

## Recognizing UTS Scholarship in Religion, Science, Peace, and Diplomacy

Thomas Ward  
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Many thanks to all of you for your ongoing support of UTS. We are thriving under the leadership of our new President Thomas G. Walsh who has opened the door to deepening UTS ties to the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and to Our Co-Founder, Mother Hak Ja Han Moon. For those who have not done so, I would encourage you to take look at the recent [UTS Annual Report](#) to find exciting updates on recent UTS developments.

I would also like to invite you to join us on Saturday April 22, 2023 when we will host: **"2023 Research Day: Recent UTS Scholarship in Religion, Science, Peace, and Diplomacy."**

This is our second annual event. At UTS, Research plays a central role in this institution that has been referred to as one of Unificationism's most important Homes of Thought.

Join us Saturday April 22 as a Member of the UTS Faculty and a UTS student are recognized for their contribution in the field.

Our Judges Professors William Lay, Dr. Thomas Walsh, Professor Lynn Walsh, and James Fleming have all made their mark in academic research and we are fortunate that they will join this event live.

Prof. Fleming, nationally recognized professor, researcher, author, and UTS alum (1982,) will share some of his thoughts on a current project that he is engaged in related to science and religion

Below, you will find links to view our finalists' posters and summary presentations as well as a link to register for the webinar.

I hope that you will join us and support Heavenly scholarship!

With Gratitude,



Thomas Ward

Provost, Unification Theological Seminary

[View the finalists' posters and register!](#)

# UTS RESEARCH DAY 2023

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**Saturday, April 22, 2023**

**Faculty and Student Categories with  
Awards for the Winner in Each Category**

**HOSTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE PROVOST**



### 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*



None, Drissa Kone  
Present Title: RECONCILING THE TENSION BETWEEN SOVEREIGNTY AND HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ORDER

Abstract of the paper challenges the international community for being largely in the pursuit of the protection of particular states in the absence of a legal framework for humanitarian intervention. Humanitarian intervention is a controversial issue. It raises the issue of state sovereignty, human rights, and the responsibility of the international community to protect the civilian population of the state that is the subject of the intervention. The issue of humanitarian intervention is a complex one, and it is not clear what the international community should do in such a situation. The author argues that the international community should not intervene in such a situation unless it is necessary to protect the civilian population of the state that is the subject of the intervention.	Abstract of the paper discusses the tension between sovereignty and humanitarian intervention in the international legal order. It argues that the international community has a responsibility to protect the civilian population of the state that is the subject of the intervention, and that this responsibility is not limited to the state's own territory. The author argues that the international community should not intervene in such a situation unless it is necessary to protect the civilian population of the state that is the subject of the intervention.
None	None

# Five Lessons from Early Christianity for Unificationists

Michael L. Mickler



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

**Abstract:** The nature of an abstract church was in becoming the official religion of the Roman world in one of history's most remarkable events. In doing so, early Christianity revolutionized the human condition on Earth.

<b>Research question</b> Why, among all the other religions, did Christianity, which appeared in the Roman Empire, not just appear as one more religion, but the religion for an entire culture, and why, among those who chose Christianity, did it become the dominant religion of the world?	<b>Methodology/Research Methods</b> 1. Review of historical and modern academic scholarship on Christianity. 2. Application of Unificationist theology and hermeneutics.
<b>Development of Findings</b> 1. Early Christianity was a Jewish sect. 2. Christianity was not a new religion, but a new interpretation of the Jewish faith. 3. Christianity was not a new religion, but a new interpretation of the Jewish faith. 4. Christianity was not a new religion, but a new interpretation of the Jewish faith.	<b>Conclusions/Next Steps</b> 1. The Unificationist movement should be seen as a continuation of the Christian mission to bring the world to God, and not as a new religion. 2. Unificationist theology should be seen as a continuation of the Christian mission to bring the world to God, and not as a new religion.
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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*

**Unification Theological Seminary 2023 Research Day**

**"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

**Abstract:** Research on the New Possibilities for Race Relations project started in October 2023, primarily through the efforts of the Unification Church. Results to date are organized into this report. This report contains findings in three "Time Periods in U.S. History."

**Research question:** In the U.S., Unificationists have a long history of racial oppression. In a nation struggling to address a generational legacy of racism, "New Possibilities" for race relations are being explored. Can we identify historical approaches that uniquely address contemporary racial challenges?

