



**THE MCDONALD CENTRE
for Theology, Ethics, and Public Life**

Report 2015-16

NJB = Nigel Biggar, Director

JB = Jonathan Brant, Associate Research Fellow

ML = Michael Lamb, McDonald-Templeton Post-Doctoral Fellow

JO = James Orr, McDonald Post-Doctoral Fellow

SR = Stuart Ramsay, Associate Fellow

A. Strategic aims

The mission of the McDonald Centre is to bring a Christian intelligence to bear on ethical issues of public concern, with a view to

- developing Christian ethics' grasp of contemporary issues
- commending a Christian vision of moral life in society at large
- raising the quality of public deliberation about ethical issues; and
- encouraging Christian ethicists in the art of honest engagement with fellow-members of a 'secular' (i.e., plural) public.

B. Highlights

- NJB has become an occasional columnist for the London *Times*.
- The Centre published a briefing on the ethics of British military action against so-called 'Islamic State' in Syria, which was emailed to 250 MPs in advance of the vote in The House of Commons on 2 December 2015.
- The success of the Oxford Character Project has elicited enquiries about collaboration from The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities and the Blavatnik School of Government, as well as interest from other universities and foundations in Australia, Canada, China, Germany, New Zealand, South Africa, and the US.
- The Ethics of Inequality project was launched.
- The McDonald Graduate Studentship has been awarded for the first time.
- The 2013 McDonald Lectures by Professor Christopher Insole of Durham University, have been published by Eerdmans as *The Intolerable God: Kant's Theological Journey* (2016).
- The proceedings of the Centre's September 2013 conference, "New Conversations in Islamic and Christian Political Thought", which was organised by Professor Joshua

Hordern, have been published in the April 2016 issue of *The Muslim World* and the May 2016 issue of *Studies in Christian Ethics*

- The proceedings of the Centre's May 2014 conference on "In Defence of War?" have been published in the August 2015 issue of *Studies in Christian Ethics*.
- The Centre's website has been overhauled and upgraded.

C. Summary of activities and achievements

Professor Nigel Biggar, Director

This has been a relatively quiet year for the Centre, because the Director was on research leave until mid-January, beginning work on a book on *What's Wrong with Rights?* He started writing in February and estimates that it will take up at least until the autumn of 2017 to complete the project.

During 2015-16 NJB's own public profile, and with it that of the Centre, has been raised in several ways. First, on 7 July he was invited to give a briefing to parliamentarians at Westminster on the issue of legalizing physician-assisted suicide (PAS), and why it should be resisted, in advance of the House of Commons' debate on the Marris Bill on 11 September. This bill, which proposed to make PAS legal, was defeated by 330 to 118 votes.

Second, on 24 July the Chief of Staff of the Secretary of State for Defence reported that Lord George Robertson, former Secretary-General of NATO had been distributing copies of the NJB's *Scottish Review* article on the ethics of renewing Britain's nuclear deterrent, "Living with Trident", at a dinner party the previous week.

Third, NJB was invited to write a column for the Times newspaper in August on the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Since then the editor's door has lain wide open and he has published a further five articles (on Syria, Rhodes, *Charlie Hebdo*, Japanese war crimes, and British identity in Scotland). This represents a fulfilment of journalistic efforts that began over twenty years ago in 1995, when the NJB first published articles in the Belfast press on the Peace Process.

Fourth, in late November, responding to a proposal mooted by James Orr and Stuart Ramsay, NJB wrote a briefing, "Military Intervention in Syria: An Ethical Case for Britain's Participation". JO and SR assisted in designing a suitable template and distributed the briefing to 250 MPs in advance of the debate in the House of Commons on 2 December. In the event, the motion in favour of intervention was carried by 397 to 223 votes.

Fifth, in December the office of the Secretary of State for Justice strongly encouraged NJB to apply for the post of Chairman of the Judicial Appointments Commission. After giving the matter careful consideration, he declined, having decided that the post could not be combined with his current university and cathedral responsibilities.

