

EDITORIAL

It is my pleasure as Managing editor, to welcome you to the Fall 2018 issue of the *Midwestern Journal of Theology*. I am again indebted to those who work so hard each Semester, to ensure the Journal appears. As usual, particular thanks go to Dr. Jason Duesing, Provost and Academic Editor, for all his invaluable assistance, and also to Mrs. Kaylee Freeman, for all her work as Journal secretary.

We are pleased and honored to begin this issue, by publishing the 2018 Faculty Lecture given at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The speaker this year was recently retired New Testament and Greek Professor Alan Tomlinson, who gave a scholarly analysis of Colossians 3:5, on the subject of 'An Evocative Vocative: Members (of Christ's body) upon the earth.' We are similarly honored to publish an important addition to John Newton and William Wilberforce studies, by established Newton scholar, Marylynn Rouse. Her article is cutting edge, presenting as it does, primary material much of which was previously unpublished.

The first of our final three articles is from Midwestern professor, Matthew Millsap, with his very intriguing, 'Infinite Dominion: *No Man's Sky* and the Cultural Mandate'. In his article Millsap argues that the video game *No Man's Sky*, is so phenomenally popular because of its correlation to the cultural mandate found in Genesis 1:26-28. Our penultimate article is a very helpful assessment of John Owen's influence upon Andrew Fuller, by David Norman, an adjunct professor at Midwestern. Our final article is a thought-provoking piece from Midwestern's Provost Jason Duesing, in which he recounts and analyses the events surrounding the conversion of Charles Spurgeon. Our final article is a thought-provoking piece from Midwestern's Provost Jason Duesing, in which he recounts and analyses the events surrounding the conversion of Charles Spurgeon.

We again conclude this issue of the *MJT* with several relevant and thought provoking book reviews, helpfully secured and edited by Dr. Blake Hearson.