

**NOBTS ReDOC News**  
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*Tuition is due January 16. Classes begin January 20.*

**Welcome the following new students:**

Jared Case (Christian education)  
Jody Dean (Christian education)  
John Franklin (Christian education)  
Robert Littlefield (Theology)  
Owen Nease (New Testament)  
Donald Sandau (Christian education)  
Josh Stewart (Old Testament)

**The following prospectus has been approved  
by the doctoral guidance committee:**

Jeff Audirsch (Old Testament), "From Tetrateuch to Enneateuch: An Examination of the Centralization Motifs in Deuteronomy 12-18"

**ThM graduation application deadline**

Students who have passed the Qualifying Exam and completed 37 semester hours of PhD work are eligible to receive the ThM degree. The deadline to apply to graduate in May with the ThM degree alone is **February 16**. Participation in the graduation ceremony is optional. To apply, you must come to the ReDOC office (not the Registrar's Office) to do the following:

- Complete a graduation application form
- Complete a ThM Graduation Application listing the 37 hours of PhD work that will comprise your ThM degree (both forms can be located under "Program Materials" on our Web page, <http://nobts.edu/research>)
- Pay the \$55 diploma fee

In addition, you will be required to pay off all account balances and library fines as you would for any graduation. However, you will not be required to return outstanding library books before the due dates indicated. Students participating in graduation should see William Jackson at the LifeWay campus bookstore to order a cap and gown.

Students graduating with both the ThM and PhD degrees can submit the graduation applications with the dissertation materials on March 2 (see below).

**March 2 dissertation submissions**

If you are planning to submit your dissertation by the March 2 deadline, please send an email to the ReDOC Office and download the following forms from the ReDOC area of the seminary Web site.

- Dissertation Fee and Order Form
- Graduation Application
- ThM Graduation Application (if not previously received)
- Graduation Checklist
- Dissertation Processing Notebook

As a reminder, dissertation and graduation fees are due upon submission of your dissertation. If you have any questions, please contact the ReDOC office.

If you would like to schedule a review of a chapter of your dissertation prior to submission, please contact Pam Cole at the ReDOC office. Reviews should be completed by February 2.

### **Contact Information Updates**

Updating your information in IQ Web does not update our information system. If you have moved or changed your e-mail address or phone number, please send that updated information to the ReDOC office.

### **Teaching Opportunity in Nepal**

The pastor's school in Nepal needs two teachers for a workshop time March 12-24, 2009. The cost would be \$3,500, which would include everything. Below is a list of courses they would like to have taught.

- Basic Theology
- OT Survey
- NT Survey
- Evangelism
- Discipleship
- How to Study the Bible
- History of World Religions
- Intensive in Genesis (Strict Creationist required)
- Survey of the Major Prophets
- Survey of the Minor Prophets
- Other intensives of books of the Bible

For more information, please contact the ReDOC office.

### **Seminar at Notre Dame Seminary**

“Saint Paul and the Christian Life,” a seminar celebrating the Pauline Year, will be held January 23-24, 2009 at Notre Dame Seminary. The cost of the seminar is \$30. Advanced registration is open but will end on January 16. All others interested in attending can register between 5 and 7 PM on January 23. For more information, contact the ReDOC office.

## Job Assistance for PhD Graduates

As a reminder, we have dedicated an area of our Web page to post graduates' and soon-to-be graduates' resumes for other institutions to view. This service is voluntary but highly suggested. Once a semester, the link to the Web page will be emailed to a large group of Academic Deans from other colleges, graduate schools, and seminaries for their viewing. If you are interested in having your resume posted on our Web page, please submit your resume, using the template, to us via email at [phd@nobts.edu](mailto:phd@nobts.edu). The resume template can be found under "Miscellaneous" on our "Program Materials" page (<http://www.nobts.edu/research/Program%20Materials.html>).

## Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum

The Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum: "Pluralism: Is Christianity the Only True Religion" will be held March 27-28, 2009 at NOBTS. The program will feature a debate between Paul Knitter (Paul Tillich Professor of Theology, World Religions and Culture at Union Theological Seminary in New York, NY) and Harold Netland (Professor of Philosophy of Religion and Intercultural Studies and Chair of Missions at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School). Additional speakers include Douglas Geivett, S. Mark Heim, Terrence W. Tilley, Keith Yandell, and Millard Erickson. To register, visit [www.greer-heard.com](http://www.greer-heard.com).

## Call for Papers

The Southwest Regional ETS Meeting will be held March 27-28, 2009 at Criswell College in Dallas, TX. The deadline for submitting paper proposals is **January 31, 2009**. For more information, please visit the ETS Web site at [www.etsjects.org](http://www.etsjects.org).

The Southeast Regional ETS Meeting will be held April 3-4, 2009 at Temple Baptist Seminary in Chattanooga, TN. The theme of the conference is "Biblical Exposition: From Text and Translation to Communication and Contextualization." The entire paper should be submitted by **February 6, 2009**. For more information, please visit the ETS Web site at [www.etsjets.org](http://www.etsjets.org). <http://www.etsjets.org>.

The 2009 Annual ETS Meeting will be held November 18-20, 2009 in New Orleans, LA. The theme is "Personal and Social Ethics." Paper proposals must be submitted by **February 15, 2009**. For more information, please visit the ETS Web site at [www.etsjets.org](http://www.etsjets.org).

## Southwest Commission on Religious Studies

The SWCRS program and registration information for the March 6-8, 2009 meeting are now available online. Hotel reservations must be completed **before February 12**. The group rate of \$100 will apply only if reservations are completed online by this date. After February 12, the rate will be \$259 per night. For more information, please visit the SWCRS Web site at [www.swcrs-online.org](http://www.swcrs-online.org).

## **NABPR Dissertation Scholarship**

The deadline for the 2009 Dissertation Scholarship is **January 15, 2009**. Information regarding application can be found at [http://www.mercer.edu/nabpr/announcements/dissertation\\_scholarship.htm](http://www.mercer.edu/nabpr/announcements/dissertation_scholarship.htm) .

## **Fund for Theological Education**

The following fellowships currently are available from the Fund for Theological Education.

**African-American Dissertation Fellowship** -- Recipients will receive a stipend of up to \$18,000. In addition, recipients will attend FTE's Doctoral Conference on June 5-7, 2009 and will receive a travel stipend to attend the annual meetings of AAR and SBL. Eligible applicants must be African-American, be in the final writing stage of their dissertation, have an approved research proposal and writing plan, and be able to write full-time during the fellowship year. The application deadline is **February 1, 2009**.

**African-American Doctoral Fellowship** -- Recipients will receive a stipend of up to \$18,000. In addition, recipients will attend FTE's Doctoral Conference on June 5-7, 2009 and will receive a travel stipend to attend the annual meetings of AAR and SBL. Eligible applicants must be African-Americans preparing to enter their first year in a PhD program and giving strong consideration to teaching or conducting research in a theological school. The application deadline is **March 1, 2009**.

**North American Doctoral Fellowship** -- Recipients will receive a stipend ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000. FTE also provides recipients with networking support by maintaining regular contact and acting as an advocate for them in their profession. Eligible applicants must be a member of a racial or ethnic group that traditionally is underrepresented in graduate education, be enrolled full-time in a PhD program, US or Canadian citizen, and demonstrate a commitment to teaching and scholarship. The application deadline is **March 1, 2009**.

For more information about these fellowships, please visit the FTE Web site at [www.thefund.org](http://www.thefund.org).

