



## *Congratulations, Graduates!*



Congratulations to the following students who will receive the Doctor of Philosophy degree at graduation on December 17, 2016:

David Evans (Christian education), “An Analysis of Personal Experiences That Influence Selected Generations to Attend Churches Affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention”

James Hawkins (psychology/counseling), “Can Participation in the ‘A More Excellent Way: Marriage Enrichment Program’ Contribute to Increased Intimacy in Marriage?”

Jonathan Patterson (Old Testament), “‘The Contention of the Lord’: An Analysis of the Form of the Covenant Law-suit in the Old Testament Writing Prophets in Light of Their Ancient Near Eastern Context”

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

Eun Kyng Seo (psychology/counseling), “A Cross-Cultural Study on Shame and Guilt in Religiosity: A Comparison of Americans and Koreans”

Dustin Turner (theology), “Immersed into the Church? A Biblical-Historical Analysis of the Permissibility of Baptismal Modes for Membership in Southern Baptist Churches”

Nathan VanHorn (New Testament), “Arguing from Abraham: Remembrance as Rhetorical Warrant in Romans 1-4”



In addition, the following students will receive the Master of Theology degree:

Megan Burnett (New Testament)  
Melissa Carlisle (psychology/counseling)  
Andrew Hollingsworth (theology)  
Casey Hough (biblical interpretation)  
Ju Heun Park (New Testament)  
Michael Reed (Christian education)  
Robby Ridgeway (Great Commission Studies)  
Matt Rose (New Testament)  
Katie Morgan (New Testament)  
Ai Yoshida (psychology/counseling)

## *SYNC Surveys Needed*

As you know, in June 2016 the ATS Board of Commissioners approved a three-year experiment allowing an exception to the Commission’s PhD residency requirement that “courses, seminars, and colloquia for research doctoral degrees shall normally be completed on the main campus” (Degree Program Standard J, section J.3.1.1). This experiment is limited to offering those courses (roughly two-thirds of the PhD program’s total credits) through synchronous interactive video, not through asynchronous means.

This semester ETHC9401 Biblical Ethics, THEO/HIST9405 Theology of the Major Reformers, and THSR9301 Systematic Theology included SYNC delivery. If you were in one of these courses, you should have received an e-mail link to a survey about SYNC. **We are required to collect this information to maintain the privilege of online delivery**, so PLEASE FILL IT OUT and give us your feedback!

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **December 16:** Graduation rehearsal (2:30 p.m.) and President’s reception (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
- ◆ **December 17:** Graduation
- ◆ **December 22, noon-January 1:** Christmas break; offices closed
- ◆ **January 2-6:** Prospectus Development
- ◆ **January 4-6:** Qual Exams
- ◆ **January 10-12:** Intro to Doctoral Research and Writing
- ◆ **January 23:** Spring semester begins



## Have a Christ-filled Christmas!

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**PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES**

- ◆ **December 16:** Research proposals and approvals due
- ◆ **January 17:** Deadline for incoming students to submit proof of completion of prerequisites
- ◆ **January 23:** Spring semester begins
- ◆ **February 3:** Drop-add deadline (e-mail ReDOC Office )
- ◆ **February 28:** Mardi Gras; offices closed, no classes

*Prospectus Approval*

Rikki Permenter (psychology/counseling), “Personal Need for Structure and Religious Orientation as Predictors of Choice Factors for Church of Regular Attendance”

*Oral Exam Pass*

Congratulations to Tim Walker (theology) for passing the Oral Comprehensive Examination on December 1 and welcoming new baby Esther on December 2!



*ReDOC Schedule for 2016-2017*

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2017.

- January 25** (no prospectuses)
- February 8 (1/9 IRB)**
- March 8 (2/8 IRB)** (summer directed studies)
- March 27**—Doctoral Admissions
- April 12 (3/13 IRB)**
- May 10 (4/10 IRB)** (fall directed studies)
- June 7 (5/8 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 **9 copies** 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.

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 NOTIFY THE REDOC OFFICE AND UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION IN SELFSERVE.**



## *New PhD Majors*

Two new PhD majors will be available beginning in the Fall 2017 semester. Christian apologetics will follow the classic weekly/biweekly model with prerequisites of 12 hours of Hebrew, 12 hours of Greek, 9 hours of non-biblical language, and 12 hours of master's classes in the major.

Christian leadership will be offered on the 4x schedule and will require prerequisites of 6 hours of Hebrew and/or Greek, 6 hours of nonbiblical language, or 8 hours of statistics.

Seminars and colloquia in both majors will be available through SYNC delivery.

## *Library Acquisitions*

Reference librarian Eric Benoy is keeping us informed of newly acquired library resources each month. Check out the latest additions in your area.

- [April 2016](#)
- [May 2016](#)
- [June 2016](#)
- [July 2016](#)
- [August 2016](#)
- [September 2016](#)
- [October 2016](#)
- [November 2016](#)



Thanks, Eric!

## *EHS Emerging Scholars Grant*

In keeping with a commitment to cultivate scholars in the field of homiletics, the [Evangelical Homiletics Society](#) has established an Emerging Scholars Grant of \$2,000 plus registration fees and meals to attend the annual EHS conference. The grant competition is open to all PhD students who are Associate Members of EHS (fee: \$25/year).

