



Lawson Younger to Speak at Biblical Studies Events *March 17*

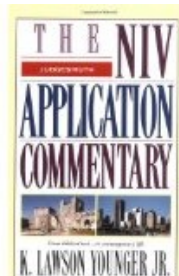
12 noon, Creole Room: Brown Bag
3:00 pm, Leavell Center: Lecture

Dr. K. Lawson Younger Jr., Professor of Old Testament, Semitic Languages, and Ancient Near Eastern History at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, will be on campus Tuesday, March 17 for a Brown Bag



Lunch at noon in the Creole Room and a lecture on "The Ubiquitous People Group of the Ancient Near East" 3:00-4:45 in the main conference room of the Leavell Center.

Dr. Younger is a trustee of the American Schools of Oriental Research and was the 2012 Seymour Gitin Distinguished Professor at the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem. He is the author of *Ancient Conquest Accounts: A Study in Ancient Near Eastern and Biblical History Writing* in the Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies series as well as the commentary on Judges and Ruth in the NIV Application Commentary series, and he has just completed *A Political History of the Arameans: From Their Origins to the End of Their Politics*, which will be released in May.



Greer-Heard Forum *April 10-11*

The 2015 Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum will feature a discussion with Calvin Beisner and Bill McKibben on Christians, the environment, and climate change.

Calvin Beisner is the founder of the Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation and a former associate professor of historical theology and social ethics at Knox Theological Seminary. He holds a PhD in Scottish History from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. His books include *Where Garden Meets Wilderness: Evangelical Entry into the Environmental Debate*, *Prospects for Growth: A Biblical View of Population, Resources, and the Future*, and *Prosperity and Poverty: The Compassionate Use of Resources in a World of Scarcity*.



Bill McKibben is a well-known environmentalist and author of *Oil and Honey: The Education of an Unlikely Activist*, *The Global Warming Reader*, *The End of Nature*, and *Eaarth*. Founder of 350.org, he is Schumann Distinguished Scholar at Middlebury College and the 2013 winner of the Gandhi Prize and the Thomas Merton Prize. After graduating from Harvard, McKibben wrote for the *New York Times*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, and other magazines. He also received Guggenheim and Lyndhurst Fellowships as well as the Lannan Prize for nonfiction writing in 2000.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **March 17:** Biblical Studies Special Event with Lawson Younger
- ◆ **March 23-27:** Spring Break
- ◆ **April 1:** ThM program application deadline
- ◆ **April 3:** Good Friday; offices closed, no classes
- ◆ **April 9-11:** Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum
- ◆ **April 13:** Doctoral Admissions



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PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **April 1:** Research Proposals due to guidance committees, Qualifying Exam application deadline
- ◆ **April 13-27:** Registration for summer, fall 2015
- ◆ **April 15:** Dissertation defense deadline
- ◆ **May 1:** Dissertation final copies due

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Congratulations to Magee Fellowship Recipients!

Congratulations to the recipients of the Robert S. Magee Doctoral Fellowships for the 2015-2016 academic year:

Andrea Robinson (biblical interpretation)
Tim Walker (theology)

The Robert S. Magee Doctoral Fellowship is granted primarily with regard to academic excellence and scholarly potential. The Associate Dean of Research Doctoral Programs, chairs of the academic divisions, Dean of Graduate Studies, and Provost are involved in determining the recipients of this fellowship.

Prospectus Approval

Jesse Coyne (New Testament), “The Wandering People of God and the Metaphorical World of Wilderness in the Epistle to the Hebrews”

Oral Exams

Congratulations to the following students who passed the Oral Comprehensive Examination:

Shinyul Ahn (preaching)
David Allen (Christian education)
David Judd (Christian education)
Rikki Permenter (psych/counseling)

ReDOC Schedule for 2014-2015

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2014-2015:

- April 8**
- April 13**—Doctoral Admissions
- May 13** (fall directed study proposals)
- June 3**

NOTE: IRB requests 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.

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.



April 10 Deadline for Land Competition

The Land Center for Cultural Engagement at SWBTS is hosting a competition for PhD students on issues related to the intersection of faith, work, and economics. Eight students will be selected to compete for three prizes of \$1,000, \$750, and \$500 by submitting a 15-20-page paper for presentation with PowerPoint at SWBTS on July 10, 2015. The competitors will receive a travel stipend and campus lodging. No more than two students will be chosen from any school.