Sixth, NJB's 22 December *Times* article on the Rhodes Must Fall issue helped precipitate four days' worth of debate in the Letters pages; and his contribution to the 19 January debate on RMF in the Oxford Union was reported in the *Times*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Daily Mail*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. It also led to

interviews on South African and Australian radio. His March 2016 article in *Standpoint*, “Rhodes, Race, and the Abuse of History”, has been posted (very discretely) on the website of the Rhodes Trust:

http://files.www.rhodesscholarshiptrust.com/rhodesandlegacy/Standpoint_Rhodes_March_16.pdf

Seventh, NJB was invited to meet with the Secretary of State for Defence and senior civil servants in the Ministry of Defence on 1 February, to discuss the case for retaining ‘Trident’.

Eighth, he has been invited to present his *Scottish Review* article at a dinner in London on 28 June, which Lord Robertson will host and which parliamentarians and senior civil servants and military personnel will attend.

Ninth, NJB has been appointed a member of the Ministry of Defence’s Independent Scientific and Technology Advice group.

In addition, he has lectured on the application of ethics to public policy at the Athenaeum in London, and, since January, on political forgiveness and assisted suicide in Montreal, on the ethics of remembrance in Dublin, and on just war in Tokyo and Chicago. He has also preached three times in Christ Church Cathedral and thrice elsewhere since the beginning of the year.

Dr Michael Lamb, McDonald-Templeton Postdoctoral Fellow

Now in the second year of his post-doc, Dr Lamb has continued combining his research and teaching with leadership at the Oxford Character Project and Rhodes House.

Over the last year, ML has finished an article on ‘Aquinas and the Virtues of Hope’ and a co-authored chapter on ‘Aristotle on the Ethics of Communicating Climate Change’ in a forthcoming volume from OUP. He has also completed drafts of several articles that he will submit over the summer and is currently finishing revisions on his book manuscript, *A Commonwealth of Hope: Reimagining Augustine’s Political Thought*, which has now been invited for full review by Princeton University Press. He has also drafted three of five chapters of his second book, *Augustine and Republican Liberty*, and is currently working on a co-authored book on character and leadership with Dr Jonathan Brant, Executive Director of the Oxford Character Project and an Associate Research Fellow of the McDonald Centre. This year, ML has given invited talks on Augustine, Aquinas, and character development at a number of universities and conferences across both religion and political theory.

Together with JB and others, ML has continued to develop the Oxford Character Project, a three-year interdisciplinary initiative that helps postgraduate students in various fields—including government, theology, science, economics, and engineering—reflect on the relationship between leadership and character and integrate their values into their vocations. In addition to researching character and moral formation, ML has helped to lead the Oxford Global Leadership Initiative, facilitating discussions of leadership, virtue, and vocation, organizing dinners and lectures with visiting scholars, developing a curriculum for postgraduate character development, fostering connections with various University departments, and mentoring postgraduate participants. Since October, he has held over 50 individual meetings with over 30 postgraduate students to discuss their research and

vocation. He has also advised Oxford's Developing the Christian Mind program and co-organized an 'Ethics through Fiction and Film' reading group, which meets twice each term to discuss novels and films that address fundamental ethical questions. This year's novels included Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* and Robert Penn Warren's *All the King's Men*.

In collaboration with NJB and Brian Williams, a Christian Ethics doctoral student, ML has also co-organized this year's McDonald Centre Conference on 'Everyday Ethics,' out of which the Centre intends to publish a co-edited volume. With NJB, ML applied for, and received, a grant of £7,491 from the John Fell Fund to help fund the conference, and he is currently working with the NJB and JB to organize next year's McDonald Centre conference on 'Cultivating Virtue in the University.'

