



## Want to Win \$2,000?



Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary is hosting a Student Challenge Symposium competition on issues related to the intersection of faith, work, and economics. Ten students will be selected to compete for three prizes of \$2,000, \$1,500, and \$1,000 by submitting a 300-350 word abstract for a 5,000-8,000 word paper in SBL style addressing at least one of the themes of the [Oikonomia Network's](#) Economic Wisdom Project. Abstracts are due by March 1, and finalists will be notified by March 23. Applicants also must submit the name and e-mail address for a recommending professor.

The ten finalists will present their papers at SEBTS on June 3. Competitors will receive a travel stipend and campus lodging. No more than two students will be chosen from any school.

The winning paper will be published in the *Southeastern Theological Review*, and the other nine papers will be published on the SEBTS Intersect Project website.

This competition is similar in structure and content to the Land Center Competition held last year at Southwestern Theological Seminary, won by our own [Josh Peeler](#) (preaching). **Don't miss this great opportunity!**

Application deadline: **March 1, 2016**

(See [invitation letter](#) and [requirements](#))

## Qual Exams

Congratulations to the following students who passed the Qualifying Examination:

- Cory Barnes (Old Testament)
- Ron Cook (psychology/counseling)
- Jim Gant (psychology/counseling)
- Ben Hutchison (Old Testament)
- Matt Rose (New Testament)
- Pat Sanders (New Testament)
- Clayr Simmacher (psychology/counseling)
- Wade Stevens (biblical interpretation)
- Scott Thomas (evangelism)

## Dissertations

If you are planning to submit your dissertation by March 1, please let the ReDOC office know (e-mail is fine). The [Program Materials page](#) has all the necessary forms:

- ThM and PhD graduation applications
- Dissertation Fee and Order Form
- ProQuest agreement
- Copyright, abstract, vita examples
- Dissertation Processing Notebook

Let us know if you have any questions!

## The Race before Us

After the Christmas-New Year's break, are you invigorated and ready to run the marathon of the spring 2016 semester? Or are you trying to recover and gather steam for the race? You might want to take a few minutes to consider some advice from the [Race before Us](#) videos.

- The PhD program is a marathon, not a sprint.
- Students in the past and students in the future go through this rigor (and survive!).
- You are part of a community; lean on each other.
- Remember to take care of yourself physically, spiritually, and emotionally.
- If God has called you, he will enable you. You belong here, answering the call.

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **February 9:** Offices closed for Mardi Gras
- ◆ **March 13:** Daylight Saving Time begins
- ◆ **March 14-18:** Spring break
- ◆ **March 25:** Offices closed for Good Friday



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## Prospectus Approvals

## Oral Exams

### PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **February 1:** PhD applications due for fall admission
- ◆ **February 15:** ThM graduation applications due to ReDOC office for May graduation
- ◆ **March 1:** Dissertations, PhD graduation applications due to ReDOC office for May graduation
- ◆ **March 2:** Summer directed study proposal deadline

Shinyul Ahn (preaching), “A Critical Examination of Selected Biographical Sermons of Charles Haddon Spurgeon”

Amy Morgan (psychology/counseling), “The Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on God Images”

Congratulations to the following students who passed the Oral Comprehensive Examination:

Jay Adkins (theology)  
Dawson Bailey (Christian education)  
Ben Skipper (New Testament)

## Reading and Writing Resources

Mario Melendez (biblical interpretation) shared the following resources:

- [How to Write a Critical Book Review](#)
- [How to Read 10 Books in an Hour](#)
- [How to Read a Book](#)

Thanks, Mario!

## ReDOC Schedule for 2015-2016

The following are the remaining ReDOC meetings for 2015-2016.

**February 10 (1/11 IRB)**  
**March 9 (2/9 IRB)**  
**April 13 (3/14 IRB)**  
**May 11 (4/11 IRB)**  
**June 1 (5/2 IRB)**

**NEW:** An IRB request and a pdf of a prospectus using human subjects must be received by redocsec@nobts.edu no later than **one month prior** to the meeting at which the prospectus will be considered. See the [Program Materials](#) page for the form and details.

A prospectus to be considered by ReDOC must be reviewed by your guidance committee and **9 copies** submitted through your chairperson to the Office of Research Doctoral Programs no later than one week before the scheduled ReDOC meeting. Proposals for research involving human subjects must be received one month before the meeting.

Likewise, matters such as directed study proposals and requests to take courses at other institutions must be submitted **one week before** the ReDOC meeting at which they will be considered.

