

Thomas Richards

Curriculum Vitae

Current Employment

2017 – Present	Lecturer in Theology and Curriculum Developer	Talua Theological Training Institute, Vanuatu (working remotely)
2019 – Present	Editor-in-Chief	Trutok Media

Past Employment

2013 – 2017	Dean of Studies and Lecturer (Acting Principal, 2015)	Enefa Ministry Training Centre (Vanuatu)
2013 – 2015	Director of Mission	Southern Islands Presbytery, Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu
2011 – 2012	Associate Pastor	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Maida Vale
2005 – 2007	Teacher	Fitzroy Crossing District High School
2002 – 2003	Project Manager and Team Leader	Youth Challenge International (Vanuatu)
1999 – 2002	Program Director	Camp Wambaroo (Outdoor Education)

Qualifications

2008 – 2010	Master of Divinity	Trinity Theological College
2004	Graduate Diploma of Education	Edith Cowan University
1996 – 1998	Bachelor of Creative Arts	University of Wollongong

Awards

2010	Christian Thought Award and Biblical Exegesis Award	Trinity Theological College
2004	Claremont Alumni Prize for Professional Competence	Edith Cowan University

Volunteer Positions

2005 – 2007	Second Officer in Charge and Peer Supporter	Fire and Emergency Services Association, Fitzroy Crossing Unit
2003	Team Member, Tiwi Islands Holiday Program	Red Cross

Opinion and Feature Writing

2019, August 14	“Israel Folau’s Meme: Not Quite a Bible Verse”	<i>Eternity News</i>
2019, July 20	“Israel Folau’s Problem with the Trinity”	<i>Eternity News</i>
2019, June 5	“Israel Folau and the Bible”	<i>Eternity News</i>
2015, May	“Cyclone Pam: An Eye from the Storm”	<i>Eternity News</i>

Photography

Published in *Stella Magazine*, *Vanuatu Daily Post*, *ABC Online*, and *Eternity News*.

Academic Interests

Gospel of John (especially Jesus as a prophet like Elijah); The Trinity (especially in relation to modalism); repentance in biblical and reformation thought; hermeneutics in oral cultures; orality in theological education; two-way learning; the prosperity gospel and the Melanesian worldview; and Hiebert’s ‘excluded middle’ and a theology of the unseen realm.

Interests and Hobbies

Photography, graphic art, gardening, botany, sailing, kayaking, and hiking.

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