As an extension of his work with the Centre and the Oxford Character Project, ML has served this year as Dean of Leadership, Service, and Character Development at Rhodes House, where he has been responsible for shaping the personal and professional development of Rhodes Scholars. He has helped to develop and facilitate two three-day retreats for 80-90 Rhodes Scholars – one on 'Service and Leadership,' the other on 'Building A Good Life' – and organized a mini-retreat session for Rhodes Scholar alumni at the recent Oxford North American Reunion. In addition, he has held a separate section of the Ethics through Fiction and Film Reading Group for Rhodes Scholars, mentored individual postgraduates, and helped to facilitate various events and discussions at Rhodes House.

Dr James Orr, McDonald Postdoctoral Fellow

Over the last academic year, Dr Orr has completed a handful of articles and reviews for submission to peer-reviewed journals. He has continued to revise his doctoral thesis for publication and to work on his postdoctoral project on natural law and divine intellectualism.

In August 2015, JO began working with developers to design and build a new website for the Centre. The website was launched in January 2016. In September 2015, he was interviewed by Olive Tree Media for a documentary series on the historical impact of Christianity on the Western tradition. In December 2015, he organised and distributed a briefing paper by NJB in support of British participation in military action in Syria. The briefing was delivered to 250 MPs and to the Lords Spiritual shortly before the debate in the House of Commons on UN Security Council Resolution 2249. Since March 2016 he has been co-ordinating the Centre's Inequality Project, a three-year interdisciplinary research project examining some of the theological and ethical issues arising from ongoing public-policy debates surrounding inequality in Britain and the United States. In April 2016, he was invited by the London-based think-tank *ResPublica* to co-author a report on the future of religious freedom in Britain.

In addition to his responsibilities at the Centre, JO has taken on the administrative role of Secretary to the Faculty of Theology and Religion. He has also organised a number of events on behalf of the Oxford and Cambridge chapters of the Trinity Forum. The series at Oxford examined the place of faith and the role of religious reasoning in British political life, while events at Cambridge focused on themes at the intersection of religion, science, and cultural history. Speakers included: Phillip Blond on Christianity and public policy; Simon Conway-Morris on theism and evolutionary convergence; Terry Eagleton on Christianity and

Marxism; Maurice Glasman on Catholic Social Teaching and ‘Blue Labour’; Dominic Grieve on religious freedom; Roger Scruton on Christianity, Islam, and secularism; Nick Spencer on the history of atheism; and A.N. Wilson on the bible and literary culture.

D. Teaching

While the education of students is not the McDonald Centre’s primary vocation, the Director and both postdoctoral fellows do spend a lot of their time teaching Christian ethics, which is an important way of shaping public life by shaping the young minds of those who will come to live it.

In 2015-16 NJB had ultimate charge of 15 postgraduate students. Of these, twelve have been engaged in doctoral studies and hail from Australia, the Netherlands, the U.S.A., and South Africa, as well as the U.K. They include a consultant in pediatric palliative care, a senior officer in the British Army, and a former B.B.C. journalist. Among their research topics are desire and the ethics of advertising, the ethics of asymmetric warfare, the rights of children in medical care, and the moral purposes of education.

In Michaelmas Term ML and JO taught a series of weekly master’s seminars, “Elements of a Christian Ethic”, together with Professor Joshua Hordern. This introduced students to basic concepts and methodological issues—Are there moral absolutes? What should be the relative roles of Scripture and natural law in a Christian ethic? How do consequences, intentions, and virtues feature in moral analysis? Can Christians speak on their own terms in public debates?

In Hilary Term, NJB joined ML and JO in offering a further series of master’s seminars, “Select Texts and Practical Issues in Christian Ethics”. This augmented students’ familiarity with classic texts and thinkers (Augustine, Luther, Butler, Barth), while giving them some experience of analyzing a selection of practical issues (homosexuality, euthanasia, Catholic Social Teaching, just war). NJB and ML also assisted Professor Hordern in teaching an undergraduate course on “A Christian Vision of the Moral Life: Practical Issues”.