Also e-mail a **pdf** of the prospectus or directed study proposal to phd@nobts.edu. Do

submit a hard copy of the directed study approval page.

Please keep in mind that final approval of your prospectus is granted by your doctoral guidance committee after you make any revisions your committee deems appropriate in light of feedback from ReDOC.

If you are required to go through the Institutional Review Board approval process for research with human subjects, your committee cannot approve your prospectus until the IRB assesses the risk to and protection of the participants.

**NOTE:** If you think your guidance committee has approved your prospectus but you have not seen your approval in the *ReDOC News*, please let us know.

IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER, PLEASE SEND YOUR UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE REDOC OFFICE.

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### *2016 Christian Leadership Forum Doctoral Cohort*

The [Christian Leadership Forum](#) sponsored by the Forum for Theological Exploration is an annual summer event that provides students opportunities for networking, professional development, vocational exploration and mentoring. Doctoral students are gathered within a cohort among other leaders of the church and the academy. Eligible applicants must be

- Students of African, Latino/a, Asian, or First Nations descent
- PhD or ThD students of color in religious, theological, or biblical studies within the first two years of their studies
- Prepared to be present for the entire gathering (June 1-4, 2016) in Decatur, GA

FTE provides travel stipends to current FTE Doctoral Fellows to attend meetings of professional societies and organizations related to their scholarship.

[Online applications](#) are due by **February 15, 2016**.

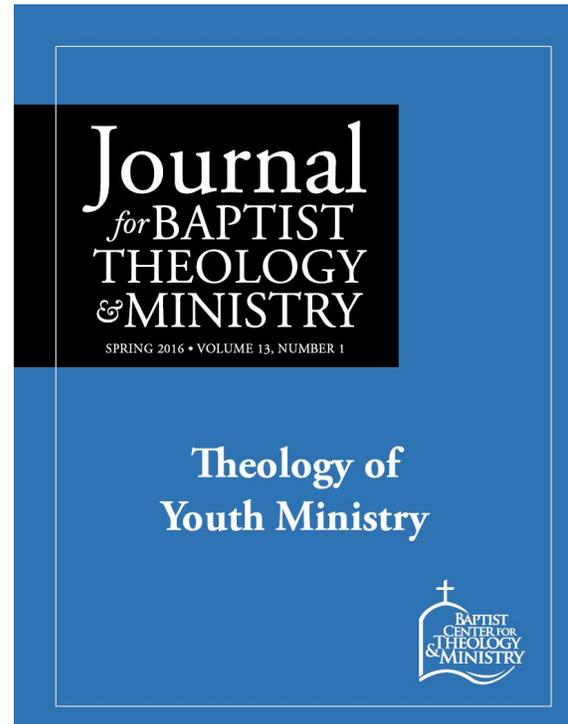
Questions? Contact the Director of Grants and Fellowships, [Darlene Hutto](#).

FTE also offers fellowships for PhD students of African, Latino/a, Asian, or First Nations descent whose prospectuses have been approved by September 1, 2016. Students must be able to write full time during the fellowship year.

[Online applications](#) for these fellowships are due by **February 1, 2016**.

### *Spring 2016 Issue of the Journal for Baptist Theology & Ministry*

The Spring 2016 issue of the [Journal for Baptist Theology & Ministry](#) is available free online. This issue was co-edited with Dr. Allen Jackson, Professor of Youth Education and Collegiate Ministry and Director of the Youth Ministry Institute at NOBTS, and includes seven articles on Theology of Youth Ministry. The articles are followed by book reviews in the fields of biblical studies, historical theology, Christian ethics, biblical theology, evangelism, apologetics, and systematic theology.



### *Call for Papers for the Centennial Issue Commemorating the Founding of NOBTS*

The editor of *JBTM* is accepting paper proposals for a 2017 issue of the journal to commemorate the centennial of the founding of NOBTS.

#### **Sample paper topics might include the following:**

- The Evangelistic Impact of W. W. Hamilton
- Episodes of Providence and Prayer at NOBTS
- A Brief History of NOBTS Presidents
- The Contribution of Frank Stagg for New Testament Theology
- Christian Counseling in the Big Easy
- The Future of Christian Education through NOBTS

#### **Paper Submission Guidelines:**

- Authors must hold a PhD in a relevant field of study.
- The target audience for the journal is the pastor-scholar.
- The word count for articles is typically 3,000-5,000 words.
- Please format in Turabian, use footnotes, and transliterate biblical words.
- Content should be consistent with the *Baptist Faith and Message*.

