

Enhancing  
postgraduate  
research  
in a thriving  
environment



RESEARCH DEGREES

## Theology and Religious Studies

### Research Culture

Theology and Religious Studies at Chester is a lively and exciting department to pursue your research. By embarking on an MPhil, PhD, or Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology, you will be joining a vibrant and thriving research culture, where academic staff and 100 postgraduate students work together in a supportive, stimulating and thriving environment.

As a research community, staff and students regularly meet to hear about each other's projects. As part of our department seminar series, staff and students give papers, and we invite scholars at the forefront of their field of study to present their work. In addition, as part of the Faculty of Humanities, TRS students have the opportunity to discuss their work with students and meet colleagues working in other disciplines. This range of events exposes you to the breadth of subjects in our field, and enables you to engage with cutting edge research in TRS.

### Our Staff and Research Activity

Our staff are nationally and internationally recognised for their research expertise and are able to offer supervision across a range of disciplines, including Biblical Studies; Second Temple Judaism; Early Christian History; Contextual, Practical and Public Theologies; Religious Studies; Contemporary Spiritualities; Religion and Society; Religion and Gender, and Systematic Theology and Theological Ethics. As an academic team, we draw on a wide range of approaches to examine Theology and Religious Studies: cultural studies, ethnography, hermeneutics, history, philosophy, quantitative and qualitative methods, media and material studies, practice-based research, sociology, and textual analysis.

This is illustrated in our well regarded and influential publications, our membership of professional and academic research bodies, and our participation and hosting of major conferences which attract internationally renowned scholars.

### Postgraduate Training

We are dedicated to providing you with excellent, professional training. We do this through workshops and seminars on undertaking research (to watch our previous training sessions: [www.chester.ac.uk/trs/research/seminars/videos](http://www.chester.ac.uk/trs/research/seminars/videos)). Our students are also involved in teaching, planning and organising research events, present their work at significant international conferences, and have also disseminated their work in peer-reviewed journals and edited publications.

### Our Commitment to You

Joining TRS at Chester means studying in a supportive interdisciplinary environment. You will develop skills vital to your academic work and future career and be surrounded by an enthusiastic and dedicated team who will work with you to reach your goals.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Dr Ben Fulford at [b.fulford@chester.ac.uk](mailto:b.fulford@chester.ac.uk) discuss your application. We look forward to hearing from you!

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