

TRENDS, OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES IN TORRANCE STUDIES
2021 Torrance Workshop-Retreat. Panel discussion, Kerry Magruder

1. Open Access

- OA statement for authors: <https://tftorrance.org/permissions/>
- OA explanation: <https://tftorrance.org/node/2137>. *Participatio* is near Gold Standard as an OA journal, which has many advantages.
- OA example, ed. Kerry Magruder (peer-reviewed, online, print on demand): <https://edition-open-sources.org/sources/9/index.html>
- Future options: contributed articles and chapters when authors hold copyright and are able to grant us permission (e.g., Jock Stein, “Legacy of the Gospel”); peer-reviewed single publications (e.g., books, short-form books, short-form articles in thematic clusters; e.g., Elmer Colyer’s Readers Guide and Biographical sketch); perhaps consider an article-first model of journal publication to expedite publishing times; etc.

2. Bibliographies as a digital research tool

- Initial goals (not completely realized yet) are described here: <https://tftorrance.org/bibTool>
- Additions and corrections (see “New McGrath #s” and “Bibliography corrections” under the Bib tab); e.g., <https://tftorrance.org/2011-gwd-1>.
- Call for materials, <https://tftorrance.org/bibCall>
- Notify us of current and forthcoming publications

3. Multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary

- Theology, biblical studies, philosophy, science, history, art, law...

4. Collaborative research

- Member profiles. “Ask me about” field. <https://tftorrance.org/membersDirectory> Senior/junior researcher collaborations, dialogues.

5. Biographical/historical studies

- Multi-author handbook like the T&T Clark Handbook, TFT in context (disciplines, geographical areas, religious traditions, institutions, colleagues, mentors, contemporaries, etc.).
- Non-member profiles, <https://tftorrance.org/people>

6. Reading Group

- Calendar: <https://tftorrance.org/readingGroup>
- Weekly meetings, videos, handouts.
- Tracks: Promotes current publications, encourages works in progress.
- Future: Draw attention to lesser known publications, virtual office hours.

7. Oral history project

- <https://tftorrance.org/2019-OHP-1>
- First batch will appear this fall/winter; more on the way.

8. Volunteer opportunities, <https://tftorrance.org/volunteer>