Global story-telling in a socially-networked world

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Network theory has been used in many disciplines to explain patterns of relationships between people, groups and artefacts such as documents. Scott, 1991.

Centralised  Decentralised  Distributed

Dominant functions and processes in the Information Age are increasingly organized around networks’.


Manuel Castells: “...the first significant philosopher of cyberspace”

Trilogy: The Rise of the Network Society - 1996
The Internet Galaxy - 2001
‘A new communication system, increasingly speaking a universal, digital language, is both integrating globally the production and distribution of words, sounds and images . . . shaping life and being shaped by life at the same time (Castells 1996, 2).’

A new concept of ‘global’ - Berglez
Web-based communications
Future research

Where does journalistic investigation fit in the new media landscape?
What value can investigative journalists add?
Is every government and organisation in Australia – and globally - free from corruption?
Are there groups in society who remain disadvantaged and voiceless?
Need for further research

- How journalists can find, or how they are being found, by stories.
- What forms of social media are being used in investigations and with what effect.
- How reporter collaborations can work.
- How media outlet collaborations can work; and
- Whether interaction between social media and legacy media can provide new synergies.
A model for using emerging technologies in investigative reporting

- New ways to find, and be found by, stories
- New investigative techniques
- Collaborating with domestic and transnational reporters
- Collaborating with domestic and transnational media outlets
- Using new technologies to find follow-up stories
Research question

How do emerging global investigative journalism practices allow for the reporting and publication of sensitive or controversial material?

Sub question

In what ways can social network theory be used to produce a model for enhancing emerging global investigative journalism techniques?
Finding and being found by stories

- Readers can more easily comment on stories via newspaper websites, FB pages, Twitter and email.
- Readers can more easily supply leads or extra information to reporters.
- Readers can engage directly with reporters via their Facebook pages, websites and email contacts.
Using social media for investigations

- Analogue contact books to cyber contacts:
  - Eg  Facebook – groups; closed groups; contacts; contacts of contacts
  - Skype – face to face; voice to voice; text chat; document transfer
- Dropbox – large file transfer; folder sharing
Using web communications for investigations
Collaborations between reporters

Reporters have traditionally kept their contacts and stories to themselves. Collaboration can enable more complex stories to be researched and published.
Collaboration between media outlets

Could newspapers, radio and television collaborate to share the cost of investigations and increase the audience for investigative reports?
Could legacy media improve their investigative reporting by using the social media?
Chasing the story from mainstream press into the social media for follow-ups

- Keyword internet searches for comments, blogs, tweets and related websites and Facebook pages
Methods

- Two case studies
- Interviews with prize-winning investigative newspaper journalists
Child sex scandal in two countries rocks church

Abbott IR plan to restrict union right of entry
Archbishop in ‘cover-up’ over abuse scandal

Church failed to report accusations to police

The Church of England has admitted that a Bishop had failed to report a sexual assault case to the police. The failure, which the Church has now corrected, has sparked a new crisis for the organisation.

The Church’s reaction to the allegations has been a source of concern for many who have previously supported it. The Church has already faced criticism for its handling of sex abuse allegations in the past.

In response to the latest incident, the Church has released a statement saying that it is taking the allegations “very seriously” and has now contacted the police. The Church has also stated that it is taking steps to improve its procedures for reporting such cases. However, many are still concerned about the Church’s handling of the matter.

The Church has a long history of sexual abuse allegations, with claims dating back to the 1980s. The Church has been accused of cover-up in several cases, and has faced criticism for its response to allegations.

The latest incident has caused further concern among the public, and has reignited the debate about the Church’s handling of sex abuse allegations. Many are calling for the Church to be more transparent in its handling of such cases, and for it to take stronger action to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future.
Archbishops’ chaplain behind bars at last

By Amanda Gearing - posted Wednesday, 29 April 2009

The sentencing of a self-confessed child sex offender and senior Brisbane Anglican priest Canon Barry Greaves in Brisbane District Court last Friday (April 24, 2009) is a significant event for many reasons and for many people.

It is a significant event because Greaves was a priest at Boonah in the early 1980s when he committed the offences and because knowledge of his own sex offending against children failed to deter him from seeking and gaining high office in the Anglican Church.

He accepted the position of being an Archbishop’s chaplain to Brisbane Archbishop Dr Peter Hollingworth in 1999. He stayed on as an Archbishop’s chaplain to the incoming Archbishop Dr Phillip Aspinall in 2002 and not even the disgrace of the sex scandal in the Brisbane Diocese resulted in a glimmer of guilt that maybe he was not an appropriate person to be providing pastoral care to other victims of sexual assault.
headmaster at St Barnabas School in Ravenshoe in North Queensland, Christ Church Boonah (where he now admits offending against three altar
1 Mrs Wheeler also reported that her brother [name given] told her Brother and his wife that she Cathedral Countrey between the ages of 11-12-13 he had been sexually abused by the late Bishop of Manchester, Robert Waddington. As I was away at the time Steve informed Graham Cooper who subsequently telephoned Mrs Wheeler. She told him that his brother had been doing nothing wrong, as he was receiving counselling. He had discussed the abuse with his counselor who told him to report the matter to the police, so he refused to do so as he had no proof of the allegations (he was promptlyutherland with the suggestion!

2 He eventually told his wife and sister his brother's stories.

3 Robert Waddington had been something of a family friend, indeed he had officiated at the weddings of Graham and Alison. Four years ago he had been a guest at the wedding of their friend (previously to those that he was over the amount.

2 GRAHAM ADVISED DONNA THAT LITTLE COULD BE DONE UNTIL THE MATTER WAS OFFICIALLY REPORTED BY THE VICTIM OF THE ABUSE. HE WOULD SEND THE REPORT AND AWAIT FURTHER.

