

New member of staff - Dr Karen Wenell

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The summer of 2011 sees Dr Karen Wenell join the School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion's academic teaching staff.

Previously a Lecturer in Creativity, Culture and Faith at the University of Glasgow, Karen is a New Testament scholar concerned with the engagement between Biblical Studies and the Social Sciences, and the ways the text relates to lives in the ancient and contemporary world.

She is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the British New Testament Society, and the European Association of Biblical Studies, for which she co-chairs the research programme **Bible and Sacred Space** (<http://www.eurassbibstudies.group.shef.ac.uk/sacspace.htm>) with Cor de Vos (University of Münster)

As well as teaching three undergraduate modules, Karen will be offering research supervision in a number of specialised areas; including *Historical Jesus Studies*, *Spatial-Critical theory and the New Testament* and *Christmas and ethical consumption*.