In addition to jointly taught seminars and classes, ML tutored undergraduates for the “Theory of Politics” and “Political Thought: Plato to Rousseau” papers, while JO tutored for the Christian Moral Reasoning paper. ML also developed a new series of lectures on “Augustine’s Political Thought”, which attracted both undergraduates and postgraduates from Politics, History, and Philosophy, as well as from Theology & Religion. He served as an assessor for several D.Phil. students in Theology & Religion,

E. The 2016 May conference:

“The Ethics of Everyday Life: A Future for Moral Theology?”

The eighth annual May conference, “The Ethics of Everyday Life: A Future for Moral Theology?”, sold all of its tickets to an audience drawn from both sides of the Atlantic and the English Channel. Speakers included the Archbishop of Canterbury and Sir Andrew Dilnot, Warden of Nuffield College, Oxford, and Chairman of the UK Statistics Authority, as well as academic colleagues from Aberdeen, Cambridge, Chester, Duke, Haverford College, Leeds,

Oxford, Princeton, Regent College, Virginia, and Yale. Organized by ML and Brian Williams, a current D.Phil. student, in liaison with NJB, the conference was funded in part by a grant from the University of Oxford's John Fell Fund (£7,491) and the flight costs of several speakers were generously borne by the New City Commons, a social impact consulting firm in Charlottesville, Virginia; the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture at the University of Virginia; and the Oxford Character Project. The Oxford University Press sponsored the conference's formal reception.

F. The Oxford Character Project

In its second year of a three-year pilot, The Oxford Character Project (OCP) is an interdisciplinary initiative that aims to supplement the acquisition of academic knowledge, expertise, and skill with a creative, academically-informed programme for character development for postgraduate students at the University of Oxford. The OCP has seen tremendous success in all three of its practical streams of activity in 2015-16, generating increased interest from postgraduates and significant involvement from a number of distinguished speakers and mentors. Its Global Leadership Initiative in particular has attracted interest from a number of institutions in Oxford and beyond, due in part to its innovative practical programme of readings, discussions, and special events. The programme is informed by the OCP's theoretical and empirical research on character development, which is led by JB and ML, who have presented their research at a recent Jubilee Centre Conference on 'Cultivating Virtues' and are currently working on a two-volume book project to share the curriculum with a wider audience.

G. The Inequality Project

The issue of growing economic inequality within Western societies has been a focus of mounting political concern and controversy on both sides of the Atlantic in recent years. This three-year project aims to determine, as far as possible, what are the facts of the case, to distinguish kinds of inequality that are ethically problematic from those that are not, and to develop a Christian ethical assessment of the former. Its analysis and conclusions will be published in forms accessible by policy makers and public commentators. JO is managing the project in liaison with NJB and in collaboration with Edward David, a doctoral student, who is in the process of conducting a review of salient recent literature. In due course this Core Group will engage with a wider Reference Group of Christian economists.

H. The McDonald Graduate Studentship

The McDonald Graduate Studentship is designed to fund an outstanding postgraduate student at just over £20,000 per annum for up to four years. The Studentship was advertised for the first time in December 2015 and elicited 24 applications, which included three strong contenders. In March 2016 the Studentship was awarded to Mr Harmon Barlow, a US citizen currently completing master's degrees in religion and in law at the University of Virginia, who

carries experience as an intelligence officer in the USAF and as an investment banker on Wall Street. Mr Barlow will enter the M.Phil. programme in October 2016 with the intention of proceeding to doctoral studies in the ethics of economic life.

I. Visiting Fellows

The Centre has been pleased to host two Visiting Fellows in Trinity Term: Professor John Kelsay and Mr Alex Penk.

Professor Kelsay is Distinguished Research Professor (Religion) at the Florida State University. His most recent book is *Arguing the Just War in Islam* (Harvard, 2007). He has held Visiting Fellowships at the Princeton University Center for Human Values and at the Institute for International Integration Studies at Trinity College Dublin. In 2002-03 he received a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship in support of his research.