3 Later Donna’s Sister Alison told roughly the same story to Graham at this point.

4 Steve and Graham accompanied me with these facts on 1-9-03. The Very Revd Robert Waddington is retired and now lives in York. Nothing has been done yet about the matter but Bishop Nelligan will speak to the Archbishop of York about this when he gets the chance.

2 September 03.

Steve Williams says, The Bishop had spoken to the Archbishop about R.W. They had had a previous referral of sexual impropriety some time ago from Australia, where R.W. had been the Headmaster a School. At no point had made a complaint to the Bishop of Queensland who had advised him to the Archbishop. Robert Waddington was seen by the Archbishop and, although he denied any wrong doing apologized for any harm there may have been. The Dean was not a very well man after treatment for cancer. Bishop Nelligan considered whether to call him in, as Graham had spoken to Donna, asking her for the man would mag be helpful. I had to speak to The Bishop on another matter to break this opportunity to discuss these issues. In particular I asked that it was not a good idea to speak to the family about Robert Waddington and see what happened. The Bishop might sound for special pleading and would probably be seen as "looking after their own." The Bishop immediately saw the point and agreed that it was not.

He told me that the Archbishop of York had said that he would be pleased to speak to some around the matter. I spoke to the Archbishop later to his C.P. Reg and was told that he had not.
The Very Reverend Robert Waddington

12:01AM GMT 22 Mar 2007

The Very Reverend Robert Waddington, who died on March 15 aged 79, was Dean of Manchester from 1984-93 and before that spent virtually the whole of his ministry in education.

As general secretary of the General Synod Board of Education from 1977-84 he played a key role in initiating the Church’s response to a change in government policy that enabled its schools to become examples of the best kind of all-round education and attractive to many parents.

The green paper Future in Partnership which he produced for the General Synod offered a new strategy for the Church’s involvement in the general expansion of education at every level and in particular for an increase in the number of church secondary schools.

A report entitled A Kind of Believing made imaginative proposals for the content of religious education in a modern, plural society. He was also concerned that church schools should help to improve community life in villages by opening their doors to a wider variety of activities.

At Manchester Cathedral Waddington was responsible for the re-ordering of its large nave so that it became a more open space for worship and he also had a special concern for the ordering of the services. He was also chairman of the diocesan education committee.

Robert Murray Waddington was born at Bognor Regis on October 24 1927. He went from Dulwich College to Belsham College, Cambridge, where he took a second in Theology and the went to Ely Theological College to prepare for Holy Orders. From 1953-56 he was a curate at St Luke’s Church, Bethnal Green, after which he moved to Australia to join a Bush Brotherhood in Queensland.

His experience of the wilderness prepared him for the chaplaincy of Blade School, Warwick, and a long involvement in education. He had a special gift for teaching boys, which proved useful in his later cathedral appointments when he had responsibility for choristers.

In 1969 he went to Cambridge to join the Oratory of the Good Shepherd - a dispersed order of celibate priests - and spent about 18 months at its mission house before going back to Australia in 1961 to become...
ROBERT WADINGTON

David Guide

A 'Bush Brother' in Australia who became a Canon of Carlisle Cathedral and then Dean of Manchester, the Very Reverend Robert Murray Waddington was 80 when he died.

A high church Anglo-Catholic of the old school, he was a quiet and deeply spiritual man who nevertheless made his mark in Carlisle where he was a canon residentiary at the cathedral and the bishop's advisor for education.

He served in this capacity for five years and was then appointed a honorary canon of the cathedral, a position he held until 1984 when he became Dean of Manchester.

For 33 years he was a member and then Superior of the celibate Order of the Good Shepherd, he served as general secretary of the Church of England General Synod Board of Education and he died with his prayer book in his hand.
Finding the missing link using social media

Bim Atkinson
Memories from St Barnabas Boarding School, Ravenshoe Nth Qld...

I had Brother Ted Neville Kennedy House, Brother Mark Burgess[deceased] John Oliver House as my housemasters. My scoutmaster was Fiery Fred. My pedophile Headmaster and abusive caner was The Most UnReverend Robert Waddington. Some of my other teachers were Brother Peter Glibert[a Waddington induced pedophile who is now in goal], Tony Smith, Brother Philip Lamb, Ilene Wilson did the laundry, Siter Monica the First Aid, Commander Birch followed by Paul Rodwell were the Farm Managers, and Les Bolton was the Pony club/horse riding instructor.

View Bim's full profile

Back to St Barnabas Boarding School, Ravenshoe Nth Qld
Bim Atkinson
Reported collaboration

Michael McKenna

Sean O’Neill

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It is my understanding that as Dean of Manchester, Robert Waddington would have been an ex-officio Feoffee and governor of Chet's.

Reply

In addition to my comment above, The Times report states that in 1999 the Archbishop reported to the Bishop in Australia that Dean Robert was a broken, dying man, and therefore the matter should not be pursued. In 1999 Robert had been in remission from his throat cancer for a number of years. He was taking holidays to Toulouse, he was house hunting in Boston Spa and Harrogate (as he was getting tired of York), he was re-upholstering his dining room furniture and curtains in exclusive Sahco Hesslein material, he was driving around in a Mazda convertible sports car which he called “Monique” and in 2001 he came down to see me in Cambridge and we went to London to watch the Kirov ballet dance the Imperial production of “Sleeping Beauty” and dine in the Crush Bar at Covent Garden. Are these the actions of a broken and dying man? It was years later that the cancer that killed him returned. Knowing this, I find it very hard to believe the Archbishop did not knowingly mis-lead the Australians.

Reply
Banished priest's cycle of abuse stretches beyond 50 years to first posting

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