

UTS 2023 Research Day Winners: Michael Mickler and Savjola Konja

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2023 Research Day: UTS Faculty and Students Recognized for Recent Scholarship in Religion, Science, Peace, and Diplomacy

On Saturday, April 22, Unification Theological Seminary recognized the winners of the Research Day competition, in which current seminary students, as well as faculty, were invited to prepare an academic poster or visual description of a research project that they were currently pursuing.

Following a warm welcome by Steven Boyd, Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Life, UTS Provost Dr. Thomas Ward highlighted the work of key figures who have made valuable contributions to the Unification community and beyond, representing UTS as a home of thought.

The judges of the competition included Dr. James Fleming, Charles A. Dana Professor of Science, Technology, and Society, Emeritus, at Colby College; Professor William Lay, attorney and Former Director of the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Bridgeport; Mrs. Lynn Walsh, UTS Adjunct Lecturer; and Dr. Thomas Walsh, UTS President.

Dr. Fleming gave the keynote address introducing the work of James Croll, the 19th Century self-educated scientist who pioneered research and a theory of Climate change, which Fleming has studied extensively. Dr. Fleming combined his compelling analysis of James Croll's contribution to scientific thought with a personal reflection on the ways in which today's scholars can find ways to collaborate with scholars of the past, and in particular, with those who have been liberated and blessed.

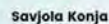
Professor William Lay introduced the faculty finalists and announced Dr. Michael Mickler, UTS Distinguished Professor of Historical Studies, as the winner of the faculty competition.

Professor Lynn Walsh introduced the student finalists and announced Savjola Konja, a student in the Master of Arts in Religious Studies Program, as the winner of the student competition.

You can watch the full event [here](#), and view the finalists' posters and summary presentations [here](#).

UTS RESEARCH DAY

Poster Competition Finalists





Nasve: Kevaise Noeda

Project Title: Ethical Paradoxes of Relief Systems: Viktor Frankl's Approach

Abstract: While belief systems often promote positive values, belief systems can also distort values to control or even oppress those they serve. This paper explores the ethical paradoxes of belief systems, using Viktor Frankl's approach as a case study. The paradoxes of belief systems are explored in the context of the Holocaust, where belief systems were used to justify the persecution of Jews. The paradoxes of belief systems are explored in the context of the Holocaust, where belief systems were used to justify the persecution of Jews. The paradoxes of belief systems are explored in the context of the Holocaust, where belief systems were used to justify the persecution of Jews.

Research Question: What are the ethical paradoxes of belief systems? This question is explored in the context of the Holocaust, where belief systems were used to justify the persecution of Jews. The paradoxes of belief systems are explored in the context of the Holocaust, where belief systems were used to justify the persecution of Jews. The paradoxes of belief systems are explored in the context of the Holocaust, where belief systems were used to justify the persecution of Jews.

Findings: Paradoxes of belief systems are explored in the context of the Holocaust, where belief systems were used to justify the persecution of Jews. The paradoxes of belief systems are explored in the context of the Holocaust, where belief systems were used to justify the persecution of Jews. The paradoxes of belief systems are explored in the context of the Holocaust, where belief systems were used to justify the persecution of Jews.

Methodology: This research is exploratory and qualitative. It involves a review of the literature on belief systems and the Holocaust. It also involves a review of the literature on the ethical paradoxes of belief systems. The research is exploratory and qualitative. It involves a review of the literature on belief systems and the Holocaust. It also involves a review of the literature on the ethical paradoxes of belief systems.

Next steps: A future study could explore the ethical paradoxes of belief systems in the context of other historical events. It could also explore the ethical paradoxes of belief systems in the context of contemporary events. A future study could explore the ethical paradoxes of belief systems in the context of other historical events. It could also explore the ethical paradoxes of belief systems in the context of contemporary events.

