



Welcome, New PhD Students!

Congratulations to the following students who were accepted into the PhD program beginning in January 2016:

- Anthony Bellow (New Testament)
- Patrick Cochran (theology)
- Chris Gates (biblical interpretation)
- Shaun Grunblatt (New Testament)
- Paul Keating (Christian education)
- Yungmin Lee (New Testament)
- Ron Lindo (Old Testament)
- Mario Melendez (biblical interpretation)
- Randy Schweinberg (psych/counseling)
- Michael Steinmetz (theology)
- Jackie Taylor (biblical interpretation)
- Matt Williams (missions)
- Derrick Wilson (biblical interpretation)

Welcome to the PhD family!

Research Proposals and Approvals Due by December 18

Friday, December 18 is the deadline for the ReDOC office to receive 2 copies of approved proposals and [Research Proposal Report](#) forms for students taking the January 4-8 Prospectus Development course. The course [syllabus](#) is available online.



Online Registration Closes Nov. 16

Online registration for January and spring 2016 will close at 4:00 p.m. CST on Monday, November 16. Students beginning the PhD program in January need to send registration forms electronically by that deadline or, if mailed, post-marked by November 16.

Students who are not taking a course do not need to register online. If you are on program proficiency, dissertation writing, or ReDOC-approved inactive status, the ReDOC office will work with the Registrar's office to register you under your advisor or guidance committee chair.

Students who submitted a research proposal by the November 2 deadline need to register through SelfServe for the January 4-8 RDOC9303 Prospectus Development course. Students whose proposals are not approved by the December 18 deadline will be dropped from the course at no charge.

Tuition for January courses is due the day prior to the first day of class. Fees for spring semester are due by 4:00 PM on Friday, January 15, 2016. Payment through SelfServe is a good option because payments are reflected on the account immediately.

The [spring schedule](#) is available online. The ReDOC office links syllabi to the schedule as soon as they are received.

Remember to thank God for all his good and perfect gifts!

— James 1:17

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **November 2-16:** Registration for January, Spring 2016
- ◆ **November 25 (noon)-29:** Thanksgiving break; ReDOC office closed
- ◆ **December 18:** Graduation rehearsal (2:30 p.m.) and President's reception (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
- ◆ **December 19:** Graduation
- ◆ **January 19:** Spring semester begins



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PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **November 14:** LifeWay [cap and gown rental](#) deadline
- ◆ **December 4:** Final copies of dissertations due
- ◆ **December 18:** Research proposal approval deadline for January 2016 Prospectus Development
- ◆ **January 12:** Deadline for incoming students to submit proof of prerequisite completion
- ◆ **January 19:** Spring semester begins

Qual Exam Passes

Congratulations to the following students who completed the Qualifying Examination:

- Kelly Ott (psych/counseling)
- Keith Taylor (preaching)
- Ai Yoshida (psych/counseling)

Oral Exam Pass

Congratulations to Dustin Turner for passing the Oral Comprehensive Examination.

***Newcombe Fellowship:
Nov. 15 Deadline***

The [Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships](#) support the final year of dissertation research for PhD candidates in the humanities and social sciences. Eligible proposals have religious or ethical values as a central concern and are relevant to the solution of contemporary religious, cultural, or human rights questions. The stipend is \$25,000 for a twelve-month period of dissertation writing.

Proposal submission deadline: **November 15, 2015**

ReDOC Schedule for 2015-2016

The following are the remaining ReDOC meetings for 2015-2016.

- December 9 (11/9 IRB)**
- January 20 (no prospectuses)**
- February 10 (1/11 IRB)**
- March 9 (2/9 IRB)**
- April 13 (3/14 IRB)**
- May 11 (4/11 IRB)**
- June 1 (5/2 IRB)**

NEW: An IRB request and a pdf of a prospectus using human subjects 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. Proposals 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.

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.

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.





