



In Memoriam



Rev. Tom Burke, who was accepted into the PhD program in Christian education for the Spring 2012 semester but delayed entry due to illness, died Saturday, January 5, 2013 in Tallahassee, Florida, after a recurring battle with cancer. Born in Savannah, Georgia on December 23, 1958, Tom held the Associate of Criminal Justice and Bachelor of Criminal Justice degrees from Armstrong State Atlantic College, the Associate of Divinity and Bachelor of Religious Education degrees from Baptist College of Florida, and the MRE degree from SWBTS. He served as Minister of Students at Fellowship Baptist Church in Tallahassee.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Sabrina; his sons, Jason and Brian; his mother, Martha Jane Hutchinson Burke; his brother, Rev. Robby Wray Burke Jr.; his sister, Holly Burke Walden; and his grandchildren Clayton and Allie.

Please join us in expressing sympathy to Sabrina at the following address:

3048 Huntington Woods Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Greer-Heard Forum

The February 15-16, 2013 Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum will feature a dialog between Jennifer Wright Knust, Associate Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at Boston University School of Theology, and Ben Witherington III, Amos Professor of New Testament for Doctoral Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary and on the doctoral faculty at St. Andrews University in Scotland, on the topic "The Bible and Sex." See www.greerheard.com for details regarding the schedule and registration. Admission for faculty, students, and staff of NOBTS is free.



Oral Exams

Congratulations to psychology/counseling students Derek Brown and Sandy Gilliland for passing the Oral Comprehensive Examination.

Qualifying Exams

Congratulations to the following students who passed the Qualifying Examination:

- Clark Daniel (Christian education)
- Warren Jones (theology)
- Robby Pearson (Old Testament)
- Lauren Ramirez (psych/counseling)
- EK Seo (psyc/counseling)

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ February 1: PhD application deadline
- ◆ February 1: Drop/add deadline
- ◆ February 12: Mardi Gras; offices closed, no classes
- ◆ February 15: ThM graduation application deadline
- ◆ February 15-16: Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum
- ◆ February 25: Local entrance exams
- ◆ March 1: Dissertation, PhD graduation application deadline
- ◆ March 7: Nonlocal entrance exams
- ◆ March 8: Division interviews
- ◆ March 26: Biblical Studies Special Event with [John Walton](#)
- ◆ March 29: Good Friday; offices closed, no classes



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- ◆ February 1: Drop/add Deadline
- ◆ February 27: Summer Directed Study Proposal Deadline
- ◆ March 1: Dissertation Submission Deadline
- ◆ April 1: Research Proposal Deadline
- ◆ April 1: Qualifying Exam Application Deadline
- ◆ April 24: Fall IDS Submission Deadline



IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER, PLEASE SEND THAT UPDATED INFORMATION TO THE REDOC OFFICE.

SWCRS Paper Presentations

The following NOBTS faculty and alumni will present papers at the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies SW Regional Meeting March 8-10 in Dallas:

Mark Gstohl (theology) and Michael Homan, "Jabir Ibn Hayyan and the Origins of Alcohol Distillation"

Richard Warren Johnson (New Testament), "Corinthian Glossalalia and the Pythian Oracle"

Bill Warren, "Textual Criticism and the Gospels: Recent Trends and Research"



Congratulations to the following alumnae who serve on the 2012-2013 SWCRS Board of Directors:

Yajaira Lourdes Rincon (New Testament)
Renate Viveen Hood (New Testament)

Prospectus Approvals

Josh Smith (psychology/counseling), "Using a Multivariate Linear Regression Model Analyzing Self-Report Measures of Family Background, Internalized Shame, and Empathic Capacity in Adults"

Owen Nease (NT), "Rhetorolects and Exhortation in the Epistle to the Hebrews"

JSTOR Journals: Free Limited Access

In a press release dated January 9, 2013, JSTOR announced that, following a successful 10-month test, it is now expanding an experiment called Register & Read, which will give anyone who signs up for a MyJSTOR account free online reading access to up to three articles every two weeks in over 1,200 journals (Excel) "from nearly 800 scholarly societies, university presses, and academic publishers" in the JSTOR archive. Affiliation with an academic institution is not required. For more information, go to the [JSTOR](#) Web site.