## **Program dates/deadlines (also see research doctoral dates and deadlines on seminary Web site)**

**January 16, 2009--Tuition Due**

**January 20, 2009--Classes Begin**

February 6, 2009--Drop/Add Deadline

February 16, 2009--ThM Graduation Application Deadline

February 25, 2009--Deadline for submission of summer directed study proposals

March 2, 2009--Dissertation submission deadline

March 16-20, 2009--Spring Break

April 1, 2009--Qualifying Exam application submission deadline

April 1, 2009--Research proposal submission deadline

April 29, 2009--Deadline for submission of fall directed study proposals

May 15, 2009--Research proposal approval deadline

## ReDOC schedule for 2008-9

The following are the remaining ReDOC meetings for the 2008-9 academic year:

January 21, 2009 (no prospectuses)  
February 4  
March 4 (summer directed study proposals)  
March 30 (Doctoral Admissions)  
April 1  
May 6 (fall directed study proposals)  
May 20 (11:30 AM)

A prospectus to be considered by ReDOC must be reviewed by your guidance committee and **11** copies submitted through your chairperson to the Office of Research Doctoral Programs no later than one week before the scheduled ReDOC meeting.

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.

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.

## Upcoming Scholarly Meetings

The Annual Regional Meeting of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies will be held March 6-8, 2009 in Dallas, TX. For more information, visit the SWCRS Web site at [www.swcrs-online.org](http://www.swcrs-online.org).

The Southwest Regional Meeting of EPS will be held March 27-28, 2009 in conjunction with the Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum at NOBTS. For more information, visit the EPS Web site at [www.epsociety.org](http://www.epsociety.org).

The Southwest Regional ETS Meeting will be held March 27-28, 2009 at Criswell College in Dallas, TX. For more information, please visit the ETS Web site at [www.etsjets.org](http://www.etsjets.org).

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The 2009 Annual ETS Meeting will be held November 18-20, 2009 in New Orleans, LA. For more information, please visit the ETS Web site at [www.etsjets.org](http://www.etsjets.org).

The Annual SBL Meeting will be held November 20-24, 2009 in New Orleans, LA. For more information, visit the SBL Web site at [www.sbl-site.org](http://www.sbl-site.org).

## Upcoming events (see details above)

March 6-8, 2009—Annual Meeting of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, TX  
March 27-28, 2009—Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum, NOBTS  
March 27-28, 2009—Southwest Regional EPS Meeting, NOBTS  
March 27-28, 2009—Southwest Regional ETS Meeting, Dallas, TX  
April 3-4, 2009—Southeast Regional ETS Meeting, Chatanooga, TN  
November 18-20, 2009—Annual ETS Meeting, New Orleans, LA  
November 20-24, 2009—Annual SBL Meeting, New Orleans, LA

## Scholarly writings and presentations of students, faculty, and alumni

The following presentations will be held at the 2009 SWCRS regional meeting.

Jeffrey Farmer (evangelism, 2007), “Church Revitalization through Church Planting: A Statistical Analysis of Church Planting Sponsorship in Southern Baptist Churches,” a paper to be presented on March 8, 2009.

Mark Gstohl (theology, 2001), “Drunkards, Communists, and Mickey Mouse: An Examination of Social Issues Addressed by Resolutions of the Southern Baptist Convention,” a paper to be presented on March 7, 2009.

As president of the SW AAR, presiding over AAR plenary address “Global Rebellion: Religious Challenges to the Secular State” on March 7, 2009.

Presiding over AAR presidential plenary session “Reflections on Teaching and Learning” on March 8, 2009.

Renate Viveen Hood (NT, 2002), “Brood of Vipers or Family of Messiah? Kinship Language as Boundary Markers of the Matthean Christian Community in Matthew 12 and 16,” a paper to be presented on March 8, 2009.

Presiding over SBL session “The Gospel of Mark” on March 7, 2009.

Lourdes Yajaira Rincón (NT, 2003), “What Archaeology Tells Us about Paul's Synagogues,” a paper to be presented on March 8, 2009.

“Paul, Synagogues, and Christ the Benefactor,” a paper to be presented on March 8, 2009.

Viktor Roudkovski (NT, 2004), “Praising Christ in the Book of Hebrews: When Hymns Must Give Way to Encomia”

*Students and faculty are encouraged to email the office of Research Doctoral Programs concerning completed publications and presentations. We also would like students to email us about academic teaching assignments (institution, course).*