2016 Christian Leadership Forum Doctoral Cohort

The [Christian Leadership Forum](#) sponsored by the Forum for Theological Exploration is an annual summer event that provides students opportunities for networking, professional development, vocational exploration and mentoring. Doctoral students are gathered within a cohort among other leaders of the church and the academy. Eligible applicants must be

- Students of African, Latino/a, Asian, or First Nations descent
- PhD or ThD students of color in religious, theological, or biblical studies within the first two years of their studies
- Prepared to be present for the entire gathering (June 1-4, 2016) in Decatur, GA

FTE provides travel stipends to current FTE Doctoral Fellows to attend meetings of professional societies and organizations related to their scholarship.

[Online applications](#) are due by **February 15, 2016**.

Questions? Contact the Director of Grants and Fellowships, [Darlene Hutto](#).

Tulane University Judeo-Christian Studies Chair Fall 2014 Public Lecture Series

Hugh McCloskey Evans Memorial Lecture

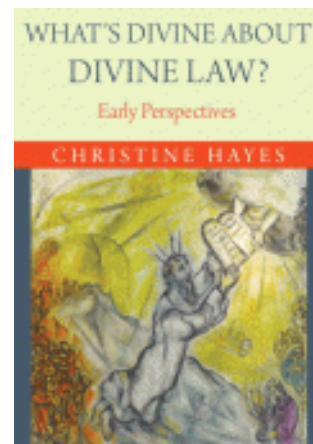


Myra Clare Rogers Memorial Chapel

Thursday, December 3, 2016, 7:30 pm

Christine Hayes

“What’s Divine about Divine Law?”



Christine Hayes is Robert F. and Patrician R. Weis Professor of Religious Studies at Yale University, where she has taught since 1996 after teaching for three years in Princeton’s Near Eastern Studies Department. She holds the BA from Harvard and PhD from Berkeley in Near Eastern studies. She is the author of *Between the Babylonian and Palestinian Talmuds* (Oxford, 1997); *Gentile Impurities and Jewish Identities: Intermarriage and Conversion from the Bible to the Talmud* (Oxford, 2002); *Introduction to the Bible* (Yale, 2012); and *What’s Divine about Divine Law?* (Princeton, 2015), which examines the classical and biblical roots of the Western concept of divine law.

Further information is available at

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Webpage: <http://tulane.edu/liberal-arts/judeo-christian/>

Call for Papers

The [Polanyi Society](#) has issued a [call for papers](#) for their June 8-11, 2016 conference Polanyi Studies: Past, Present, and Future to be held at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Nashotah, WI. Proposals should be no more than 250 words and can be sent to Andrew Grosso at agrosso@icloud.com.

Deadline: November 30



ETS Annual Meeting November 17-19 Atlanta, GA

Michael Polanyi



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), “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”

Jesse Coyne (New Testament), “King of the Nations? Revelation, Harmonization and the New Testament Collections”

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

Steve Lemke, “Who Decides? The Role of the Family in Bioethics Decisions”

Billy Puckett (theology, 2013), “A Consideration of the Relationship between Theology and Ethics: Questions Regarding the Moral Nature of God”

Rhyné Putman, “Epistemic Disagreement and Biblical Interpretation”; “The Role of Abductive Reasoning in Theological Method”

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

Matt Solomon (New Testament, 2014), “The Order of the New Testament Epistles: Developing an Alternative Reading Strategy”

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”

Dan Warner, “How Deep Can It Go? Update on the Gezer Water System 5 Seasons of Excavations”

*SBL Annual Meeting
November 21-24,
Atlanta, GA*



NOBTS alumni, students, and faculty will present the following papers at the annual SBL Meeting in Atlanta, GA November 21-24:

Jeff Cate (NT, 1997; California Baptist University), [“Learning from the Scribes: Using Variant Readings and Marginal Comments as Interpretive Tools for John’s Apocalypse”](#)

Renate Hood (NT, 2002; University of Mary Hardin-Baylor), [“Journeying through Heaven, Hail, and Hell with Jimmy Hendrix and Hollywood: Engaging Students in Apocalyptic Texts with Music and Movies”](#)

Sylvie Raquel (NT, 2002; Trinity International University), [“What Kind of Text Critic Was Origen?”](#) and [“Acts and the Amazing Race: Developing Academic Responsibility in a Freshman Course”](#)

