



## ***Congratulations, PhD Graduates!***



Congratulations to the following students who will receive the PhD degree on December 16, 2017:

Ben Hutchison (Old Testament), “A Narrative Critical Analysis of Hezekiah, Manasseh, and Josiah in Kings”

Allyson Nance (New Testament), “A ‘Relevant’ Model for Biblical Hermeneutics”

Trudy Penton (church history), “A Comparison of Menno Simons and Karl Barth on Predestination”

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

Karla Ra (New Testament), “A Contextual Study of the Activities of Preaching, Teaching, and Prophesying in the Early Church with Implications for New Testament Texts”

Angela Scruggs (psychology and counseling), “The Deaf Experience: An Exploration of Psychological and Emotional Well-Being Among Deaf American Adults”

Ben Skipper (New Testament), “Echoes of Eden: An Intertextual Analysis of Edenic Language in Romans 1:18-32”

Scott Talley (biblical interpretation), “A Narrative-Critical Interpretation of Allusions to Abraham in the Lukan Infancy Narrative” [*kudos to the first graduate in this new major!*]

## ***Congratulations, ThM Graduates!***

Congratulations to the following students who will receive the Master of Theology degree on December 16, 2017:

Andrew Bailey (theology)  
Keenan Braden (Christian education)  
Ben Browning (New Testament)  
Matt Bryant (theology)  
Brad DeLaughter (Christian education)  
Lorien Fleener (psychology/counseling)  
Michael Gill (biblical interpretation)  
Brandon Jenkins (New Testament)  
Thomas Magers (biblical exposition)  
Mario Melendez (biblical interpretation)  
Michelle Muncy (psychology/counseling)  
Chris Shaffer (theology)  
Michael Steinmetz (theology)  
Michael Wang (Christian education)

## ***SYNC Link***

We are midway through the second year of our live synchronous delivery experiment with ATS, and SYNC has expanded to include ALL majors! Beginning in spring 2018, NT and OT seminars and colloquia also will be available via synchronous interactive video, and counseling courses will follow in the fall.

Students who were in SYNC-enabled seminars and/or colloquia in fall 2017 will receive an e-mail link to a survey about SYNC. **We are required to collect this information to maintain the privilege of offsite delivery, so PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY and give us your feedback!** Information from these surveys and juried papers will be included in our second report to ATS in April.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

- ◆ **December 15:** Graduation rehearsal (2:30 p.m.) and President’s reception (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
- ◆ **December 16:** Graduation
- ◆ **December 22-January 1:** Christmas break; offices closed, no classes
- ◆ **January 2-4:** Intro to Doctoral Research and Writing
- ◆ **January 3-5:** Qualifying Exams
- ◆ **January 22:** Spring semester begins



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**PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES**

- ◆ **December 15:** Research proposal approval deadline for January prospectus course
- ◆ **December 16:** Graduation
- ◆ **January 15:** Deadline for incoming students to submit proof of completion of prerequisites
- ◆ **January 19:** Spring tuition payment deadline
- ◆ **January 22:** Spring semester begins
- ◆ **February 2:** Drop-add deadline (e-mail ReDOC Office)
- ◆ **February 13:** Mardi Gras; office closed, no classes

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

***Prospectus Approvals***

Justin Kelly (counseling), “The Relationship between God Representations, Dispositional Gratitude, Worry, and Hope”

Chris McElmurray (biblical interpretation), “The Conquest of Joshua in the Narrative Substructure of Revelation”

Wade Stevens (biblical interpretation), “Paul’s Use of Scripture in 1 Thessalonians”

**GRADS—**  
**Need more hours to teach in additional areas? Interested in new seminar offerings? Join colleagues via SYNC from home or office!**  
  
**Ask the ReDOC Office about Post-doc application.**

***Research Proposals and Approvals Due***

Friday, December 15 is the deadline for the ReDOC office to receive 2 copies of approved proposals and [Research Proposal Report](#) forms for students taking the January 8-12 Prospectus Development course. The course [syllabus](#) is available online.



***ReDOC Schedule for 2017-2018***

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2017– 2018.

- January 24** (no prospectuses)
- February 14 (1/16 IRB)**
- March 14 (2/14/ IRB)**  
(summer directed studies)
- April 11 (3/12 IRB)**
- May 9 (4/9 IRB)** (fall directed studies)
- June 6 (5/7 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.

