

2019 ANNUAL LECTURE

Wednesday, 8 May 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Sydney College of Divinity
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Making Sense of Sensory Language in the Gospel of John

Dr Gosbell's SCD Annual Lecture opens up some of her recent research that explores how the New Testament documents depict the human senses, focusing on the Gospel of John.



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Following Dr Gosbell's lecture, Professor James Harrison will launch her monograph 'The Poor, the Crippled, the Blind, and the Lame': Physical and Sensory Disability in the Gospels of the New Testament (2018, Mohr Siebeck).

This is the first major New Testament study of the interactions of the historical Jesus with people with disabilities. How did the gospel writers reinforce and reflect, as well as subvert, culturally-driven constructions of disability in the ancient world? What emerges is a strikingly original and masterful study of the ministry of Jesus against the backdrop of Second Temple Judaism and the Graeco-Roman world.

Louise employs the visual, literary, and documentary evidence to construct a graphic portrait of the daily life of physically and social marginalised people in antiquity, and the radical dimension of Jesus' ministry to them.

Light supper will be provided after the book launch.
RSVP by Wednesday 1 May 2019 to scd@scd.edu.au



Banquet, a mural by Hyatt Moore