



Announcement of the 2023 Research Day Poster Competition Finalists



Thank you to everyone who submitted their academic posters for the 2023 UTS Research Day!

We are pleased to share the following submissions for both the faculty competition and the student competition. Submissions for the non-competitive category are also included below.

The winners of each competition will be announced on a live webinar on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 2 pm EST. All are welcome to register for the Zoom webinar [here](#).

Faculty Competition

Dr. Drissa Kone, Associate Professor of Conflict Resolution and Ministry
Reconciling the Tension Between Sovereignty and Humanitarian Intervention in the International Legal Order



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Five Lessons from Early Christianity for Unificationists

Michael L. Mickler



Name: Michael L. Mickler
Project Title: Five Lessons from Early Christianity for Unificationists

The success of an ultimate-epoch war is becoming the official religion of the Roman world in case of history's most improbable return. In doing so, early Christianity reinvigorated five lessons with an unificationist.

Research question Why, among all the wars, did only Christianity, which emerged in the Roman Empire, and not other religions, survive and spread throughout the world, and why did it survive in the face of other, older, and more powerful religions?	Methodology/Research Methods 1. Review of historical and modern scholarship on Christianity's emergence and spread. 2. Application of Unificationist theology and hermeneutics.
Development of Findings Early Christianity's success was due to: 1. Its unique message of love and peace. 2. Its focus on the individual rather than the state. 3. Its emphasis on the individual's role in the world. 4. Its focus on the individual's role in the world.	Conclusions/Next Steps 1. The Unificationist message is a unique and powerful message that can help bring peace to the world and reform the world's broken systems. 2. Unificationist theology is a powerful and transformative message that can help bring peace to the world and reform the world's broken systems.
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Student Competition

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

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"New Possibilities for Race Relations"
Part IV: Time Periods in U.S. History

Submitted by
James B. Edgerly
Student

Name: James B. Edgerly, UTS Student
Project Title: New Possibilities for Race Relations

Research on the New Possibilities for Race Relations (NPR) project through the efforts of the Unificationist Theological Seminary. Results to date are organized into this report. This report contains lessons for Unificationist U.S. history.

Research Question In the U.S. Unificationist is a nation of racial oppression. It is a nation struggling to address the historical legacy of slavery, a "racialized" society. Can we identify historical systems that regularly utilize a "racialized" system that is unificationist?	Research Methods • Study of historical and modern scholarship on race relations. • Study of historical and modern scholarship on race relations. • Study of historical and modern scholarship on race relations.
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Christopher Kennedy, Student in the Master of Arts in Peace Studies Program
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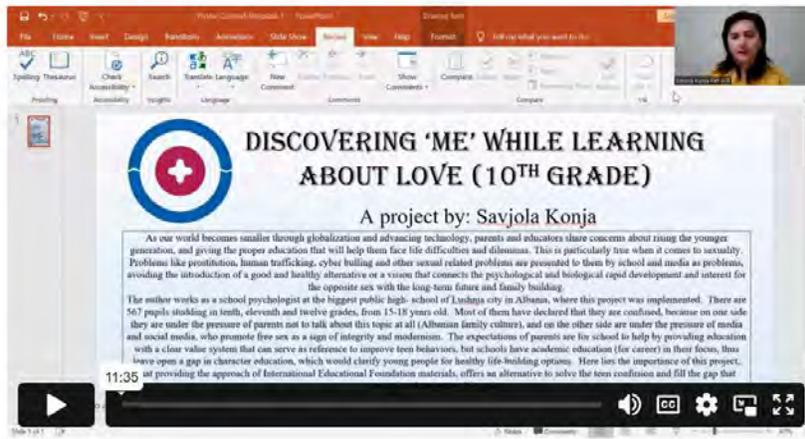
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Myoga Molisho, Student in the Master of Arts in Peace Studies Program
China-India Conflict, Is the End Near?



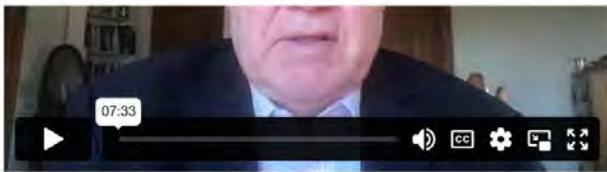
Bakytbek Toktorov, Student in the Master of Arts in Peace Studies Program
Ethiopia Conflict



