

# ACHE Seminar Series

Thursday 26 September, 1430PM (Adelaide Time).

Zoom Link to follow.

**Speaker:** Grace May Howe - Ph.D. Candidate, The University of Adelaide.

**Abstract:** On 1 January 1555, a large group of 29 evangelicals and their minister were arrested mid-prayer during a secret church service. The prisoners were taken to Compter prison to undergo interrogation, and on 4 January they received a comforting letter from a fellow gospeller, Bishop John Hooper. Letters such as these were not unusual but comprised a vital part of a thriving communication network between prisoners and their supporters. Bishop Hooper begun his letter with congratulations and offered the incarcerated Protestants words of reassurance and consolation. He also included a gentle warning against spiritual frailty as they prepared themselves for execution, noting that their conduct set an example to all English Protestants. But in the following days and weeks, all but two (a husband and wife) had recanted their faith and returned to Catholic orthodoxy. Their preacher, Thomas Rose, fled into exile. John Warne suffered burning in May 1555, followed by Elizabeth only a few months later. This paper will explore narratives of doubt and fear in John Foxe's accounts of the Marian martyrs (1555-8), arguing that even the most resolute believers struggled with their conviction to die in the face of persecution.

**Link:** Thursday 26 September 2.30PM (Adelaide Time)

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Our next paper in the ACHE Zoom Seminar Series will be given by Dr. Nora Baker in November. Nora is a graduate of the University of Oxford and has recently completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Tokyo. Details to come.

We are still accepting expressions of interest for participation in this seminar series. If you are interested, please send an email to [gracemay.howe@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:gracemay.howe@adelaide.edu.au)