



Note from Dr. Riley

Greeting from your ReDOC office, *in diaspora*. We are living in strange and stressful times, marked by fear, worry, and social disruptions. Even so, as followers of Jesus Christ, you do not fret and respond to disruption as the world does. The One we serve promises peace: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful” (Jn 14:27). Let me encourage you to attend to your relationship with Jesus and choose every day to walk with him in the Spirit. Tough times shape our character into the likeness of Christ. If there is ever a time to demonstrate to the world the hope we have in Christ Jesus and the power of the gospel, this is it.

We are scattered and disoriented—socially distanced—but we are not alone and we are not without resources to fulfill the call of God on each of us. The living God has equipped each of you, for this very time, even to complete your doctoral work. The Lord is not surprised by our circumstances, and he is not powerless to give you everything you need to fulfill his call on your life. So let us endure faithfully, pray fervently, and serve joyfully while looking to see God at work in our circumstances.

I know that for many of you, responses to the virus have created financial uncertainties and difficulties. Please let us know how you are doing so that we can pray for you and help you think about available resources. Remember, a joy shared is doubled, but a burden shared is halved.

Let me end with the following verses from Psalm 46: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride.” We serve a mighty God. Trust him.

Grace and Peace,

Dr. Riley

New Prospectus Approval Deadline

To discourage inordinately long gaps between ReDOC review and guidance committee approval, ReDOC has instituted a time limit for prospectus approval after ReDOC review.

A student must have a prospectus approved by the guidance committee no later than the beginning of the fourth active semester after ReDOC review.

After the allotted time, a student must submit a report to the guidance committee and ReDOC detailing reasons for the delay. Upon the recommendation of the guidance committee, students may be required to retake Prospectus Development.

As time passes, the chance increases that another researcher has published the same type of study or has generated new information that would impact the methodology of your proposed study. With the new ProQuest electronic submission, research has the potential to be available online more quickly than before.

Qualifying Exams

Congratulations to the following students for passing qualifying examinations:

- Chris Bagley (Biblical exposition)
- Matt Burks (New Testament)
- Dale Garvin (Evangelism)
- Zach Johnson (Biblical interpretation)
- Jamie Klemashevich (Counseling)
- Eric Reeves (Old Testament)
- Shan Taylor (Biblical exposition)
- Joe Waller (Theology)
- Missie Wiedman (Christian education)

ERLC Seminar

If you are interested in taking the ERLC seminar Contemporary Issues in Public Policy, please notify the ReDOC Office and Dr. Andrew Walker (awalker@sbts.edu) as soon as possible so that you can receive your pre-assignments. The seminar, scheduled for May 18-22, will be offered online instead of in Nashville, TN. To receive NOBTS credit for the course, you will register during online registration April 20-May 4.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **March 30:** Doctoral Admissions
- ◆ **April 10:** Good Friday; offices closed, no classes
- ◆ **April 12:** Easter
- ◆ **April 20-May 4:** Registration for summer and fall 2020
- ◆ **May 18-22:** ERLC seminar Contemporary Issues in Public Policy, Nashville, TN



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PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **April 1:** Research proposals (4 copies) due to guidance committee chairs for June Prospectus Development; Qualifying Exam applications due to ReDOC office
- ◆ **May 1:** Dissertation final version due to ReDOC office
- ◆ **May 6:** Fall directed study proposal deadline
- ◆ **May 15:** Research proposals and approval forms due to ReDOC office for June Prospectus Development

Research Proposals Due to Guidance Committees by April 1

In order to attend RDOC9303 Prospectus Development June 1-5, 2020, a student must submit 4 copies of the research proposal to the guidance committee chairperson on or before April 1, 2020. 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, 2020.

Students who submit proposals by the April 1 deadline must register for the June miniterm course RDOC9303 in the April 20-May 4 online registration. Due to COVID-19, we do not yet know whether the seminar will meet on campus or on the Internet. Students whose proposals are not approved by May 15 will be dropped from the course at no charge.