**The maximum length for the prospectus is 30 pages of text plus the selected bibliography.**

**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.



## *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. The following must be submitted to [epsblindreview@gmail.com](mailto:epsblindreview@gmail.com) no later than **March 31, 2018 at 4:00 PM Central Time**:

- 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)
- Days and times you prefer to read the paper and days and times you cannot read the paper. Sessions will be held **November 13-15, 2018** at the Sheraton Hotel in Denver, CO. Winner must be able to read the paper at the national meeting. Preference may be given to students with flexible schedules.

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

## **FTE DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR 2018-2019**

The Fund for Theological Education offers the Fellowship for Doctoral Students of African Descent and the Fellowship for Latino/a, Asian and First Nations Doctoral Students. Each fellowship recipient receives an award of up to \$25,000. Qualified candidates must be

- Students of African, Latino/a, Asian, Pacific Islands or First Nations descent
- Enrolled full time in a ThD or PhD program in religious, theological or biblical studies
- Completed with coursework by the beginning of the awarded fellowship year
- In a position to write full time during the fellowship year if applicant is at the dissertation stage

Applicants who are past coursework but not yet at candidacy (ABD) are eligible to apply.

[Click here](#) for more information and to apply online.

All online applications are due by February 1, 2018.

Questions? Contact the Director of Strategic Partnerships for Doctoral Initiatives, [Patrick B. Reyes](#).

## Calls for Papers

<p><u>Evangelical Theological Society</u> Southeast Region</p> <p>“Evangelical Scholarship’s Role in Christian Unity”</p> <p><b>March 23-24, 2018</b></p> <p>Charleston Southern University</p> <p><b>Deadline: December 31</b></p>	<p><u>Evangelical Theological Society</u> Southwest Region</p> <p>“New in the Old and Old in the New”</p> <p><b>March 2-3, 2018</b></p> <p>Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Houston Campus</p> <p><b>Deadline: January 22</b></p>
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**CALL FOR PAPER PROPOSALS**



Annual Conference of the Baptist History and Heritage Society

“Baptist Women in the Twentieth Century: Missionaries, Mission Leaders, Churchwomen, Civil Rights Activists, and Ministers”

Atlanta, Georgia

May 31–June 1, 2018

Proposals of 500 words or less are due to the executive director, John Finley, at [johnfinley@baptisthistory.org](mailto:johnfinley@baptisthistory.org) by **January 31, 2018**.

Proposals may be on the conference theme or other relevant topics.

### International SBL

The [call for papers](#) for the 2018 annual meeting of the International SBL is open now through **February 14, 2018**. The July 30-August 3 sessions will be held in Helsinki, Finland.



Evangelical Philosophical Society

“Holy Spirit”

**November 13-15, 2018**

Sheraton Hotel  
Denver, CO

**Deadline: March 31, 4:00 PM CST**

## 2018 Meetings

<p><u>American Society of Church History</u></p> <p>2018 Winter Meeting</p> <p><b>January 4-7, 2018</b></p> <p>Dupont Circle Hotel</p> <p>Washington, DC</p>	<p><u>Southwest ETS</u></p> <p>“New in the Old and Old in the New”</p> <p><b>March 2-3, 2018</b></p> <p>Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Houston Campus</p> <p>Houston, TX</p>	<p><u>Southeast ETS</u></p> <p>“Evangelical Scholarship’s Role in Christian Unity”</p> <p><b>March 23-24, 2018</b></p> <p>Charleston Southern University</p> <p>Charleston, SC</p>	<p><u>Baptist History and Heritage Society</u></p> <p>“Baptist Women in the Twentieth Century”</p> <p><b>May 31-June 1, 2018</b></p> <p>Smoke Rise Baptist Church</p> <p>Stone Mountain, GA</p>
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- SEPTEMBER 1, 2017** Pastoral Study Project (Up to \$15,000)
- OCTOBER 1, 2017** Project Grant for Researchers (Up to \$30,000)
- NOVEMBER 1, 2017** Sabbatical Grant for Researchers (Up to \$40,000)
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Contact Louisville Institute at: 502.992.5432

[See Louisville Institute Grants](#)

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Only \$3995 from New Orleans (qualifying students \$2995)  
Academic credit available



**Tour led by Dr. Lloyd A. Harsch**  
Professor of Church History and Baptist Studies



For information, contact Blanca Phillips at [travelprograms@nobts.edu](mailto:travelprograms@nobts.edu), 504-816-8441

## *Can You Dig It? The Gezer Water System Expedition 2018*

May 25-June 15, 2018  
 \$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 25-June 15, 2018. Volunteers should plan to arrive no later than May 25, and those working all three weeks should plan departures for June 15.

**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 Shaun Grunblatt ([sgrunblatt@nobts.edu](mailto:sgrunblatt@nobts.edu)).

**\$650/week  
 + airfare**

### For More Information Contact

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