Viktor Roudkovski (NT, 2004; LeTourneau University), [“Travelocity, Biblical Literature, and Personal Formation: Study Tours Abroad as Part of Affective Domain Teaching in Bible Courses”](#)

Matt Solomon (NT, 2014), [“The Subordination of Apphia: An Orthoprax Corruption of Scripture”](#)

Gerald Stevens, [“Cognitive Dissonance as Pedagogical Strategy for John’s Apocalypse”](#)

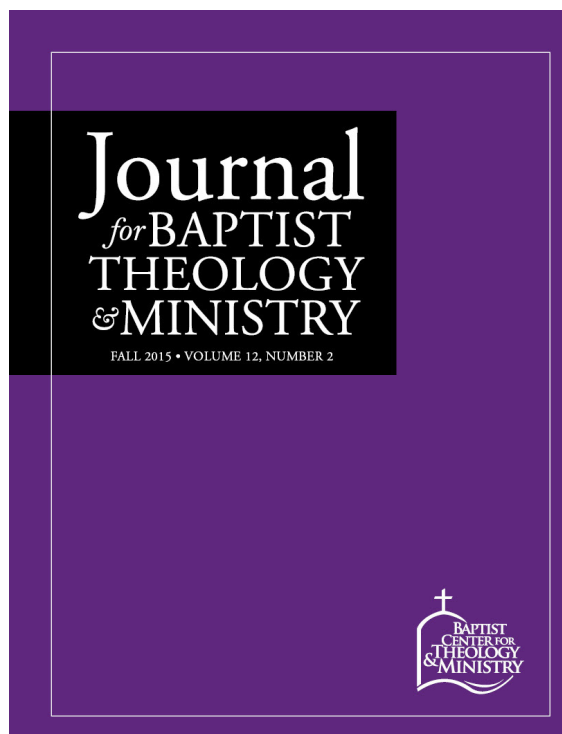
Ronald van der Bergh (visiting NT student, 2008; University of Pretoria), [“Marcion’s Legacy and the Old Testament Quotations in Codex Bezae’s Luke”](#)

Bill Warren, Allyson Presswood Nance (NT), and Katie Unsworth Morgan (NT), [“Canon and Scripture Development in Light of the Infancy Gospels”](#)

*Fall 2015 Issue of the Journal for
Baptist Theology & Ministry*

and

*Call for Papers for the Centennial
Issue Commemorating the
Founding of NOBTS*



The Fall 2015 issue of the [Journal for Baptist Theology & Ministry](#) is available free online.

The editor of JBTM is accepting paper proposals for a 2017 issue of the journal to commemorate the centennial of the founding of NOBTS.

Sample paper topics might include the following:

- The Evangelistic Impact of W. W. Hamilton
- Episodes of Providence and Prayer at NOBTS
- A Brief History of NOBTS Presidents
- The Contribution of Frank Stagg for New Testament Theology
- Christian Counseling in the Big Easy
- The Future of Christian Education through NOBTS

Paper Submission Guidelines:

- Authors must hold a PhD in a relevant field of study.
- The target audience for the journal is the pastor-scholar.
- The word count for articles is typically 3,000-5,000 words.
- Please format in Turabian, use footnotes, and transliterate biblical words.
- Content should be consistent with the *Baptist Faith and Message*.

Please submit a title and 100-150 word description of a proposed article by **April 1, 2016**, to baptistcenter@nobts.edu. Submissions will be reviewed by the Editorial Advisory Board within 30 days of the deadline. Notification will be made to all who submit proposals by May 1; completed articles will be due by November 1, 2016.

Can You Dig It? The Gezer Water System Expedition 2016

May 22-June 10, 2016
\$650* 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 22-June 10, 2016. Volunteers should plan to arrive no later than May 21, and those working all three weeks should plan departures for June 11 or 12.

Cost: \$1,905 for the 3-week season, or \$650 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.



**\$650/week
 + airfare**

For More Information Contact

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www.nobts.edu/archaeologycenter/