



Alumni Engagement and the HDS Bicentennial
Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Club Leaders
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Singapore

Quick Notes: HDS

- **2 main degree programs:**

- [Master of Divinity](#) (3 year): traditionally ministry/practitioner oriented
- [Master of Theological Studies](#) (2 year): traditionally research oriented
- Also: [Master of Theology](#) (1year) and [PhD](#) (jointly offered with GSAS)

- **Our students:**

- 323, from 30+ different religious traditions/philosophies
 - 90% of students with need receive *at least* half-tuition scholarships

- **Our alumni:**

- 6,487 working in a [wide array](#) of vocations and professions, especially:
 - **Ministry** (traditionally ordained and non; in all denominations)
 - **Academia** (high percentage of religious studies professors at top schools)
 - **EVERYTHING ELSE** (chaplaincy, social services, NGOs, non-profit leadership, arts, writing, advocacy, government, law, medicine, business, consulting, education administration...)

#1 in our field

QS world university rankings 2017

Theology, divinity, and religious studies

2017 rank	2016 rank	Institution name	Country	Academic reputation	Employer reputation	Citations	Research impact	Score
1		Harvard University	United States	97.1	100	98.5	86.7	96.5
2		University of Oxford	United Kingdom	97.1	99.7	87.4	86.7	95.4
3		Durham University	United Kingdom	100	94.8	71.2	72.2	93.8
4		University of Cambridge	United Kingdom	95.2	99.3	84.2	81.6	93.2
5		Boston College	United States	99.1	67.4	86.4	78.8	92.6
6		Yale University	United States	91.6	88	77.2	78.8	88.5
7		Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam	Netherlands	89.6	87.9	78	84.2	87.7
8		Duke University	United States	86.7	75.9	99.1	93.1	87.5

Dean David Hempton



- Historian- a scholar of the history of Methodism and evangelical traditions
- Was raised in Belfast during The Troubles
- Appointed Dean in 2012
- Some priorities for the Dean:
 - [Religions and the Practice of Peace](#) Program: One University initiative
 - [Religious Literacy Project](#)
 - Innovation in religion: [Buddhist Ministry Initiative](#), [Ministry Innovation Fellows](#), the [CSWR](#)
 - **GLOBAL PRESENCE & COMMUNITY** – alumni, students, future students

Aims: Alumni Engagement and the HDS Bicentennial

- Celebrate with alumni at home (April reunion) and around the country and the world (series of regional events) with celebratory, content-rich programming (faculty involved in all of these programs)
- Mark the occasion with HDS alumni AND interested Harvard alumni (partnership with HAA and various Harvard clubs for these events)
- Entice more alumni to get involved (with HDS volunteer opportunities or local clubs/SIGs of interest)



Professor Catherine Brekus on
“The Idea of America as a Chosen Nation”
**with the Harvard Club of DC*



Professor Mark Jordan:
“Thinking Sex at Harvard”

**with the Harvard Club of San Francisco*



Dean David Hempton:
“Lost in Translation: Politics and
Polarization in Trump’s America”

**with the Harvard Clubs of the
UK, Japan, and Korea*

We'd like to continue these partnerships!

- Connecting with potential graduate students from Asia
- Future programming opportunities with Clubs & SIGs
- Building up the alumni network here
- Support the work of the clubs and the HAA



THANK YOU!

(Check out [this quick video](#) about the HDS 200th, if you have time!)