Mr Penk is CEO of the Maxim Institute, a Christian public policy think-tank in New Zealand, which has recently published reports on euthanasia and poverty. He holds the following degrees: BSc, LLB (Hons) (Auckland); LLM (Cambridge). Called to the NZ Bar in 2001, he was at temporary law lecturer at the University of Auckland in 2010.

J. Advisory Council

After six years sitting on the Centre's Advisory Council, Professor Werner Jeanrond asked to step down in December. Expressing due thanks for all his good service, the Director accepted his resignation.

In the course of the year, the following have generously agreed to serve on the Council:

- **Eric Gregory**, who is Professor of Religion at Princeton University and author of *Politics and the Order of Love: An Augustinian Ethic of Democratic Citizenship* (2008). He is currently finishing a book entitled *What Do We Owe Strangers? Globalization and the Good Samaritan*.
- **Sarah Mortimer**, who is Student and Tutor in Modern History at Christ Church, and author of *Reason and Religion in the English Revolution: The Challenge of Socinianism* (2010). Her current research is on the political thought of the 16th century, from Martin Luther to Hugo Grotius.
- **Tom Simpson**, who is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, and a Senior Research Fellow at Wadham College. A former officer in the Royal Marines Commandos, who served as aide-de-camp to the senior UK General in Baghdad, Iraq, and as an intelligence and operations officer in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, he has a special research interest in the ethics of trust.

- **Tom Tugendhat, M.B.E., M.P.**, who holds a B.A. in Theology from Bristol University and an M.A. in Islamic Studies from Cambridge. A journalist and entrepreneur in Beirut, then an energy analyst in the City of London, Tom served as an Arabic-speaking intelligence officer in the Royal Marines in Iraq and as Pashto-speaking adviser to the governor of Helmand Province in Afghanistan. He was elected Conservative M.P. for Tonbridge and Malling in 2015.

K. Professor Biggar: lectures and publications

Invited lectures and talks

- “Rhodes, Race and the Abuse of History”, annual meeting of ZANE, St Michael’s Church, Chester Square, London, 27 April 2016
- “Christianity and the Justification of War”, Stead Center for Ethics and Values, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, USA, April 2016
- “The Question of National Identity and the Treatment of Refugees”, Developing a Christian Mind programme, Oxford, 19 March 2016
- “The Possibilities and Problems of Peace on Earth: The United Nations, International Law, and National Interests”, Ebor Lecture, York, 16 March 2016
- “Rhodes, Race, and the Abuse of History”, Oundle School, 10 March 2016
- “Peace and War in Christianity: A Partisan Guide”, conference on Warrior and Pacifist Traditions in the Three Abrahamic Religions and Buddhism, sponsored by the Toda Institute and the University of Otago in New Zealand, Tokyo, Japan, 6-8 February 2016
- “How Christians Relate to the World”, Developing a Christian Mind programme, Oxford, 30 January 2016
- “1916 and the Ethics of Remembering”, St Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin, 23 January 2016
- “Must Rhodes Fall?”, Oxford Union, 19 January 2016
- “Judicial Reasoning in Britain and Canada on Euthanasia”, Newman Centre, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 13 January 2016
- “Forgiving Political Enemies”, the 2016 Claude Ryan Lecture, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 12 January 2016
- “Applying Ethics to Public Policy”, Athenaeum, London, 2 November 2015
- “Behaving in Public: Christian Witness in Political Life”, Sion Rogge Lecture, Lambeth Palace, London, 14 October 2015
- “The Arguments Against Assisted Dying”, House of Commons, Westminster, 7 July 2015
- “Is Just War Theory Still Relevant in the 21st Century?”, 2014-15 Lecture Series on Ethical Standards in Public Life, Von Hügel Institute, Cambridge, 28 May 2015

Book in progress

What’s Wrong with Rights? (OUP, 2018)

Chapters in books (published & forthcoming)

“A Global State, International Law, and the Containment of Persistent Conflict: An Anglican

