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1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words): The conference is an opportunity for postgrad and working New Testament scholars from the UK and beyond to gather and network, share each other’s work, and equip practitioners with further skills.

2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge. This year, the conference contained two modules that pertained to transferable skills and knowledge. The first was entitled “How to get Published.” We heard from two acquisitions editors about the challenges of turning theses/studies into sellable books, approaching publishers and editors, and contracting. We were advised to keep our work from open access journals and online publishing companies, avoid interdisciplinary writing (which apparently does not sell well), court fewer publishers, and fight for compensation on the first book sold. The second module concerned the flourishing of higher-ed humanities work in the next generation. We heard from three established scholars about the challenges of advisory boards, teaching relevant material, and keeping pace with financial limitations in terms of sufficient class time and salaries. We spent the latter half of the evening hearing from various practitioners about the value of technological engagement (for instance, podcasting and some advice on creating five-minute videos in a YouTube channel for a particular class or topic), working with other departments, writing novels, and searching for funding outside of the institution.

3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts: As a result of the first module, I now have a template for how to contact a publisher as well as requisite terms, and will be sure to avoid online publication. I also plan to e-mail one of the acquisitions editors about my particular thesis proposal, which he said he would be happy to receive and give feedback on. The second module prompted me to start developing scripts for YouTube Videos and Podcasting episodes for use in future classes.

4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials): The feedback from both modules was generally positive. I heard from a few scholars that they were pleased that the second module began to move beyond “what had been said before.” The first publishing module gave us some additional hardcopy training material in the form of packets with further advice about the publishing field.

5. Tips/experience learned from the event: As I discussed above, I made great gains in terms of how to write a thesis/study/book with the aim of publishing as well as how to develop a relationship with future publishing companies. I have also been encouraged to engage more with multimedia while tutoring/teaching.
6. Any additional comments or information regarding the event: The conference was excellent and I hope to attend again next year.