Lawson Younger to Speak at Biblical Studies Events

March 17

12 noon, Creole Room: Brown Bag Lunch at noon in the Creole Room
3:00 pm, Leavell Center: Lecture

Dr. K. Lawson Younger Jr., Professor of Old Testament, Semitic Languages, and Ancient Near Eastern History at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, will be on campus Tuesday, March 17 for a Brown Bag Lunch at noon in the Creole Room and a lecture on “The Ubiquitous People Group of the Ancient Near East” 3:00-4:45 in the main conference room of the Leavell Center.

Dr. Younger is a trustee of the American Schools of Oriental Research and was the 2012 Seymour Gitin Distinguished Professor at the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem. He is the author of Ancient Conquest Accounts: A Study in Ancient Near Eastern and Biblical History Writing in the Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies series as well as the commentary on Judges and Ruth in the NIV Application Commentary series, and he has just completed A Political History of the Arameans: From Their Origins to the End of Their Polities, which will be released in May.

Greer-Heard Forum

April 10-11

The 2015 Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum will feature a discussion with Calvin Beisner and Bill McKibben on Christians, the environment, and climate change.

Calvin Beisner is the founder of the Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation and a former associate professor of historical theology and social ethics at Knox Theological Seminary. He holds a PhD in Scottish History from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. His books include Where Garden Meets Wilderness: Evangelical Entry into the Environmental Debate, Prospects for Growth: A Biblical View of Population, Resources, and the Future; and Prosperity and Poverty: The Compassionate Use of Resources in a World of Scarcity.

Bill McKibben is a well-known environmentalist and author of Oil and Honey: The Education of an Unlikely Activist, The Global Warming Reader, The End of Nature, and Eaarth. Founder of 350.org, he is Schuman Distinguished Scholar at Middlebury College and the 2013 winner of the Gandhi Prize and the Thomas Merton Prize. After graduating from Harvard, McKibben wrote for the New York Times, the Atlantic Monthly, and other magazines. He also received Guggenheim and Lyndhurst Fellowships as well as the Lannan Prize for nonfiction writing in 2000.
Program Dates and Deadlines

- April 1: Research Proposals due to guidance committees, Qualifying Exam application deadline
- April 13-27: Registration for summer, fall 2015
- April 15: Dissertation defense deadline
- May 1: Dissertation final copies due

Congratulations to Magee Fellowship Recipients!

Congratulations to the recipients of the Robert S. Magee Doctoral Fellowships for the 2015-2016 academic year:

Andrea Robinson (biblical interpretation)  
Tim Walker (theology)

The Robert S. Magee Doctoral Fellowship is granted primarily with regard to academic excellence and scholarly potential. The Associate Dean of Research Doctoral Programs, chairs of the academic divisions, Dean of Graduate Studies, and Provost are involved in determining the recipients of this fellowship.

Prospectus Approval


Oral Exams

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

Shinyul Ahn (preaching)  
David Allen (Christian education)  
David Judd (Christian education)  
Rikki Permenter (psych/counseling)

ReDOC Schedule for 2014-2015

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2014-2015:

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.
**April 10 Deadline for Land 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*.

**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.

See the [GCRN website](#) for details.

**IRB Procedure in Doctoral Manual**

The IRB procedure has been approved formally and is incorporated into Section III.I. of the 2015 *Manual for Research Doctoral Programs*. This edition also reflects the revised Likert values for GRE Analytical Writing scores.

**New SBL Style Manual**

The Society for Biblical Literature has published a second edition of their style manual. Major changes such as placing less information within parentheses in footnotes make SBL form more similar to Turabian.

Information about changes in this new edition is available on the [SBL site](#).

**New Faculty Publication**

In order to attend RDOC9303 Prospectus Development June 1-5, 2015, a student must submit 4 copies of the research proposal to the guidance committee chairperson on or before April 1, 2015. The guidance committee chairperson will enlist two division readers to provide feedback in addition to the second member of the guidance committee, and the student will need to work with the chairperson to make any required revisions before the guidance committee approves the document. A Research Proposal Report form indicating guidance committee approval and 2 copies of the finalized document must be received by the ReDOC office no later than May 15, 2015.

If you submit a proposal to your guidance committee chairperson by April 1, please notify the ReDOC office. Students with approved proposals can register for the June miniterm course RDOC9303 in April online registration.

**SBHLA Lynn E. May Jr. Study Grant**

The Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Council of Seminary Presidents, sponsors a program whereby funds are made available periodically for partial support of research in the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives. The grants provide a maximum of $750. The grants are in memory of Lynn E. May Jr., who served as Executive Director of the Historical Commission from 1971 to 1995 and who has been instrumental in the establishment of the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.

Graduate students, college and seminary professors, historians, and other writers may apply for the grants. Apply online on the SBHLA Web site. Applications should be submitted to Bill Sumners, SBHLA director, by April 1, 2015.
Tulane University
The Catherine and Henry J. Gaisman Memorial Lecture

“Prophet, King, and Philosopher in the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Traditions”

Joshua Parens
Professor, Department of Philosophy and Dean
Braniff Graduate School of Liberal Arts

Douglas Kries
Bernard J. Coughlin, S.J., Professor of Christian Philosophy
Gonzaga University

Joseph MacFarland
St. John’s College, Annapolis

April 20, 2015, 7 PM
Myra Clare Rogers Memorial Chapel

Further information is available at
Phone: 504-866-8793. E-mail: j-chsec@tulane.edu

Book Review Request

Steve Harmon, book review editor for the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion’s journal Perspectives in Religious Studies, has launched a blog listing information for writers of books review. If you submit a review that is published, please send the information to phd@nobts.edu.
2015 Calls for Papers

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**Evangelical Homiletics Society**

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- **Annual Meeting**
  - “Preaching and Biblical Literacy”
  - October 15-17, 2015
  - Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

**Society of Biblical Literature**

**Evangelical Theological Society**

- **Annual Meeting**
  - “Marriage and Family”
  - November 17-19, 2015
  - Atlanta Hilton
  - Atlanta, GA