ReDOC Schedule for 2019-2020

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2019–2020:

- March 30**—Doctoral Admissions (DeMent Room, 9:00 a.m.)
- April 8 (3/9 IRB)**
- May 13 (4/13 IRB;** fall directed studies)
- June 3 (5/4 IRB)**

An IRB request and a pdf of a prospectus for research using human subjects must be **submitted to the guidance committee chair**, who must forward them to redocsec@nobts.edu, indicating permission to proceed, 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 **11 copies** (double-sided printing is allowed) submitted through your chairperson to the Office of Research Doctoral Programs no later than one week before the scheduled ReDOC meeting. Prospectuses 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.

If your research involves human subjects, you must go

through the Institutional Review Board approval process. Your guidance committee cannot approve your prospectus until (1) the IRB assesses the risk to and protection of the participants; (2) you submit your revised prospectus, consent form, and IRB request; and (3) the IRB approves your treatment of human subjects as reflected in these documents. You cannot contact study participants before approval of both the IRB and your guidance committee. IRB approval is valid for two years.

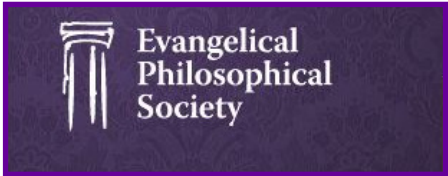
The maximum length for the prospectus is 30 pages of text plus the selected bibliography. Documents with text longer than 30 pages will not be accepted.

NOTE: If you think your guidance committee approved your prospectus but you have not seen it in the *ReDOC News*, contact the ReDOC office. **You cannot contact human subjects before approval.**

IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER, PLEASE NOTIFY THE REDOC OFFICE AND UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION IN SELF-SERVE.



***EPS Graduate Student
Philosophy Paper
Contest***



The Evangelical Philosophical Society will award a **\$500** prize for the best philosophy paper of a graduate student EPS member. Submit the following by e-mail to epsblindreview@gmail.com no later than **3:59 PM Central Time on April 15, 2020**:

- Author’s name
- E-mail and phone number
- Title of paper
- Institutional affiliation
- Degree program (required to be entered into paper competition!)
- **Full paper of approximately 3,000 words** (no longer than 25 minutes to read) plus **Abstract** (100-200 words) as pdf documents
- Days and times you prefer to read the paper and days and times you cannot read the paper. Sessions will be held **November 17-19, 2020** at the Rhode Island Convention Center and Omni Hotel in Providence, RI. Winner must be able to read the paper at the national meeting. Preference will be given to students with flexible schedules.

See the [Evangelical Philosophical Society](#) website for more information.



Calls for Papers

[American Historical Association](#) and [American Society of Church History](#)

January 7-10, 2021

Seattle, WA

Deadline
ASCH only: March 27
9:59 PM CST

[Evangelical Philosophical Society](#)

“Christianity and Islam”

November 17-19, 2020

Providence, RI

Deadline:
April 15, 3:59 PM CST

Spring 2020 Meetings

[Baptist Association of Christian Educators](#)

“True North: Navigating Culture without Sinking the Church”

April 16-17, 2020

Forest Hills Baptist Church
Nashville, TN

Streamed online

[Baptist History and Heritage Society](#)

“Baptists and Public Advocacy”

May 28-29, 2020

Samford University
Birmingham, AL

The Haddon W. Robinson Preaching Award

SPONSORED BY THE EVANGELICAL HOMILETICS SOCIETY



The Haddon W. Robinson Preaching Award is an annual preaching scholarship established in honor of Dr. Haddon W. Robinson, one of the leading evangelical homileticians of the later 20th and early 21st centuries. Robinson's teaching career in homiletics spanned decades, instructing students at three different seminaries. Dr. Robinson's classic textbook, *Biblical Preaching*, helped shape the place and force of evangelical homiletics. Robinson's legacy for preaching is captured in this significant award.