Response to *Pacem in Terris*", in Heinz-Gerhard Justenhoven. Claus Kress, Mary-Ellen O'Connell, eds.. *Peace through Law*, Studies in Peace Ethics (Baden-Baden: Nomos & Aschendorff Verlagen, forthcoming)

"Fostering Reconciliation as a Goal of Military Ethics", in *The Ashgate Research Companion to Military Ethics*, ed. James Turner Johnson and Eric Peterson (Farnham: Ashgate, 2015)

"Regime-Change in Iraq: A Christian Reading of the Morals of the Story", in Robert Song and Brent Waters, eds, *The Authority of the Gospel: Explorations in Moral and Political Theology in Honour of Oliver O'Donovan* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2015)

Articles in journals (published & forthcoming)

"Just War and International Law: A Response to Mary-Ellen O'Connell", *Journal of the Society for Christian Ethics*, 35/2 (Fall/Winter 2015)

"Imprudent Jurisprudence? Human Rights and Moral Contingency", *Journal of Law and Religion*, 30/3 (October 2015) ISSN 0748 0814

"Religion's Place at the Table of 'Secular' Medical Ethics: A Response to the Commentaries", *Journal of Medical Ethics*, September 2015

"In Response", *Studies in Christian Ethics*, (August 2015)

"Falconer's Revolutionary Imprudence", *Modern Believing*, 56/2 (2015): 161-70.

Other publications (bulletins, pamphlets, newspaper articles and letters, interviews, blogs)

"Despite the noise, the Scots don't want to go", article, *The Times*, 26 March 2016:

http://www.mcdonaldcentre.org.uk/sites/mcdonaldcentre.ox.ac.uk/files/content/scottish_referendum_one_year_on.pdf

"Rhodes, Race, and the Abuse of History", *Standpoint*, March 2016:

http://www.mcdonaldcentre.org.uk/sites/mcdonaldcentre.ox.ac.uk/files/content/events/standpoint_rhodes_published_march_16.pdf

"Japan's face-saving still poisons the world", article, *The Times*, 16 February, 2016:

http://www.mcdonaldcentre.org.uk/sites/mcdonaldcentre.ox.ac.uk/files/content/times_yasukuni_15_feb_2016.pdf

"Charlie Hebdo took offensiveness too far", article, *The Times*, 9 January 2016:

http://www.mcdonaldcentre.org.uk/sites/mcdonaldcentre.ox.ac.uk/files/content/charlie_hebdo_took_offensiveness_too_far_the_times.pdf

"Charlie Hebdo, Legal Rights, and Moral Obligations", *The Critique*, January 2016:

<http://www.thecritique.com/articles/charlie-hebdo-legal-rights-moral-obligations/>

"Autonomy's Suicide", *The Newman Rambler*, 12/1 (Winter 2016):

<http://newmancentre.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Nigel-Biggarr.pdf>

"Message to Students: Rhodes was no racist", article, *The Times*, 22 December 2015:

http://www.mcdonaldcentre.org.uk/sites/mcdonaldcentre.ox.ac.uk/files/content/biggarr_nigel_-_rhodes_no_racist_times_221215.pdf

"Military Intervention in Syria: An Ethical Case for Britain's Participation", briefing paper for MPs (Oxford: McDonald Centre, 2015):

http://www.mcdonaldcentre.org.uk/sites/mcdonaldcentre.ox.ac.uk/files/content/briefing_on_military_intervention_in_syria_-_nigel_biggarr.pdf

"Less Hegel. More History: Christian Ethics and Political Realities", *Providence: A Journal of*

Christianity and American Foreign Policy, 1 (Fall 2015):

http://www.mcdonaldcentre.org.uk/sites/mcdonaldcentre.ox.ac.uk/files/content/less_hegel_more_history_providence_2016.pdf

“Inaction in Syria”, letter, *The Times*, 9 November 2015

“Critics should remember the Lords does its job fairly well”, article, *The [Glasgow] Herald*, 28 October 2015

“Morality demands that we go to war in Syria”, article, *The Times*, 10 October 2015:

