

## 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](#).



### Announcement of UTS Research Day Poster Competition Finalists



Thank you to everyone who joined us on March 5 for the first UTS Research Day!

Congratulations to the competition winners below!

Faculty Competition: Dr. Andrew Wilson and Dr. Keisuke Noda

Student Competition: Savjola Konja and Mélanie Komagata

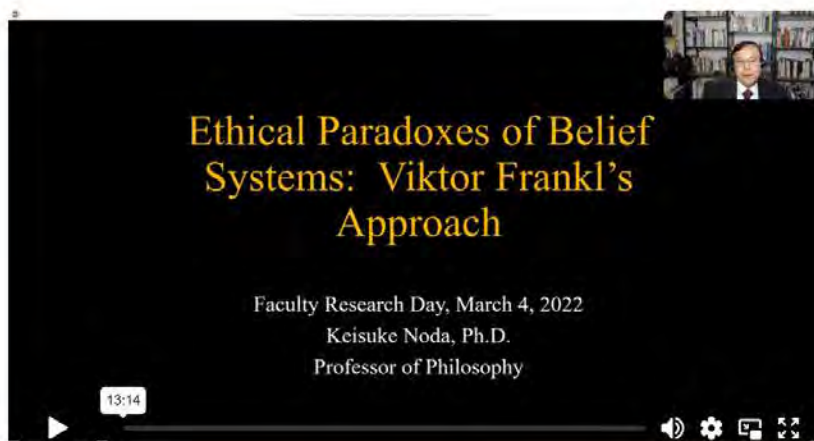
We invite you to watch the recording of the program [here](#).

Honorable Mention: Robert Duffy

Below, you may view the submissions of all the competition finalists.

#### Faculty Competition

Dr. Keisuke Noda, UTS Professor of Philosophy  
*Ethical Paradoxes of Belief Systems: Viktor Frankl's Approach*



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



**True Parents' Efforts for Religious Unity**  
 Dr. Andrew Wilson

The presenter begins how the presenter has researched and it is necessary for the establishment of a national constitution. It is not from the perspective of the Church. However, the national flag should be made only by the national study in the Christian world and America. The national flag of the United States and the flag of the United Kingdom.

**Abstract questions:**

- 1. How should the national flag be designed?
- 2. How should the national flag be designed in the world?
- 3. How should the national flag be designed in the world?

**Keywords:**

- 1. National flag
- 2. National flag
- 3. National flag

**References:**

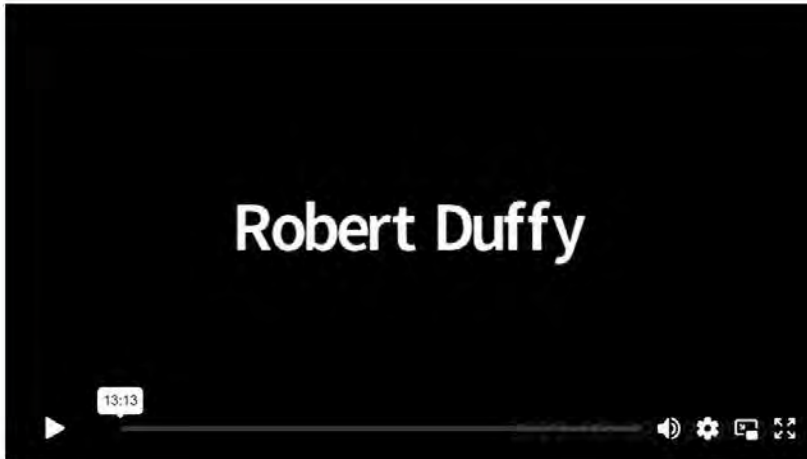
- 1. The National Flag of the United States
- 2. The National Flag of the United Kingdom
- 3. The National Flag of the United States

**Author:**

Dr. Andrew Wilson, UTS Professor of Scriptural Studies

### Student Competition

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



**Robert Duffy**  
**"WHITENESS" AND CRITICAL RACE THEORY IN MODERN LIFE**

**Abstract:** Whiteness and CRT are in the public mind. These concepts should be explored by whites and non-whites alike as part of a civic duty to promote equality of human value for all members of society.

**What is white culture?**  
 (Explained in modern society, and how it has contributed to social equity in the global, global culture?)

**Proposals and Critique:**  
 Typical Race Theory (CRT) is a complex of ideas that are often used to explain the social and economic conditions of the world. It is a complex of ideas that are often used to explain the social and economic conditions of the world.

**Whiteness and White Privilege:**  
 (Explained in modern society, and how it has contributed to social equity in the global, global culture?)

**Whiteness and Critical Race Theory:**  
 (Explained in modern society, and how it has contributed to social equity in the global, global culture?)

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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*



**Name: Mélanie Komagata**  
**Title: A Solution to the Korean Question: A Neutral Reunified Korea**

**Abstract:** The Korean Peninsula has remained divided for over 70 years and an eventual end has been found to finally the country in at least that a peaceful resolution of the Korean question, however the division. The separation of the peninsula was done during the Cold War mainly due to the great influence of the great powers in the region, and today, the two Koreas are still seen apart to their two great allies, the US and China. It is inevitable, a solution?

**Research questions:**

- 1. How should the Korean Peninsula be reunified?
- 2. How should the Korean Peninsula be reunified?
- 3. How should the Korean Peninsula be reunified?

**Keywords:**

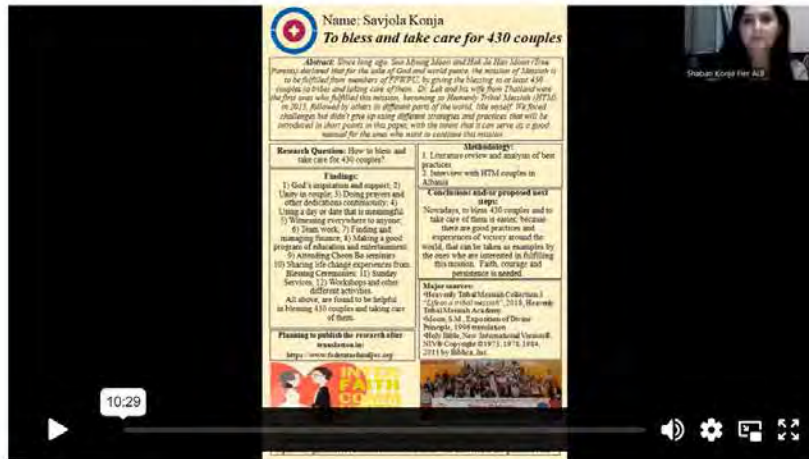
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**Author:**

Mélanie Komagata, Student in the Master of Arts in Religious Studies Program



## 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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