NOBTS Writers

Old Testament PhD students are in the spotlight this month. Congratulations to Cory Barnes on the recent BorderStone Press publication of *From Creed to Canon: An Examination of the Influence of Creedal Language on the Transmission of the New Testament Text*, which is available on Amazon.

Also, Jonathan Patterson challenged our sense of social responsibility with his January 21 *Gatekeeper* article, “Social Justice: An Institution of God or of the State?”


Qualifying Exams

Congratulations to the following students who passed the Qualifying Examination:

Andrea Robinson (biblical interpretation)

Steve Voss (psychology/counseling)

Michael Wilburn (Christian education)

Graduation Applications

If you will have completed at least 33 hours of PhD work by the end of the spring semester, you can apply to receive the ThM degree in connection with May graduation. The deadline to submit the ThM and Doctoral graduation application forms to the ReDOC office is Monday, February 16.

Students planning to submit dissertations by the March 2 deadline should submit graduation applications with their dissertation copies.

The $55 diploma fee for each degree should accompany the graduation applications.

Registration Open for New February 2015 Master’s Course

Students interested in the new PhD statistics course RDOC9304 Research Statistics for CE to be taught by Rick Yount June 22-26, 2015 can brush up on their stats skills in his February 2-6 master’s course CEST6300 Introduction to Educational Research & Statistics. For approval to register for this course, contact Dr. Randy Stone.
Program Dates and Deadlines

- February 16: ThM graduation applications due to ReDOC office
- March 2: Dissertation submission deadline
- March 4: Summer directed study proposal deadline

IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER, PLEASE SEND YOUR UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE ReDOC OFFICE.
WE ARE NOT ON POWER CAMPUS, SO WE DO NOT GET AUTOMATIC UPDATES.

Want to Win $1,000?

GCRN Paper Contest

The Great Commission Research Network is sponsoring a research paper contest for doctoral students whose graduation will not occur before December 1, 2015. The paper should be 15-20 pages double spaced on the topic of “The Relevance of Donald McGavran’s Teachings in the Twenty-First Century.” The winner will receive $1,000 and present the paper at the GCRN annual conference at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary October 1-2, 2015 with conference fee and housing paid.

The paper is due to JMorris@swbts.edu by August 1, 2015. Winners will be notified by September 1, 2015.

Land Center Competition

The Land Center for Cultural Engagement at SWBTS is hosting a competition for PhD students on issues related to the intersection of faith, work, and economics. Eight students will be selected to compete for three prizes of $1,000, $750, and $500 by submitting a 15-20-page paper for presentation with PowerPoint at SWBTS on July 10, 2015. The competitors will receive a travel stipend and campus lodging. No more than two students will be chosen from any school.

Two professors also must complete recommendations on your behalf. If you are interested in entering this competition, contact the ReDOC office for details and forms.

Application deadline: April 10, 2015.

ReDOC Schedule for 2014-2015

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2014-2015:

February 11
March 11 (summer directed study proposals)
April 8
April 13—Doctoral Admissions
May 13 (fall directed study proposals)
June 3

NOTE: IRB requests 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.

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.
### 2015 Calls for Papers

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Evangelical Theological Society

Paper proposal submission deadlines:

- **February 15, 2015** (Southeast)
- **March 1, 2015** (Southwest)

**Society of Biblical Literature**

Paper proposal submission deadline

- **March 5, 2015**

**Evangelical Homiletics Society**

Paper proposal submission deadline

- **May 15, 2015** (form not yet posted)

Annual Meeting:

- **October 15-17, 2015**
  - Atlanta, GA

**Evangelical Theological Society**

Southeast Regional Meeting

“The Kingdom of God as a Metanarrative in Scripture”

**March 27-28, 2015**

Luther Rice Seminary Lithonia, GA

Southwest Regional Meeting

“The Doctrine of Creation”

**April 10-11, 2015**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Annual Meeting

“Marriage and Family”

**November 17-19, 2015**

Atlanta Hilton Atlanta, GA

**Society of Biblical Literature**

Southeast Regional Meeting

March 6-8, 2015

Airport Marriott Nashville, TN

Southwest Regional Meeting

March 13-14, 2015

Marriott Hotel DFW Airport North Irving, TX

Annual Meeting

November 21-24, 2015

Atlanta Hilton Atlanta, GA

**Evangelical Homiletics Society**

Annual Meeting

“Preaching and Biblical Literacy”

October 15-17, 2015

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Can You Dig It? The Gezer Water System Expedition 2015

May 24-June 11, 2015
$600* 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 24-June 11, 2015. Volunteers should plan to arrive no later than May 22, and those working all three weeks should plan departures for June 12 or 13.

Cost: $1,800 for the 3-week season, or $600 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.

For More Information Contact

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