

## New South Wales

### Australian Catholic University

**DP1093467** Prof P Allen; Dr BJ Neil

**Approved Project Title** **Crisis management in late antiquity: the evidence of Episcopal letters**

**2010 :** \$ 86,000

**2011 :** \$ 84,000

**2012 :** \$ 92,000

**Primary RFCD** 4201 LANGUAGE STUDIES

**Administering Organisation** Australian Catholic University

#### Project Summary

Appropriate responses to environmental and social crises, by individuals, communities, governments, religious and charitable organisations, are increasingly under focus in the twenty-first century. Understanding the failures of past leaders as well as their successes is crucial for values-driven policy making. This project reinforces the international reputation of quality Australian research in late-antiquity studies by anchoring contemporary responses to management of crises such as natural disasters, climate change, population displacement, poverty, religious disputes, violence, and social abuses in their historical antecedents. The project will develop and reinforce existing links with scholars in Japan, Korea, Belgium and South Africa.

**DP1096572** Dr S Buckle

**Approved Project Title** **Hume's Sceptical Materialism**

**2010 :** \$ 38,473

**2011 :** \$ 38,473

**Primary RFCD** 4401 PHILOSOPHY

**Administering Organisation** Australian Catholic University

#### Project Summary

The early modern period is the decisive period in shaping the modern outlook, but its major figures are not well understood in Australia. This project will enable a broader and more unified understanding of the intellectual movements of the period (showing Hume to be not an intellectual outsider but someone offering a sceptical version of the radical Enlightenment) - and so will enable a better understanding of our intellectual heritage.