Please submit a title and 100-150 word description of a proposed article by **April 1, 2016**, to [baptistcenter@nobts.edu](mailto:baptistcenter@nobts.edu). Submissions will be reviewed by the Editorial Advisory Board within 30 days of the deadline. Notification will be made to all who submit proposals by May 1; completed articles will be due by November 1, 2016.

<p><b><u>Baptist History &amp; Heritage Society</u></b></p> <p>Paper proposal submission deadline: <b>January 31, 2016!</b></p> <p><b>Annual Meeting:</b> May 23-25, 2016 Waco, TX</p>	<p><b><u>Society of Biblical Literature</u></b></p> <p>Paper proposal submission deadline: <b>February 3, 2016</b></p> <p><b>International Meeting</b> July 3-7, 2016 Seoul, South Korea</p>	<p><b><u>Evangelical Theological Society</u></b></p> <p>Paper proposal submission deadlines: <b>February 15, 2016</b> (Southeast) <b>February 12, 2016</b> (Southwest)</p>	<p><b><u>Society of Biblical Literature</u></b></p> <p>Paper proposal submission deadline: <b>March 2, 2016</b></p> <p><b>Annual Meeting:</b> November 19-22, 2016 San Antonio, TX</p>
<p><b><u>Evangelical Theological Society</u></b></p> <p><b>Southeast Regional Meeting</b> “The Problem of God and Evil” <b>March 18-19, 2016</b> Columbia International University Columbia, SC</p> <p>❖</p> <p><b>Southwest Regional Meeting</b> “Exegesis and Hermeneutics” <b>April 1-2, 2016</b> Dallas Theological Seminary Dallas, TX</p> <p>❖</p> <p><b>Annual Meeting</b> “The Trinity” <b>November 15-17, 2016</b> Grand Hyatt and the Marriott Rivercenter San Antonio, TX</p>		<p><b><u>Society of Biblical Literature</u></b></p> <p><b>Southeast Regional Meeting</b> March 4-6, 2016 Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center Atlanta, GA</p> <p>❖</p> <p><b>Southwest Regional Meeting</b> March 11-13, 2016 Marriott Hotel DFW Airport North Irving, TX</p> <p>❖</p> <p><b>Annual Meeting</b> November 19-22, 2016 San Antonio, TX</p> <p>❖</p> <p><b>International Meeting</b> July 3-7, 2016 Seoul, South Korea</p>	
<p><b><u>Southwest Commission on Religious Studies</u></b></p> <p><b>Annual Meeting</b> “Engaging Diversity”</p> <p><b>March 11-13, 2016</b></p> <p>Marriott Hotel DFW Airport North</p>	<p><b><u>Baptist Association of Christian Educators</u></b></p> <p><b>Annual Meeting</b> “Be/Make One Disciple”</p> <p><b>April 14-15, 2016</b></p> <p>Mid-America Baptist Seminary</p>	<p><b><u>Baptist History &amp; Heritage Society</u></b></p> <p><b>Annual Meeting</b> “Perspectives in Baptist History and Identity”</p> <p><b>May 23-25, 2016</b></p> <p>Truett Seminary Waco, TX</p>	<p><b><u>Evangelical Homiletics Society</u></b></p> <p><b>Annual Meeting</b> “The Political Pulpit”</p> <p><b>October 13-15, 2016</b></p> <p>Southwestern Baptist Seminary Fort Worth, TX</p>

**Can You Dig It? The Gezer Water System Expedition 2016**

**May 22-June 10, 2016**  
**\$650\* per week + Airfare**

\*Extra days: \$100/day

**Sponsored by The Moskau Institute of Archaeology/Center for Archaeological Research of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and the Israel Nature and Parks Authority**

**The Project:** Participate in the excavation of an ancient Canaanite water system at Tel Gezer in Israel.

**Dates:** May 22-June 10, 2016. Volunteers should plan to arrive no later than May 21, and those working all three weeks should plan departures for June 11 or 12.

**Cost:** \$1,905 for the 3-week season, or \$650 per week (extra days: \$100/day) + airfare. Costs cover room, board, and weekend travel. Preference will be given to three-week participants. Participants are responsible for their own flights to and from Israel. The dig will arrange airport pickup.

**Weekend Travel:** The expedition will arrange several field trips covering key areas of Israel. Weekend travel costs are included in the excavation pricing.

**Accommodations:** Volunteers will be housed in air-conditioned rooms at the Neve Shalom Guest House, with three to four persons per room.

**Academic Credit:** Undergraduate or graduate course credit for up to 6 semester hours is available. Additional tuition fees apply.



**\$650/week  
 + airfare**

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