



Congratulations, PhD Graduates!



Congratulations to the following students who received the Doctor of Philosophy degree on May 16, 2015:

William Bloch (Christian education), “An Analysis of the Faith Development of Selected Deaf Persons Based on James W. Fowler’s Theory of Faith Development”

David Bond (Christian education), “An Analysis of Selected Church Health and Church Context Characteristics among Growing, Plateaued, and Declining Churches in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention”

Kathy Frady (Christian education), “A Grounded Theory Investigation into How Three- and Four-Year-Old Children Experience and Express Their Theological Understanding of Mark 10:13-16”

Ai Kyung Ra (Christian education), “An Investigation of the Relationship between Children’s Ministry Volunteer Satisfaction and the Leadership Styles of Pastors Serving in Korean Southern Baptist Churches in the United States”

James Hawkins: The Race before Us Video

Check out [video #7 of *The Race before Us*](#) on the NOBTS YouTube for some encouraging words from James Hawkins (psychology/counseling) on how to succeed in the PhD program!

Congratulations, ThM Graduates!

Congratulations to the following students who received the Master of Theology degree on May 16, 2015:

Dan Martin (Christian education)
Andrea Robinson (biblical interpretation)
Steve Voss (psychology/counseling)
Michael Wilburn (Christian education)

Josh Peeler in Land Center Competition

Congratulations to Josh Peeler (preaching), whose paper “The Pastoral Theology of Thomas Chalmers as a Model of Christian Cultural Engagement” was accepted for participation in the Young Scholars Competition of the Land Center for Cultural Engagement at SWBTS. He will present the paper on July 10 in competition for a prize of \$500, \$750, or \$1,000.

Good luck, Josh!

Summer Hours



NOBTS will enjoy summer hours again this year beginning Monday, June 1. Campus offices open at 8 a.m. as usual but close at 4 p.m. We will resume regular 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. hours on Monday, August 10. We hope you have a great summer!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **June 1-August 7:** NOBTS summer hours (Offices open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Central Time)
- ◆ **June 1-5:** Prospectus Development
- ◆ **June 16-17:** Southern Baptist Convention in Columbus, OH
- ◆ **July 3:** Independence Day holiday; offices closed
- ◆ **July 27-31:** Summer miniterm
- ◆ **August 5-7:** Qualifying Exams
- ◆ **August 24:** Fall semester begins



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PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **June 1:** Prospectus approval deadline for October 1 dissertation submission
- ◆ **August 1:** Deadline to submit paper for GCRN contest (see p. 3)
- ◆ **August 21:** Qualifying Exam results due to

Oral Exams

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

- Karla Ra (New Testament)
- EK Seo (psychology/counseling)
- Phillip Weaver (Christian education)

You can apply to take the oral exam when you complete course work and your guidance committee has approved your research proposal. The examination application form must be signed by the guidance committee and submitted to the ReDOC office for approval no later than 2 weeks prior to the anticipated date of the exam.

Prospectus Approvals

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

David Judd, “Examining Online Learning Experiences in Christian Education through a Community of Inquiry Framework”

Riddle of the Month

How do successful students navigate the PhD program?

By reading the *PhD Manual* and *ReDOC News*. If you are reading this blurb, email us to enter a drawing for a sweet treat.

ReDOC Schedule for 2014-2015

The last ReDOC meeting for 2014-2015 will be **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.

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.





Can You Dig It?

The NOBTS crew has begun their staged departure for the 2015 dig season at Tel Gezer. To track their progress beginning next week, visit the [Can You Dig It](#) blog site for commentary and photos from Gary Myers, director of Public Relations at NOBTS. Among the diggers this year will be Andrea Robinson (biblical interpretation).

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.



Providence Learning Center will offer classes in theological German again this summer on the following schedule:

- German 1: June 1-19
- German 2: June 29-July 17

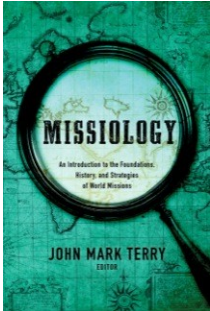
Classes meet 9 AM-1 PM Monday through Friday in HSC 202. Tuition for each session is \$500.

These classes are not for academic credit. Students will not receive academic credit on a transcript, and no credit from these classes can be transferred to another institution. These continuing education courses prepare students to take the German exam administered through the ReDOC office for PhD program application or for second nonbiblical language certification for Old and New Testament majors. Students who complete a course will receive a Certificate of Completion from Providence Learning Center upon request.

To enroll, come to the first class session on Monday, June 1 at 9:00 AM. At this meeting, you will complete a registration form for the first course. After completing the first week of class, your student account will be charged \$500 for German 1. Likewise, you can register for the second course on Monday, June 29. After the first week of German 2, your account will be charged an additional \$500 to cover the second course.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Lenny Price in the Providence Learning Center at lprice@nobts.edu or (504) 282-4455, ext. 3286. To schedule a German exam, contact the ReDOC office.

Publication



Philip Pinckard, “The Missionary Family,” in *Missiology: An Introduction to the Foundations, History, and Strategies of World Missions*, ed. John Mark Terry (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2015) [forthcoming in September].

**2015 Call
for Papers**

Evangelical Homiletics Society

Paper proposal submission
deadline

**May 31, 2015
(Deadline extended!)**

“Preaching and Biblical Literacy”

Annual Meeting
October 15-17, 2015
Louisville, KY

Meetings

<p><u>American Association of Christian Counselors</u></p> <p>World Conference</p> <p>“Be Strong”</p> <p>September 23-26, 2015</p> <p>Opryland Hotel Nashville, TN</p>	<p><u>Evangelical Homiletics Society</u></p> <p>Annual Meeting</p> <p>“Preaching and Biblical Literacy”</p> <p>October 15-17, 2015</p> <p>Southern Baptist Theological Seminary</p>	<p><u>Evangelical Theological Society</u></p> <p>Annual Meeting</p> <p>“Marriage and Family”</p> <p>November 17-19, 2015</p> <p>Atlanta Hilton Atlanta, GA</p>	<p><u>Society of Biblical Literature</u></p> <p>Annual Meeting</p> <p>November 21-24, 2015</p> <p>Atlanta, GA</p>
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Upcoming Presentations



AACC
September 23-26, 2015
Nashville, Tennessee

Bill DuVall (2014), “Faith Identity States: A Dynamic Theory of Faith Development”

Ian Jones, “Why Worry? Learning to Deal with Anxiety in a Biblical, Transformational Way”

Ian Jones and Ron Hawkins, “Possess Your Soul: A Biblical and Transformational Approach to Helping Others”

Kathy Steele, “The Role and Use of Scriptural Principles in Interventions in Counseling”



International SBL
July 20-24, 2015
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Jeff Cate (NT, 1997), “Let ‘Us’ In: Reconsidering the Weakest Links in the Textual Base of Revelation”

Allyson Nance (NT), “Bridging the Divide: Hermeneutics at Antioch and Elsewhere”

Matt Solomon (NT, 2014), “The Textual Character of GA 0278: A Complete Assessment of the Greek Text”

Ronald Van der Bergh (visiting student, 2008), “Paragraph Division in the Acts of Codices Alexandrinus, Vaticanus and Ephraemi Rescriptus”

Bill Warren, “Explorations into a Narrative Approach to Variants in Manuscripts”