<http://www.mcdonaldcentre.org.uk/news/morality-and-legality-syria-conflict>

“Autonomy’s suicide: an argument against physician-assisted dying”, the Ethics Centre, Sydney, Australia, 7 October 2015: <http://www.ethics.org.au/On-Ethics/blog/October-2015/Autonomy%E2%80%99s-suicide-%E2%80%93-an-argument-against-physician>

“Saddam’s evil regime had to go, Mr Corbyn”, article, *The Times*, 27 August 2015:

<http://www.mcdonaldcentre.org.uk/news/not-apologising-iraq-war>

“Do not despair: Scotland is not lost”, *Standpoint*, September 2015:

www.standpointmag.co.uk/node/6194/full

“An elected upper chamber will not reform the lords in the way required”, *The [Glasgow] Herald*, Agenda, 15 August 2015:

http://www.heraldsotland.com/opinion/13599083.Agenda_An_elected_upper_chamber_will_not_reform_the_lords_in_the_way_required

“Hiroshima and Nagasaki: Right or Wrong?”, *Premier Christian Radio*, 6 August 2015:

<http://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/Hiroshima-Why-pacifism-isn-t-the-only-option>

“Why Scottish nationalists should welcome the Scotland Bill”, *Sunday Herald*, 14 June 2015:

<http://www.heraldsotland.com/comment/letters/topic-of-the-week-powers-and-evel.128813068>

“Trident: why we should learn to live with it”, *Scottish Review*, May 2015:

http://www.mcdonaldcentre.org.uk/sites/mcdonaldcentre.ox.ac.uk/files/content/living_with_trident_biggar_may-2015.pdf

Radio interviews

2GB Radio (Australia), *Wake Up Australia*, “Oxford Students Declare Cecil Rhodes Statue Must Fall”, 20 January 2016

SAfm (South Africa), *Morning Talk*, “The Politics of Cecil John Rhodes”, 28 December 2015

BBC Radio Wales, *All Things Considered*: “Nuclear Weapons”, 2 August 2015

“The nation-state: how ethical is it?”, *Things Unseen*, July 2015:

<http://www.thingsunseen.co.uk/podcasts/the-nation-state-how-ethical-is-it/>

L. Dr Lamb: lectures and publications

Invited lectures (completed and scheduled)

“Rhetoric, Reasoning, and Republican Liberty: Augustine on the Use and Abuse of Power,” American Academy of Religion (scheduled for November 2016)

- “Augustine and Republican Liberty,” Reconsiderations Conference, The Augustinian Institute, Villanova University (scheduled for September 2016)
- “Unsettling American Political Thought: Wendell Berry’s Vision of Democratic Transformation,” American Political Science Association (scheduled for September 2016)
- “Cultivating Virtues in Emerging Adults: A Case Study from the Oxford Character Project” (with Dr Jonathan Brant), Jubilee Centre for Virtues and Character, University of Birmingham (scheduled for July 2016)
- “Religion, Politics, and Pluralism,” Developing a Christian Mind Conference, New College, University of Oxford, 2016
- “Civic Peace in a Secular Age: Reconsidering Augustinian Pluralism,” London School of Economics Legal and Political Theory Forum, 2016
- “Religion, Politics, and Pluralism,” Undergraduate Lecture for A Christian Vision of the Moral Life: Practical Issues, University of Oxford, 2016
- “Passion, Act, and Virtue: Aquinas on Hope,” Aquinas Seminar, Blackfriars, University of Oxford, 2016
- “Cultivating Virtue in Postgraduates: A Case Study of the Oxford Character Project,” Cultivating Virtues Conference, University of Birmingham’s Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues, January 2016
- “Augustine and the Politics of Hope,” Postgraduate Diploma in Theology Seminar, University of Oxford, November 2015
- “Augustine and the Politics of Hope,” Graduate Christian Forum, University of Oxford, November 2015
- “The Occupational Hazards of Working in the Academy: Augustine on Pride and Humility in the University,” Oxford Character Project, Oxford, October 2015
- “Existential Conversations Roundtable,” Invited Participant, Alan Gray Centre for Leadership Ethics, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, October 2015
- “Civic Peace in a Secular Age: Reconsidering Augustinian Pluralism,” American Political Science Association, September 2015
- “Hope for the Commonwealth: Augustine on Politics, Pluralism, and Civic Peace,” International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, August 2015
- Manuscript Workshop on *A Commonwealth of Hope: Reimagining Augustine’s Political Thought*, Augustine and Politics Colloquium, High Point University, July 2015
- Books (in progress)**
- A Commonwealth of Hope: Reimagining Augustine’s Political Thought* (under revision, invited for full review by Princeton University Press)
- Everyday Ethics: A Future for Moral Theology?* (co-edited volume from conference in preparation)
- Augustine and Republican Liberty* (drafts of 3 of 5 chapters completed this year)
- The Character of Leadership* (with Dr. Jonathan Brant; in preparation)
- Articles and chapters (published)**
- “A Passion and Its Virtue: Aquinas on Hope and Magnanimity,” in Ingolf U. Dalferth and