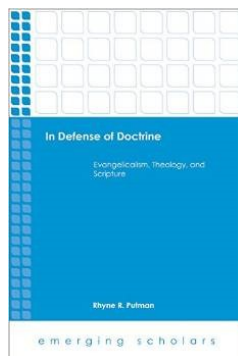
Two professors also must complete recommendations on your behalf. If you are interested in entering this competition, contact the ReDOC office for details and forms. Application deadline: **April 10, 2015**.

IRB Procedure in Doctoral Manual

The IRB procedure has been approved formally and is incorporated into Section III.I. of the 2015 *Manual for Research Doctoral Programs*. This edition also reflects the revised Likert values for GRE Analytical Writing scores.

New Faculty Publication

Rhyné Putman, *In Defense of Doctrine: Evangelicalism, Theology and Scripture* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2015).



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.

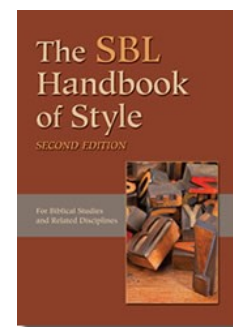
The paper is due to JMorris@swbts.edu by **August 1, 2015**. Winners will be notified by September 1, 2015.

See the [GCRN website](#) for details.

New SBL Style Manual

The Society for Biblical Literature has published a second edition of their style manual. Major changes such as placing less information within parentheses in footnotes make SBL form more similar to Turabian.

Information about changes in this new edition is available on the [SBL site](#).



Research Proposals Due April 1

In order to attend RDOC9303 Prospectus Development June 1-5, 2015, a student must submit 4 copies of the research proposal to the guidance committee chairperson on or before April 1, 2015. 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, 2015.

If you submit a proposal to your guidance committee chairperson by April 1, please notify the ReDOC office. Students with approved proposals can register for the June miniterm course RDOC9303 in April online registration.



SBHLA Lynn E. May Jr. Study Grant

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 Bill Sumners, SBHLA director, by **April 1, 2015**.

Tulane University
The Catherine and Henry J. Gaisman Memorial Lecture
**“Prophet, King, and Philosopher in the Jewish, Christian,
and Islamic Traditions”**

Joshua Parens

Professor, Department of Philosophy and Dean
Braniff Graduate School of Liberal Arts

Douglas Kries

Bernard J. Coughlin, S.J., Professor of Christian Philosophy
Gonzaga University

Joseph MacFarland

St. John’s College, Annapolis

April 20, 2015, 7 PM

Myra Clare Rogers Memorial Chapel

Further information is available at
Phone: [504-866-8793](tel:504-866-8793). E-mail: j-chsec@tulane.edu

Book Review Request

Steve Harmon, book review editor for the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion’s journal *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, has launched a [blog](#) listing information for writers of books review. If you submit a review that is published, please send the information to phd@nobts.edu.

***2015 Calls
for Papers***

<u>Evangelical Theological Society</u>	<u>Evangelical Homiletics Society</u>
Paper proposal submission deadline	Paper proposal submission deadline
March 31, 2015	May 15, 2015
“Marriage and Family”	“Preaching and Biblical Literacy”
<i>Annual Meeting:</i> November 17-19, 2015 Atlanta, GA	<i>Annual Meeting:</i> October 15-17, 2015 Louisville, KY

Meetings

<p><u>Evangelical Theological Society</u></p> <p>Southeast Regional Meeting “The Kingdom of God as a Metanarrative in Scripture” March 27-28, 2015 Luther Rice Seminary Lithonia, GA</p> <p>❖</p> <p>Southwest Regional Meeting “The Doctrine of Creation” April 10-11, 2015 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary</p>	<p><u>Baptist Association of Christian Educators</u></p> <p>Annual Meeting “Prescriptions for Spiritual, Family, and Church Health” April 9-10, 2015 Johnson Ferry Baptist Church Marietta, GA</p>	<p><u>Baptist History & Heritage Society</u></p> <p>Annual Meeting “Seeking Justice: Baptists, Nashville and Civil Rights” April 20-22, 2015 Nashville, TN</p>
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<p><u>Evangelical Homiletics Society</u></p> <p>Annual Meeting “Preaching and Biblical Literacy” October 15-17, 2015 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary</p>	<p><u>Society of Biblical Literature</u></p> <p>Annual Meeting November 21-24, 2015 Atlanta, GA</p>	<p><u>Evangelical Theological Society</u></p> <p>Annual Meeting “Marriage and Family” November 17-19, 2015 Atlanta Hilton Atlanta, GA</p>
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