

FELLOWSHIP FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES  
2018 National Conference, Sydney  
26-28 September 2018

## Australian Biblical Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

In 2018, we will be holding the fourth FBS national conference in Sydney. This conference offers an opportunity for Biblical scholars across Australia, New Zealand and beyond to come together to network, collaborate and share the best in local research on our own shores. Our mission is to represent the diversity, creativity and innovation of Biblical Studies in Australasia at a conference that fosters world class scholarship on a local level.

### Call for Papers and Special Sessions

Alongside an open call for papers, we will be introducing “Special Sessions,” where 3-4 invited papers will be presented on a particular area of research as a forum for exploring the intersections in research of local scholars.

Postgraduate students are especially encouraged to submit paper proposals as the **FBS National Conference** offers a friendly and constructive environment for testing out new research and gaining experience in academic presentations.

Venue: Australian Catholic University, North Sydney

### Keynote Speaker



Our keynote speaker will be Professor Mark Brett, Whitley College, Melbourne, who will be speaking on the “Past and future of Biblical Studies in Australia.” Professor Mark Brett teaches Hebrew Bible and ethics at Whitley College in Melbourne, within the University of Divinity. His research has focused on the book of Genesis, ethnicity, and postcolonial studies in the Australian context. He is the author of *Genesis: Procreation and the Politics of Identity* (2000), *Decolonizing God: The Bible in the Tides of Empire* (2008), and *Political Trauma and Healing: Biblical Ethics for a Postcolonial World* (2016) among many other works.

Offers of papers should be sent to Rachelle Gilmour ([rgilmour@bbi.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rgilmour@bbi.catholic.edu.au)) by June 30, 2018. Please include a paper title and short abstract (100-200 words). Proposals for a “Special Session” focusing on an area of interest are also welcome. For further details or any questions, contact Rachelle at email above or phone 02 9847 0528.