- To enter, submit a paper of 15,000 to 20,000 words focusing on a relevant issue in homiletics.
- Papers must follow the [EHS style guide](#).
- The EHS jury will evaluate papers based on relevance to the teaching of biblical preaching and the [EHS confessional statement](#).
- The winner will be recognized at the annual conference and may present the research at the conference and/or have the article published in *JEHS*.

**Submission deadline: May 31**

Keep this competition in mind in the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters as you write major papers for your seminars!

For details, see the [EHS website](#).



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## *Research Proposals Due Today, December 16!*

Friday, December 16 is the deadline for the ReDOC Office to receive 2 copies of each approved research proposal and the [Research Proposal Report](#) forms for students taking the January 2-6 Prospectus Development course. The course [syllabus](#) is available online.



## *Teaching Certificate Courses*

The next Innovative Learning course is scheduled to begin January 30, in ITC Lab G. This course is required for the Teaching in the 21st Century certificate, and it is free of charge for faculty and PhD students.

Certificate courses are being made available through Blackboard as well. Contact Karla McGehee at [kmcgehee@nobts.edu](mailto:kmcgehee@nobts.edu) to request enrollment in the BB shell if you would like to complete these courses online.



### **2017**

- **January 30, February 6, February 13:** Creating Online Courses with Excellence: CEEF 6351 – *Advanced Online Course Development\**  
*Location ITC, Lab G*
- **April 10:** Ministering to Students with Excellence (Dr. Hal Stewart) The purpose of this session is to investigate how the teacher in Christian higher education ministers to the student by aiming to engage in spiritual formation development.  
*Location HSC 211*

\*This course is required for the *Teaching in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* certificate.

\*\* All sessions held from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \*\*

### ***\$25,000 FTE Doctoral Fellowships***

The Forum for Theological Exploration is offering fellowships of up to \$25,000 for doctoral students who meet the following qualifications:

- African, Latino/a, Asian-Pacific Islander, or First Nations descent
- Enrolled in a ThD or PhD program in religious, theological, or biblical studies
- Course work completed by January 1, 2017
- In a position to write full time during 2017

Students who have completed course work but not passed orals may apply.

[Applications are available online.](#)

**Due date: February 1, 2017**

### ***\$1,500 Doctoral Award for Alumni in Education***

Emerald Group Publishing and the Higher Education Teaching and Learning Association (HETL) are offering a \$1,500 award, free registration to an HETL conference at which the winner may present the paper, and a free copy of an Emerald or HETL book. Up to two Highly Commended Doctoral Research Awards also will be given.

- Doctoral research must be in the field of education.
- The doctoral degree must have been conferred between October 1, 2013 and October 1, 2016.

[Applications are available online.](#)

**Due date: March 1, 2017**



## Call for Papers

[International SBL  
Annual Meeting](#)

**August 7-11, 2017**

Paper Proposal Deadline:  
**Midnight, February 21, 2017**

Berlin, Germany

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| <p><a href="#"><u>American Society of<br/>Church History</u></a></p> <p><b>Annual Meeting</b><br/>“Reformations”</p> <p><b>January 5-8, 2017</b></p> <p>Colorado Convention<br/>Center<br/>Denver, CO</p> | <p><a href="#"><u>HBU Theology<br/>Conference</u></a></p> <p>“How the Bible Came<br/>into Being”</p> <p><b>March 2-4, 2017</b></p> <p>Houston Baptist<br/>University<br/>Houston, TX</p> |
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## 2017 Meetings

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| <p><a href="#"><u>SE Commission for the<br/>Study of Religion</u></a></p> <p><b>Regional Meeting</b><br/>“Utopia and Dystopia”</p> <p><b>March 3-5, 2017</b></p> <p>Marriott Raleigh Crabtree<br/>Valley<br/>Raleigh, NC</p> | <p><a href="#"><u>SW Commission on<br/>Religious Studies</u></a></p> <p><b>Regional Meeting</b><br/>“Religion Matters”</p> <p><b>March 10-12, 2017</b></p> <p>Marriott Hotel DFW Air-<br/>port<br/>Irving, TX</p> | <p><a href="#"><u>Baptist Association of<br/>Christian Educators</u></a></p> <p><b>Annual Meeting</b><br/>“Indispensable: Becom-<br/>ing an MVP in Disciple-<br/>making”</p> <p><b>March 30-31, 2017</b></p> <p>NOBTS Campus</p> | <p><a href="#"><u>Baptist History &amp;<br/>Heritage Society</u></a></p> <p><b>Annual Meeting</b><br/>“Biographies and Narra-<br/>tives: Baptist Experiences<br/>and Convictions”</p> <p><b>June 1-3, 2017</b></p> <p>FBC Augusta, GA</p> |
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## *Can You Dig It? The Gezer Water System Expedition 2017*

May 20-June 9, 2017  
\$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 20-June 9, 2017. Volunteers should plan to arrive no later than May 20, and those working all three weeks should plan departures for June 9.

**Cost:** \$1,950 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. For details, contact Cory Barnes ([cbarnes@nobts.edu](mailto:cbarnes@nobts.edu)).

**\$650/week  
+ airfare**

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