Welcome, New PhD Students!

Congratulations to the following students who were accepted into the PhD program beginning in January 2015:

- Luis Muñoz Bueno (theology)
- Bobo Newton (Christian education)
- Lorien Pirtle (psychology/counseling)
- Sally Smith (psychology/counseling)
- Josh Wright (psychology/counseling)

Welcome to the PhD family!

Need Encouragement? Check out These Videos!

How is your semester going? November tends to be crunch time as major papers loom and the semester winds to an end.

Have you ever looked at your wall of work and wondered whether you belong in the PhD program? If so, take a break and hear down-to-earth advice from PhD students who have survived seminars and colloquia through doubts and trials that may be similar to yours. On the NOBTS YouTube site, let Allyson, Amy, Ben, Courtney, Kathy, and Karla and Shin Deok encourage you to persist in running the Race before Us. Thanks for sharing your stories with us!

Prospectus Approvals

Kathy Frady (Christian ed.), “A Grounded Theory Investigation into How Three- and Four-Year-Old Children Experience and Express Their Theological Understanding of Mark 10: 13-16”


Shin Deok Ra, “A Comparative Analysis of the Sermons of John Piper in His First and Last Years of Preaching at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota”

Chase Rogers, “An Examination of the Christocentric Emphasis in the Preaching of Dietrich Bonhoeffer”

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.

Registration for Program Proficiency and Writing Candidate Statuses

As a reminder, students who are not taking a course no longer register online. If you are on inactive (requires ReDOC approval) or program proficiency status or are a writing candidate, the ReDOC office will work with the Registrar’s Office to register you under your guidance committee chair. You should be able to see your spring 2015 registration on your SelfServe schedule after November 17.

Upcoming Events!

- November 26 (noon)-30: Thanksgiving break; ReDOC office closed
- December 12: President’s graduation reception
- December 13: graduation
- December 23 (noon)-January 4: Offices closed for Christmas
- January 7-9: Qualifying Exams

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Program Dates and Deadlines

- December 1: Final copies of dissertations due
- December 12: Research proposal approval deadline for January 2015 Prospectus Development

If you have moved or changed your e-mail address or phone number, please send that updated information to the ReDOC Office.

ReDOC Schedule for 2014-2015

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2014-2015:

December 10

January 21 (no prospectuses)
February 11
March 11 (summer directed study proposals)
April 8
April 13—Doctoral Admissions
May 13 (fall directed study proposals)
June 3

Research Proposals, Approvals Due December 12

Friday, December 12 is the deadline for the ReDOC office to receive 2 copies of approved proposals and Research Proposal Report forms for students taking the January 5-9 Prospectus Development course. The syllabus is available online.

Mark’s Tips

At our November 7 Brown Bag Lunch, Xavier professor Mark Gstohl shared tips for getting a teaching appointment.
- Put the information most relevant to the position at the beginning of your CV.
- Teach anywhere to gain experience.
- Consider applying for grants, such as from the Wabash Center.
- Depend on the kindness of strangers who may advise and support you.
- Although credentials are important, how you fit into the institution is crucial.
Thanks, Mark, for your practical reflections!

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.
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Call for Papers: Hiebert Scholarship Awards

The Hiebert Global Center at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School is calling for proposals for papers that build on aspects of Paul Hiebert’s missiology (such as contextualization, spiritual warfare, epistemology, missional theology) to further the field of intercultural ministries. The 200-300 word paper proposals are due by December 10, 2014 for presentation at the April 4, 2015 North Central Region Evangelical Missiological Society meeting at Trinity in Deerfield, IL. Complete versions of the five papers accepted will be due February 10, 2015.

The five Hiebert scholarships include a $2,000 first-place award, two $1,000 second-place awards, and two $500 third-place awards. Also, the papers will be published in a compendium of Hiebert Track presentations.

2014 ETS Meeting

Rex Butler, “Persecution & Martyrdom Yesterday & Today: Christian Suffering in the Early Church and the Contemporary World”


Dan Warner, “Amplification of Canaanite Cult based upon Refined Archaeological Methodologies”; panel discussion follows.

2014 SBL Meeting


2014 ASOR Meeting

Dan Warner, Tsvika Tsuk, Jim Parker, and Dennis Cole, “Is There Light or Water at the End of the Tunnel? The Renewed Excavations of the Gezer Water System”
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.

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