Josh Peeler Wins First Land Center Young Scholars Competition

Josh Peeler (preaching) won top honors at the first Young Scholars Competition held by the Land Center for Cultural Engagement at SWBTS for his paper “The Pastoral Theology of Thomas Chalmers as a Model of Christian Cultural Engagement.” From the papers submitted by the April 1 deadline, seven were chosen for presentation at the July 10 Land Center competition. Two SWBTS philosophy professors scored the written papers, Jay Richards evaluated the presentations, and the competitors scored their peers’ presentations. Places awarded were based on composite scores.

Second- and third-place winners were Todd Scacewater of Westminster Theological Seminary and Stephen DeKuyper of SBTS. Awards included cash prizes of $1,000, $750, and $500. Todd Scacewater’s descriptions of papers are available on the Exegetical Tools site.

In addition to the M.Div. in expository preaching from NOBTS, Josh holds the MA in Interdisciplinary Studies with a specialization in cross-cultural communication from the University of Oklahoma.

Congratulations, Josh!

IRB, Prospectus Deadline for Research with Human Subjects

Students whose research involves human subjects in any manner and who want their prospectuses reviewed at the September 9 ReDOC meeting need to e-mail pdfs of both the prospectus and the IRB request to redocsec@nobts.edu no later than Monday, August 10.

After receiving feedback from ReDOC and the IRB subcommittee, the guidance committee chairperson will communicate necessary changes to the student and forward a Prospectus Approval Report to the ReDOC office indicating the student has made changes required by the IRB and the guidance committee.

At least 4 months must elapse between guidance committee approval of the prospectus and submission of the dissertation to the ReDOC office in anticipation of the upcoming graduation. Dissertations for December 19, 2015 graduation must be received by the ReDOC office no later than Thursday, October 1, 2015.

Dissertation submissions must be accompanied by the Dissertation Fee and Order Form, payment for fees indicated, and Doctoral Graduation Application. Students who have not received the ThM degree also should submit the ThM Graduation Application and indicate and submit the diploma fee for the degree.

Students who are seeking positions also should e-mail their resumes to phd@nobts.edu for posting on the Research Doctoral area of the seminary Web site.

Have you moved?

If you have changed your mailing address, phone number, or e-mail address, please e-mail your updated information to phd@nobts.edu.
Qualifying Exams

Qualifying Exams will be held August 5-7 in the ITC on the second floor of the Hardin Student Center. Testers should come at 12:45 PM on August 5 to receive instructions and a few minutes before 1:00 on August 6 and 7. The exam will last 3 hours each day.

In order to sit for the exam, students must have completed the PhD program psychometric testing and readout session. To schedule, contact Laura in the Leeke Magee Counseling Center at ext. 8004.

(No—Internet will be disabled; no phones in use!)

ReDOC Schedule for 2015-2016

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2015-2016.

August 26 (no prospectuses)
September 9
October 14
November 2—Doctoral Admissions
November 11
December 9
January 20 (no prospectuses)
February 10
March 9
April 4—Doctoral Admissions
April 13
May 11
June 1

NEW: An IRB request and a pdf of a prospectus using human subjects must be received by redocsec@nobot.edu no later than one month prior to the meeting 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@nobot.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.
August 1 Deadline for 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.

NOBTS Presentations at Annual ETS Meeting

NOBTS alumni, students, and faculty will present the following 15 papers at the annual ETS Meeting in Atlanta, GA November 17-19:

Cory Barnes (Old Testament) and Archie England, “How Does a Kinsman Become a Brother? Tracing the Expansion of Levirate Marriage from Deuteronomy 25 to the Book of Ruth”; “The Startling Elevation of the Son of Man: The Use of Ancient Near Eastern Intertexts in Daniel 7”


Lloyd Harsch, “The U.S. Supreme Court and Marriage: A Survey of Court Findings and Precedents”


Jeff Riley, “Created Male and Female: How Sex in the Garden Should Inform Sex in the City”


HaYoung Son (New Testament), “Reexamining Exodus 15 as the Allusive Source of the Song of Moses and the Lamb in Revelation 15”

Debbie Steele (psych/counseling, 2007; Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary), “Counseling Family Members Affected by Same-Sex Marriage”

Josh Stewart (Old Testament, 2014; Luther Rice College & Seminary), “A Wise Translation of Job 42:5-6”

Dustin Turner (theology), “Joining the Church according to Paul: An Investigation of Paul’s Understanding of the Relationship between Baptism and Church Membership”

**Dissertation Chapter Review?**

Students who plan to submit a dissertation by October 1 and would like a 40-page chapter review should e-mail pcole@nobts.edu as soon as possible. Reviews are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis and must be completed by September 1.

In addition to approximately 40 pages of text other than the material from the prospectus, the table of contents and selected bibliography should be included.

**Upcoming Meetings**

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- **International SBL**  
  July 20-24, 2015  
  Buenos Aires, Argentina

  - Jeff Cate (NT, 1997), “Let ‘Us’ In: Reconsidering the Weakest Links in the Textual Base of Revelation”
  - Allyson Nance (NT), “Bridging the Divide: Hermeneutics at Antioch and Elsewhere”
  - Bill Warren, “Explorations into a Narrative Approach to Variants in Manuscripts”

- **AACC**  
  September 23-26, 2015  
  Nashville, Tennessee

  - Ian Jones, “Why Worry? Learning to Deal with Anxiety in a Biblical, Transformational Way”
  - Ian Jones and Ron Hawkins, “Possess Your Soul: A Biblical and Transformational Approach to Helping Others”
  - Kathy Steele, “The Role and Use of Scriptural Principles in Interventions in Counseling”