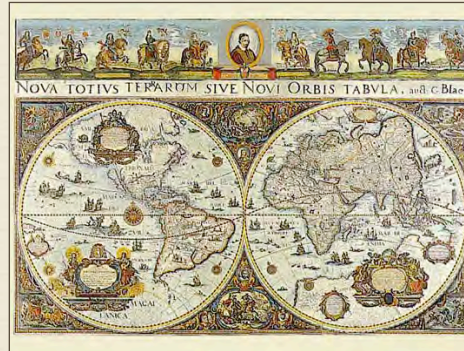
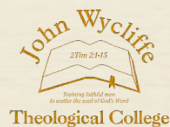


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JWTC and JEC Africa have identified the need to provide a dedicated academic graduate program for Puritan studies supported by scholars who share our unified vision and mission. Applicants for the M.Th. should possess the equivalent of an M.Div. or B.A. Honours. Applicants for the Ph.D. are required to have a Masters degree in the field of humanities (languages, history, theology, or philosophy). As part of the application process, the student will submit a research proposal, and, upon approval, will be assigned a Research Fellow for the supervision of research. This program will allow a student to complete a non-residential and first-rate research degree at a greatly reduced cost.

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The *Research MTh* program consists of two modules: (1) An independent study in Research & Methodology, and (2) A thesis (40 000 words) of original research. The thesis will be commenced upon acceptance of an approved research proposal and examined externally upon completion.

The *Research PhD* program consists of a comprehensive thesis of original research. The thesis will be commenced upon acceptance of an approved research proposal and consequent assignment of an internationally recognized advisor and co-advisor. Upon the successful completion of a first chapter, the student will register with the University of the Free State and will have four years (from the date of registration) to complete the thesis. The thesis will be then examined externally by an internationally recognized scholar. The final approved thesis is then defended at the University of the Free State and published by an internationally recognized publisher.

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Historically, the Puritans were known in general as those desiring to “reform the Reformation,” in England during the late sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Such an aspiration involved the burden to transform all of life according to the Scriptures from the Christian life individually to the Church of Christ corporately. This pursuit included an emphasis upon well-trained ministers with the conviction that higher education and well-formed Christian piety need not contradict one another.

So, as the Puritan William Ames (1576-1633) attested, “Theology is the doctrine of living to God” (*Theologia est doctrina Deo vivendi*). He went a step further using a Greek term to say that theology is “not unfitly called *theoçxia*” or “living to God.” By all means, for the Puritans, theological study was very academic, but it was always meant to be more than that. They were convinced that, by teaching us about God, theology leads us to him that we might live for him and not unto ourselves. PSP seeks to provide a setting where this rich and experiential Reformed theology of the Puritans can be examined thoroughly. At the same time, like the Puritans centuries before at Cambridge and Oxford Universities, PSP seeks to foster an educational environment that is both academically exceptional and spiritually applicable.

## RESEARCH FELLOWS

The Puritan Studies Program has an internationally recognized group of Research Fellow group of scholars who widely publish.

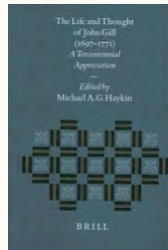
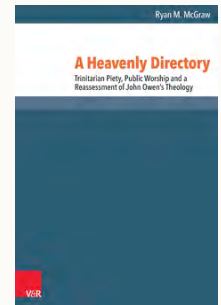
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