There has rarely been a more essential and timely need to examine the purpose and practice of Christian education around the world.

The inaugural CHC Research Symposium, Learnings and Loves: Re-imagining Christian Education, will feature well-known philosopher and author Dr James K. A. Smith with a keynote session Higher Education: What’s Love Got To Do With It? Longings, Desires and Human Flourishings, based on his book Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview and Cultural Formation (Day One). Sessions will be chaired by Ps Brian Mulheran, Dean of the CHC School of Ministries.

Dr Smith will also give a keynote address at the optional Millis Institute Launch Dinner, How (Not) To Be Secular: Cultural Engagement in a Pluralist Age.

Day Two will see the presentation of research papers broadly based on the themes of the Research Symposium. The event will conclude with a closing keynote by the Executive Director of The Millis Institute, Dr Ryan Messmore.

Registrations now open: chc.edu.au/event/learning-and-loves
Dr James K A Smith
Dr James K A Smith is professor of philosophy at Calvin College where he holds the Gary & Henrietta Byker Chair in Applied Reformed Theology & Worldview. The award-winning author of Who’s Afraid of Postmodernism? and Desiring the Kingdom, his most recent books include Imagining the Kingdom (2013), Discipleship in the Present Tense (2013), Who’s Afraid of Relativism? (2014), and How (Not) To Be Secular: Reading Charles Taylor (2014). His popular writing has appeared in magazines such as Christianity Today, Books & Culture, and First Things and periodicals such as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Detroit Free Press. He is a Senior Fellow of Cardus and serves as editor of Comment magazine. Jamie and his wife, Deanna, have four children.

Dr Ryan Messmore
Dr Ryan Messmore is the founding Executive Director of The Millis Institute, which promotes a Christ-centred, liberal arts education and is housed within Christian Heritage College. Dr. Messmore has also served as President of Campion College (Sydney) and as a research fellow at The Heritage Foundation in Washington, DC. He received his bachelor’s degree from Duke University, master’s degrees from Duke Divinity School and Cambridge University, and his doctorate in political theology from Oxford University.

Research Papers — Details & Deadlines

Abstracts: CHC invites scholars, teachers/educators, thought leaders, doctoral candidates and other interested participants and research students to submit a title and 200-word abstract for presentations in accordance with the symposium theme by 17 April 2016.

Publications: In an effort to disseminate a cross-section of the wealth of Christian education experience today, the CHC Higher Education Research Symposium intends to publish a compendium of research after the event. Contributions to this publication are welcome in one of two possible formats: Full paper (up to 3,000 words) OR 1-page summary (500 words). These submissions will need to be received by 8 July 2016 and presented at the symposium on 18/19 July 2016 by at least one contributing author. The decision as to which contributions may be selected for publication will be made by the editorial committee after the research symposium.

Streams: Subject to the research papers offered, the Symposium Program will organise papers into various streams so that conferees may specialise in their relevant areas of interest. Abstract submissions should therefore nominate preferred discipline areas, which may include pedagogy, philosophy, psychology, theology/Biblical studies, curriculum development, preschool/primary/secondary/tertiary education, incarnational approaches to teaching & research, didactic art, contemporary societal trends, special education, cognitive sciences (e.g., neuroscience), and educational technology.

Research Symposium Details

Date: 18-19 July 2016
Venue: CHC Higher Education
322 Wecker Road,
Carindale Queensland 4152
Discounted price: $195 per person (until 17 April, early bird rate)
Regular rate: $245 per person (from 18 April)
Includes: Regular sessions, welcome pack, lunches, morning & afternoon teas

Millis Institute Launch Dinner

Date: Monday, 18 July 2016
Time: 6.30pm for 7:00pm start
Venue: Tattersall’s Club
215 Queen St,
Brisbane Queensland 4000
Featured Speaker: James K. A. Smith
Price: $100 per person (not included in Symposium price; limited places)

Contacts & Registrations

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To register or submit an abstract, please visit the symposium website: chc.edu.au/event/learning-and-loves
Registrations close 8 July 2016