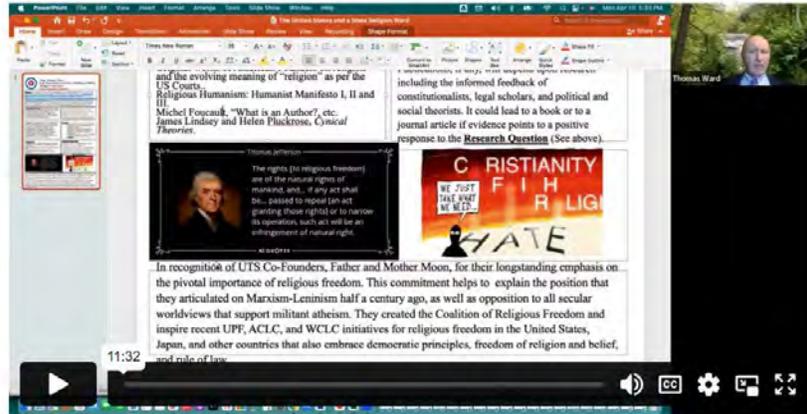
Non-Competitive Category

James Fleming, Charles A. Dana Professor of Science, Technology, and Society, Emeritus, at Colby College, and 2023 UTS Research Day Judge
Climate, Cosmos, and Causation: James Croll's Harmonization of Science and Religion





Thomas Ward, Professor of Peace and Development
Is the United States of America establishing an Official "Religion" of the State?



Judges



Dr. James R. Fleming

Jim Fleming is the Charles A. Dana Professor of Science, Technology, and Society, Emeritus, at Colby College. He has earned degrees in astronomy (B.S. Penn State University), atmospheric science (M.S. Colorado State University) and history (Ph.D. Princeton University). He graduated from the UTS Divinity Program in 1982.

Jim has earned a national and international reputation as a leading scholar in the history and public policy dimensions of the atmospheric sciences. Current research projects include "James Croll as a Cosmic Thinker" and "The Anthropocene and the Deocene: A Bigger Big History."

Jim is a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). He also received the Eduard Brückner Award for interdisciplinary climate research, but his greatest honor is earning a CheonBo Award in 2021 (with Miyoko Fleming).



Prof. William Lay

Prof. William D. Lay is an attorney and Former Director of the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Bridgeport, where he also served as Founding Chair of the Criminal Justice and Human Security graduate and undergraduate programs. He also served as President of the University of Bridgeport's Faculty Council.

He is a graduate of Columbia Law School, where he was senior editor of the Columbia Law Review and a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar (all semesters). He clerked for Judge Joseph W. Bellacosa of the New York Court of Appeals, and practiced law for twelve years at the Fried Frank and Skadden Arps firms in New York City, before opening his own law office in 2005.

Prof. Lay has authored published articles on International Law and the South China Sea Disputes (in the Harvard Asia Quarterly) and the Comfort Women Controversy (in East Asia); In 2019 he also co-authored Park Statue Politics on Comfort Women Memorials in the U.S. (E-International Relations Publishing), which was #1 in books of this category on Amazon.com for much of 2019.



Mrs. Lynn Walsh

Lynn Walsh taught Sociology and Behavioral Science courses for over 15 years at the University of Bridgeport and Mercy College including Human Sexual Behavior, Gender Role Dynamics, Approaches to Parenting, Marriage Enrichment, Family Issues Today, and Marriage and Relationship Education.

She has been teaching as an Adjunct Lecturer at the Unification Theological Seminary for over ten years. Lynn is the Director of the Universal Peace Federation's Office of the Family and represents UPF at the UN. Lynn serves on the Executive Committee of the NGO Committee on the Family, NY at the United Nations and served two terms as the Co-chair from 2014 to 2018.

Earlier in her career she was an adolescent and family therapist at Fair Oaks Psychiatric Hospital in New Jersey and a couples' counselor for the Blessed Family Department in New York for many years. Lynn is certified to teach numerous relationship education programs. Her publications include the chapters "The Family and Eradicating Violence against Women" in Family Capital and the Sustainable Development Goals, "Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment" in The Family and Achieving the MDGs, and

"Intergenerational Solidarity: The Springboard for Societal Well-Being" in Family Futures, as well as numerous articles for UPF International. She and her husband, Dr. Thomas Walsh, have two sons and two granddaughters.



Dr. Thomas Walsh

A 1979 graduate of Unification Theological Seminary, Dr. Walsh went on to earn his Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University's School of Religion where he specialized in the study of Religion and Ethics.

Since his graduation, Dr. Walsh has taught courses at a number of colleges and universities as well as at Unification Theological Seminary.

As he became more involved with the academic and ecumenical activities of the Unification movement in the 1990s, he also continued to teach on a part-time basis in higher education for many years. Dr. Walsh has worked closely with UTS Co-Founders Rev Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon in the establishment and in the leadership of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) where he serves as International Chair. UPF holds General Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Dr Walsh has edited more than twenty books and publications for the Universal Peace Federation and he serves as Executive Editor of *Dialogue & Alliance*, an academic journal indexed by the American Theological Library Association.



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