Sermons for this year's award are to be based on

PROVERBS

Haddon Robinson wrote: "Recent commentators on Proverbs note linguistic connections between the proverbs in the Hebrew text that suggest the proverbs may not be as random as they might first appear."

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- This scholarship is open to all Associate Members of EHS
- Sermons are to be 15-20 minutes in length
- Sermons are to focus on the theme and/or Bible text announced for the Haddon W. Robinson Preaching Award
- The target listeners are members of a local evangelical church
- The sermons are to be videotaped, posted to the student's YouTube channel, and the YouTube link provided to RobinsonSermons@ehomiletics.com by the stated deadline
- A task force of EHS members will view the submission, evaluate it on the basis of adherence to basic principles of biblical preaching (as discussed in Robinson's *Biblical Preaching*) and the EHS confessional statement, and determine first, second and third prize awardees
- The Board will notify the students of the decisions at least 90 days prior to the EHS annual conference
- Recipients will be recognized at the annual EHS conference; the first-place recipient may be an option of presenting the message during the EHS (e.g. one of the periods in which academic papers are presented) and a possible link to the message included on the EHS website

CASH AWARDS:

- 1) first place: \$500, plus registration fees and meals to attend the EHS conference
- 2) second place: \$400
- 3) third place: \$300

THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS 30 APRIL 2020.



www.ehomiletics.com/competitions/robinson-award/



Lynn E. May,
Jr

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 Taffey Hall, Director of the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, 901 Commerce Street, Suite 400, Nashville, Tennessee 37203-3630 by **June 1, 2020**.

Scott M. Gibson Emerging Scholars Grant

SPONSORED BY THE EVANGELICAL HOMILETICS SOCIETY

From its founding in 1997, the Evangelical Homiletics Society has been committed to cultivating rising scholars in the field of homiletics. This Grant honors Dr. Scott M. Gibson, co-founder and first president of the Society.

The Emerging Scholars Grant is a means for the Society to assist and encourage developing scholars to fund their education. Awardees of this grant represent the best in current graduate educational scholarship in homiletics.

Application

- This scholarship is open to all Associate Members of the Evangelical Homiletics Society enrolled at the PhD level of graduate study.
- The submission must focus on research regarding a relevant issue in homiletics.
- The length of the research will be 15,000–20,000 words, follow the current JEHS style guide for articles.
- The target readers are evangelical professors of homiletics.
- The student must submit the research to ResearchScholarship@ehomiletics.com by the stated deadline of April 30, 2020.
- A jury of EHS members will evaluate the essay “blindly” based on relevance to the teaching of biblical preaching and the EHS confessional statement, and determine a recipient.
- The Board will notify the students of the decisions at least 90 days prior to the EHS annual conference.
- The awardee is expected to attend the EHS annual conference.



Award

- \$2,000 cash scholarship
- Evangelical Homiletics Society annual conference registration fees
- Meals at the EHS conference
- Possible travel assistance to the EHS conference
- Recognition at the EHS conference
- Presentation at the EHS conference
- Publication in a future issue of the *Journal of the Evangelical Homiletics Society*

Submission deadline: April 30, 2020

Tel Hadid 2020

June 14-July 3
\$750* 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 Tel Aviv University

The Project: Participate in the excavation of an ancient city that was resettled by the Assyrians after the fall of Jerusalem in 722 BC. The site also was home to the Hebrew people who returned to Israel after the exile (Ezra 2:33; Nehemiah 7:37, 11:34).

Dates: June 14-July 3, 2020. Volunteers should plan to arrive no later than June 12, and those working all three weeks should plan departures for July 4 or after.

Cost: \$2,100 for the 3-week season, or \$750 per week (extra days: \$100/day) + airfare. Costs cover room and board. Weekend travel fee is \$50/person/day, and participants are responsible for meals during the tours. 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. The weekend travel cost is \$50/person/day.

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 9 semester hours is available. Standard tuition and fees apply. For details, contact Dr. Dennis Cole (rdcole@nobts.edu).

**\$750/week
+ airfare**

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