**Methodology/Research Methods:**

- 1. Analyze historical documents and scholarly works.
- 2. Apply Unificationist theology to contemporary racial challenges.
- 3. Offer unique insights into the future.

**Conclusions/Next Steps:**

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Christopher Kennedy, Student in the Master of Arts in Peace Studies Program  
*The Impact of Media on Attitudes towards Peace Initiatives*

**Name:** Christopher Kennedy  
**Project Title:** The Impact of Media on Attitudes towards Peace Initiatives

**Abstract:** This report is a research paper on the impact of media on public opinion and attitudes towards peace initiatives. It explores how the media, through news coverage and social media, shapes public opinion and attitudes towards peace initiatives. The report highlights the importance of responsible and balanced media reporting on conflict, especially in public opinion surveys where media can impact public opinion.

**Research question:** What effect does the media's representation of conflict have on public opinion and attitudes towards peace initiatives?

**Methodology/Research Methods:**

- 1. Review of historical and modern academic scholarship on the impact of media on public opinion and attitudes towards peace initiatives.
- 2. Apply Unificationist theology to contemporary racial challenges.
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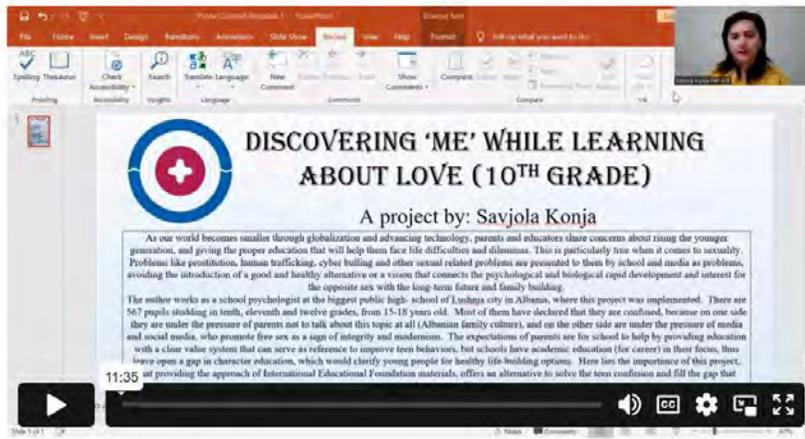
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Savjola Konja, Student in the Master of Arts in Religious Studies Program  
*Discovering 'Me' While Learning About Louisa (10th grade)*



Myoga Molisho, Student in the Master of Arts in Peace Studies Program  
*China-India Conflict, Is the End Near?*



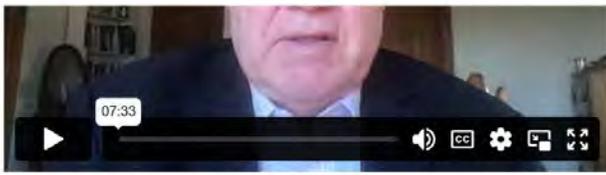
Bakytbek Toktorov, Student in the Master of Arts in Peace Studies Program  
*Ethiopia Conflict*



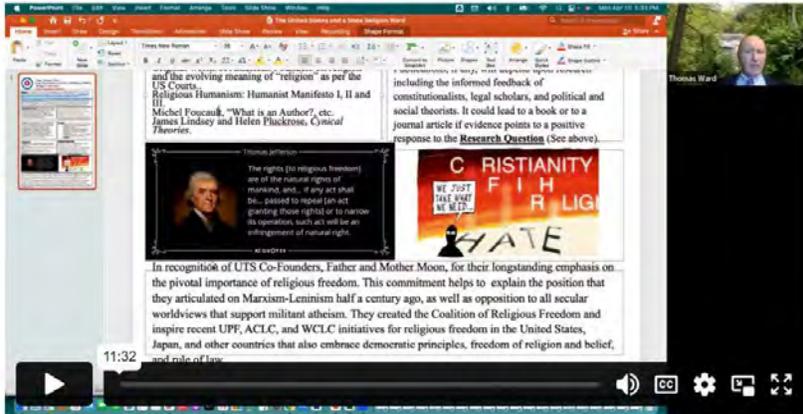
**Non-Competitive Category**

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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