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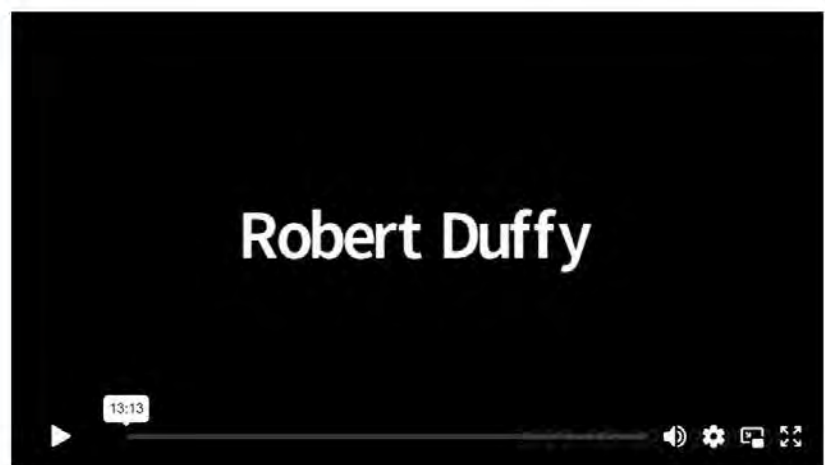
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Dr. Andrew Wilson, UTS Professor of Scriptural Studies
True Parents' Efforts for Religious Unity

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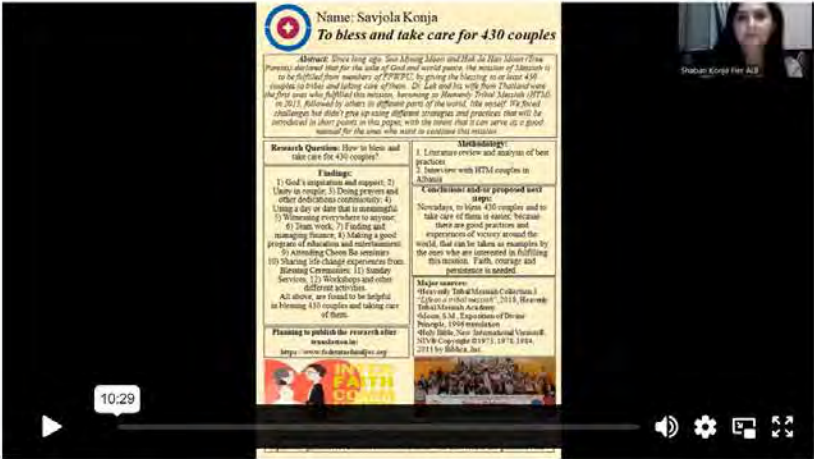
Student Competition

Robert Duffy, Student in the Master of Arts in Religious Studies Program
"Whiteness" and Critical Race Theory in Modern Life

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Mélanie Komagata, Student in the Master of Arts in Religious Studies Program
A Solution to the Korean Question: A Neutral Reunified Korea

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Judges



Dr. Christine Hempowicz.

- UTS Alumna and Student Body Vice President (1986) and Current UTS Trustee.
- Former University of Bridgeport Director of Sponsored Research
- Faculty Research Day Co-Chair at the University of Bridgeport
- UTS Adjunct Faculty for Research Methods
- Published in Springer's Technological Developments in Networking, Education and Automation.
- Contributor to the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) NCURA Magazine.
- Editor of UB Breakthroughs, highlighting scholarly research at the University of Bridgeport



Prof. William D. Lay

- Columbia University J.D. and Senior Editor of the Columbia Law Review
- Former Senior Associate of Skadden Arps
- Former Associate Fried Frank
- Former Law Clerk of New York Court of Appeal Judge Joseph Bellacosa
- Director of the School of Public & International Affairs and Chair of Criminal Justice & Human Security Programs at the University of Bridgeport
- UTS Adjunct Associate Professor of Law and Governance
- Published by E-International Relations; East Asia; Harvard Asia Quarterly; Columbia Law Review.



Dr. James R. Fleming

- UTS 1982 Alum and Student Body President
- Charles A. Dana Professor of Science, Technology, and Society, Emeritus, at Colby College
- Visiting Scholar and/or Professor at Harvard, Yale, Columbia, MIT, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, and Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
- Served on two National Academy of Sciences study panels, provided testimony to the U.S. Congress, and was a contributing author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- Series editor of Palgrave Studies in the History of Science and Technology
- Author of books and articles on history of science and the human dimensions of climate change published by MIT, Chicago, Columbia, Oxford, Johns Hopkins, and other university presses.
- Current research project is on the "Deocene" (or age of God) as both preceding and coextensive with the "Anthropocene" (or age of Man)

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