Marlene A. Block, eds., *Hope*, Claremont Studies in Philosophy of Religion (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2016), 67-88.

"Aristotle on the Ethics of Communicating Climate Change,' with Melissa Lane, in Clare Heyward and Dominic Roser, eds. *Climate Justice in a Non-Ideal World* (Oxford University Press, 2016).

"Aquinas and the Virtues of Hope: Theological and Democratic," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 44:2 (2016).

Articles (in progress)

"Beyond Pessimism: A Structure of Encouragement in Augustine's *City of God*" (drafted)

"The Ethics of Climate Change Communication" (invited for *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Climate Science* and *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Climate Change Communication*)

"Cultivating Virtues in Emerging Adults: A Case Study from the Oxford Character Project" (with Dr Jonathan Brant; drafted and in revision for presentation to Jubilee Centre for Virtues and Character)

"Augustine and Republican Liberty" (drafted and invited for *Augustinian Studies*)

"Civic Peace in a Secular Age: Augustine on Politics, Religion, and Republicanism" (drafted and presented at APSA and LSE)

M. Dr Orr: lectures and publications

Invited lectures

"The Place of Religion in Higher Education," Benedictus Academic Research Forum, Blackfriars, Oxford, 24/6/16

"First Principles as Moral Concepts," 'D' Society, Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge, 4/5/16

"Plato's Beard and Ockham's Razor: A Cumulative Case for Theism," Christian Heritage, Cambridge, 4/5/16

"Theism and Dispositional Essentialism," Senior Seminar, Analytic Philosophy of Religion, Oriel College, Oxford, 3/2/16

"Metaphysical Realism and *Ersatz* Participation," Centre for Philosophy and Theology, University of Nottingham, 20/11/15

"Diffusing Power: Legal Pluralism and Ecclesial Agency," Annual Conference of the Society for the Study of Christian Ethics, Westcott House, Cambridge, 3/9/15

Books

Divine Lawmaking: A New Approach (in progress)

The Maker's Mind: A History and Future of Divine Intellectualism (in progress)

Articles

"Classical Theism and Intrinsic Value" (in preparation)

"Classical Theism and Moral Concepts" (under review)

- “No God, No Powers: On Cartwright’s Escape” (under review)
 “Legal Pluralism and the Establishment Principle” (under review)
 “Berlinian Pluralism and Abrahamic Monotheism,” *Political Theology* (forthcoming, 2016)
 “Teleology as a Theological Problem in Kant’s Pre-Critical Thought,” *Modern Theology*
 (forthcoming, 2016)
 “Kant’s Protestant Suspicions: Metaphysical Realism and Ersatz Participation,” *Radical
 Orthodoxy: Theology, Philosophy, Politics* (forthcoming, 2017)

Reviews

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