ReDOC Schedule for 2012-2013

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2012-2013:

February 6, 2013

March 6, 2013 (summer directed study proposals)

April 3, 2013

May 1, 2013 (fall directed study proposals)

June 5, 2013 (11:30 AM)

A prospectus to be considered by ReDOC must be reviewed by your guidance committee and 8 copies submitted through your chairperson to the Office of Research Doctoral Programs no later than one week before the scheduled ReDOC meeting. Also e-mail a pdf of the document to phd@nobts.edu

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.

E-mail a pdf of your directed study proposal to phd@nobts.edu but submit a hard copy approval page.

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.

2013 Scholarly Society Meetings

Society of Biblical Literature

Call for Papers

Paper proposal submission
deadline:

March 1, 2013

Meeting:

November 23-26, 2013
Baltimore, MD

Baptist Association of Christian Educators

Annual Meeting “Catch Your Wave”

February 21-22, 2013

Wyndham Bay Point Resort
Panama City, FL

Society of Biblical Literature

Southwest Regional Meeting

March 8-10, 2013
Marriott Hotel
DFW Airport North
Dallas, TX



Southeast Regional Meeting

March 15-17, 2013
Furman University
Greenville, SC

Evangelical Theological Society

Southwest Regional Meeting

“Evangelical Responses to Neo-Atheist Assaults on God’s Goodness and Justice”

March 1-2, 2013
Dallas Theological Seminary
Dallas, TX



Southeast Regional Meeting

“The Scientific and Theological Integrity of Intelligent Design”

March 22-23, 2013
Anderson University
Anderson, SC

Baptist History & Heritage Society

Annual Meeting:

“Faith, Freedom, Forgiveness: Religion and
the Civil War, Emancipation and Recon-
ciliation in Our Time ”

May 20-22, 2013
Richmond, VA

Evangelical Homiletics Society

Annual Meeting

“Spirit-Led Preaching ”

October 17-19, 2013
Talbot School of Theology
La Mirada, CA



Grants

Gorgias Book Grant

Applications are being accepted for the 2013 Gorgias Book Grant in any subject area in which Gorgias publishes. Eligible candidates must be enrolled in a graduate program (master's or Ph.D.) in an accredited university or an institution of learning in the field of the grant and must have the equivalent of a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The application deadline is **Friday, March 29**. Winners will be announced in May 2013.

For more information on how to apply, please visit the Book Grants page at <http://www.gorgiaspress.com/bookshop/t-grants.aspx>

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, 2013**.

Tulane University

The Catherine and Henry J. Gaisman Chair of Judeo-Christian Studies
Spring 2013 Public Lecture Series

Hugh McCloskey Evans Memorial Lecture

Thomas S. Hibbs

“Divine Irony: Pascal on Faith and Reason”
Thursday, April 4, 2013 – 7 pm



Thomas Hibbs holds the Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame and is Distinguished Professor of Ethics & Culture and Dean of the Honors College at Baylor University, where he oversees several interdisciplinary programs and has taught courses in medieval philosophy and contemporary virtue ethics as well as philosophy and popular culture. In addition to his scholarly work, he reviews films and writes on contemporary cultural issues. His books include *Virtue's Splendor: Wisdom, Prudence, and the Human Good* (2001); *Aquinas, Ethics, and Philosophy of Religion* (2007); *Arts of Darkness: American Noir and the Lost Code of Redemption* (2008); and *Shows about Nothing: Nihilism in Popular Culture* (2012).

Lectures are in the Myra Clare Rogers Memorial Chapel
Newcomb Campus of Tulane University, 1229 Broadway.
Open to the University Community and Public at no charge.
For further information call 504-866-8793
Email: j-chsec@tulane.edu or rburger@tulane.edu
Web page: <http://tulane.edu/liberal-arts/judeo-christian>

Can You Dig It? The Gezer Water System Expedition 2013

May 26-June 15, 2013

Sponsored by The Center for Archaeological Research at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

The Project: Participate in the excavation of an ancient Canaanite water system which could date to the time of Abraham.

Dates: May 26 - June 15, 2013. Volunteers should plan to arrive no later than May 25.

Cost: \$1,650 for the 3-week season, or \$550 per week + airfare. Costs cover room, board and week-end 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.

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.

More Information: Contact

Dr. Dan Warner (dwarner@nobts.edu) or

Dr. Dennis Cole (rdcole@nobts.edu) or

Visit the NOBTS Center for Archaeological Research website at

www.nobts.edu/archaeologycenter/

