff Fenton:</u> Transgender Healing for Gender Binary Violence – (55 mins) </td> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;"> Session 3a Chair: Liz Boase <u>David Tombs:</u> Gendered Violence, Victim-blaming, and Purity: The Ten Handmaids of Penelope and the Ten Wives of David <u>Caitlin Olsen:</u> The Call Comes from Inside the House: Reading Ezekiel 16 and 23 with and against the Logic of Horror. </td> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;"> Session 3b Chair: Gabrielle Hunt <u>Scott Holmes and Kerryn Lewis:</u> Laying foundations, increasing reach, applying learnings: 13 years of prevention work in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne <u>Jenny Richards:</u> Embodied Justice: A Faith-Law Understanding of Justice for Christian Women Experiencing Domestic and Family Violence. </td> </tr> </table>			WORKSHOP 3 <u>Steff Fenton:</u> Transgender Healing for Gender Binary Violence – (55 mins)	Session 3a Chair: Liz Boase <u>David Tombs:</u> Gendered Violence, Victim-blaming, and Purity: The Ten Handmaids of Penelope and the Ten Wives of David <u>Caitlin Olsen:</u> The Call Comes from Inside the House: Reading Ezekiel 16 and 23 with and against the Logic of Horror.	Session 3b Chair: Gabrielle Hunt <u>Scott Holmes and Kerryn Lewis:</u> Laying foundations, increasing reach, applying learnings: 13 years of prevention work in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne <u>Jenny Richards:</u> Embodied Justice: A Faith-Law Understanding of Justice for Christian Women Experiencing Domestic and Family Violence.
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3:45 – 4:15 pm	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>					
4:15 – 5:45 pm	<p>PLENARY KEYNOTE : <u>Eroticising Inequality: Pornography, Young People, and Sexuality</u> Speakers: Maree Crabbe with response from Erin Hutton Moderator: Robyn Whitaker</p>					
5:45 – 6:00 pm	<i>Optional Guided Meditation</i>					
6:00 pm onwards	<i>Free Evening</i>					

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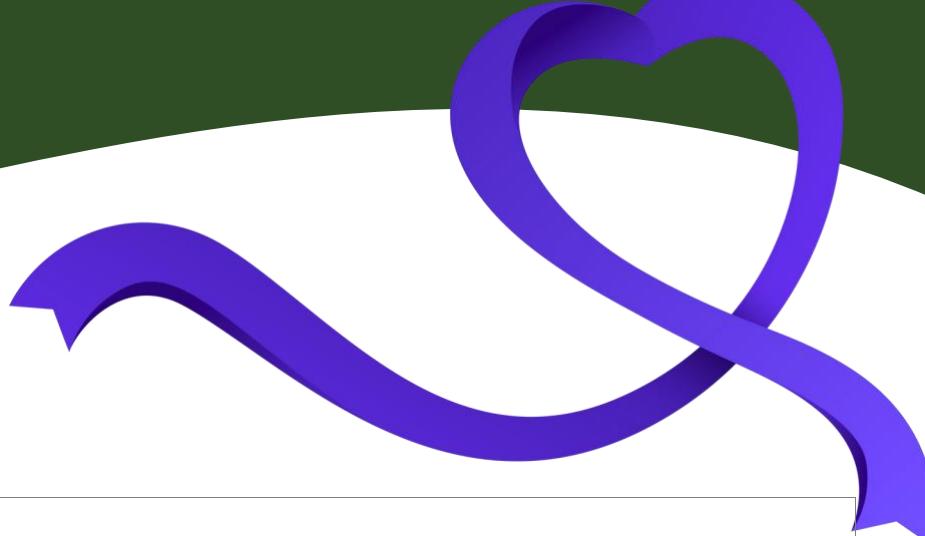
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09:00 am	<i>Chapel Open for Private meditation</i>		
09:30 – 11:00	Concurrent Session 4: Workshops & Papers		
	WORKSHOP 4 <u>Maree Crabbe</u> : Preventing Pornography's harms in theory and practice – (90 mins)	Session 4a Chair: Steff Fenton <u>Erin Hutton and Rosie Shorter</u> : Is the Bible a Safe Space? Reading the Bible when Responding to Violence <u>Laura Tharion</u> : Bread and Snakes: A reflection on theodicy, moral imagination, and the pastoral response to domestic violence. <u>Julie Marshall & Leigh Williams</u> : Beyond the Breakout Box: The Benefits of Genuinely Centring Survivor Voices	Session 4b Chair: Liz Boase A New Normal: Using Interdisciplinary Collaboration to Reframe Gender-Based Violence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Jenny Richards</u> • <u>Sharon Lockwood</u> • <u>Joan Riley</u>
11:00 – 11:30am	<i>Morning Tea</i>		
11:30 – 1:00pm	Concurrent Session 5: Workshops & Papers		
	WORKSHOP 5 <u>Elizabeth Lee</u> : To Forgive or Not to Forgive that is the Question (90 mins)	Session 5a Chair Kylie Crabbe <u>Lexi Eikleboom</u> : Knowledge as Rape in the Theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar <u>Liam Miller</u> : Loving Enemies and Bearing Suffering in Anne Brontë's: <i>The Tenant of Wildfell Hall</i> <u>Jess Hall</u> : Modesty, Purity Culture, and Gendered Violence in <i>Dannah Gresh's Secret Keeper</i>	Session 5b Chair: Tracy McEwan <u>Sarah Wendt and Josephine Clarke</u> : Feminist reflexivity and research practices to support religious community capacity to end domestic violence <u>Tanya Riches: Beyond Growth to Agency</u> : The Shifting and Gendered Adherence of Australian Pentecostal Women <u>Gabrielle Hunt</u> : Safeguarding as Mission: Evidence on current barriers and what this means for prevention.

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1:00 – 2:00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2:00 – 3:30 pm	PLENARY PANEL: <u>What about Forgiveness?</u> <i>Moderator:</i> Robyn Whitaker <i>Panel:</i> Charissa Suli, Safina Stewart, Rachel Kronberger, Naomi Wolfe
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Final thoughts and next steps
4:00 pm	<i>Conference End – Thank you</i>

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