

Name and position today and a short background

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Short CV

1985-89 Religious and Theological Studies and Education, University of Birmingham (Westhill College)

1998 MA (Pastoral Studies), University of Birmingham

2003 PhD (Theology), University of Birmingham

2001-2004 Senior Lecturer in Religious Education, University of Chester

2006-2009 Research Associate in Religious Studies, Open University

2004-2008 Head of Religious Studies, Cadbury Sixth Form College, Birmingham

2009- present Associate Fellow, Warwick Religions and Education Research Unit

Editorial Work:

Book Reviews' Editor, Journal of Beliefs and Values

Series Editor, Peter Lang AG series: Religion, Education and Values.

Keywords to characterize your research profile

Religious education, religious history of education, historical methodology, history of education, history of religion in the twentieth century, media history, religious studies

Your research and interest fields

My research is at the interface between religion, education and society, especially the religious history of education, religious education and RE teaching, secularization, and religion in the broadcast media. I am engaged in funded research into the effects of studying Religious Studies upon the values and worldviews of young people living amidst diversity. More broadly, I am interested in the impact of diversity upon the educational strategies of religious communities, the development of inter-religious and inter-cultural understanding, and 'faith schooling'. I am an historian of the Church of England and maintain an interest in practical and pastoral theology.

Current projects

The history of religious education, the application of historical methodology to contemporary educational issues, religious educational broadcasting, an oral history of religious education, history of Sunday schooling, the worldviews of sixth formers.

Bibliography (Please enter your publications with the latest at the top in each section)

Books

Parker, S.G., Freathy R.J.K. and Francis, L.J. (eds) (2012). Religious Education and Freedom of Religion and Belief. Bern: Peter Lang.

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- Freathy, R.J.K and Parker, S.G. Freedom from Religious Beliefs: Humanists and Religious Education in England in the 1960s and 70s. In Parker, S.G. and Freathy R.J.K. (eds) (in press). Religious Education and Freedom of Religion and Belief. Bern: Peter Lang
- Snape, M. F. and Parker, S.G. Keeping Faith and Coping: belief, popular religiosity and the British people. In Liddle, P., Bourne, J. and Whitehead, I. (eds.) (2001) The Great World War (Volume 2): the people's experience. London: Harper Collins.

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- Parker, S.G. and Freathy, R.J.K. (2012) 'Ethnic diversity, Christian hegemony and the emergence of multi-faith religious education in the 1970s', History of Education, 41: 3, 381–404.
- Parker, S.G. and Freathy, R.J.K. (2011) 'Context, Complexity and Contestation: Birmingham's Agreed Syllabuses since the 1960s', Journal of Beliefs and Values, 32: 2, 247 – 263.
- Freathy, R.J.K. and Parker, S.G. (2010) 'The necessity of historical inquiry in educational research: the case of religious education', British Journal of Religious Education, 32: 3, 229 – 243.
- Parker, S. G. (2010) 'Teach them to pray Auntie': Children's Hour Prayers at the BBC, 1940-1961', History of Education, Vol. 39: 5, 659-676.
- Parker, S.G. (2009a) Theorizing sacred space in educational contexts: a case study of three English Midlands Sixth Form Colleges. Journal of Beliefs and Values, 30:1, 29-39.
- Parker, S.G. (2009b) 'Blessed are the pacifists': E.W. Barnes of Birmingham and Pacifism, 1914-1945. Midland History, Vol. 34: 2, 204–219.

Other publications

Non-refereed articles:

- Stephen Parker, 'Wakefield, Henry Russell (1854-1933)', Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, Oxford University Press.
- Stephen Parker, 'Woods, Edward Sydney (1877-1953)', Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, Oxford University Press.
- Life After Death and Personhood, Dialogue: A Journal of Religion and Philosophy, Issue 29: November 2007.

Unpublished Reports:

- First Thoughts on Spirituality in the Sixth Form College, Farmington Fellowship Report, 2008. See: http://www.farmington.ac.uk/documents/reports/framed/phil_spir.html
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