



## *Tony Merida at March PhD Brown Bag Lunch*



**Friday, March 21, 2014**  
11:30 am-1:00 pm  
Cafeteria Creole Room

Our second Brown Bag Lunch will feature PhD alum Tony Merida (preaching, 2006) sharing insights regarding balancing ministry and academia. Between his responsibilities as founding pastor of Imago Dei Church in Raleigh, NC and Associate Professor of Preaching at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Tony has a busy schedule. As husband of Kimberly and the father of five adopted children, he carved out time to author *Proclaiming Jesus* and *Faithful Preaching* and coauthor *Orphanology* with Rick Morton. He also is an editor of the Broadman and Holman Christ-Centered Exposition series.

We look forward to dialog with Tony on ways to prioritize demands and maximize time with family. Come with your lunch and questions that arise from your academic vs. ministry context.

## *Summer/Fall Directed Study Proposals*

If you would like to do a directed study this summer or fall and have not contacted the ReDOC office for guidelines concerning preparation and chain of approval, please do so as soon as possible. In order to have a directed study proposal for summer considered by ReDOC at their **March 5** meeting, e-mail a pdf of the proposal to the ReDOC office at [phd@nobts.edu](mailto:phd@nobts.edu) by **February 26**.

If you are planning to submit a directed study proposal for fall, you must submit the proposal to the ReDOC office by **April 30** for the **May 7** meeting.

Be sure to submit a hard copy of the proposal approval page with appropriate signatures from the directed study professor and your guidance committee. The template for the approval page is posted at

<http://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/ReDoc/DirectedStudyApprovalForm.pdf>

## *Oral Exam*

Congratulations to the following student who passed the Oral Comprehensive Examination in December:

HaYoung Son (New Testament)



## *Prospectus Approval*

Bob Littlefield (theology), "Evaluating the Points of Congruence and Incongruence between the Respective Doctrines of Justification of N. T. Wright and John Calvin"

## **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

- ◆ **February 21:** Kurt Wise lecture
- ◆ **February 21-22:** Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum
- ◆ **March 4:** Mardi Gras!
- ◆ **March 21:** Tony Merida at Brown Bag Lunch
- ◆ **March 24-28:** Spring Break
- ◆ **April 1:** ThM program application deadline



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**PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES**

- ◆ **February 17:** ThM graduation application deadline
- ◆ **February 26:** Summer directed study proposal deadline
- ◆ **March 3:** Dissertation, PhD graduation application deadline
- ◆ **April 1:** Research Proposals due to guidance committees, Qualifying Exam application deadline

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***Gorgias Book Grant***

Applications are being accepted for the 2014 Gorgias Book Grant in any subject area in which Gorgias publishes. Eligible candidates must be enrolled in a graduate program (master’s or PhD) 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 **March 1**. Winners will be announced by the end of March.

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



***Paper Presentations***

The following NOBTS alumni will present papers at the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Regional Meeting March 7-9 in Dallas:

Richard Warren Johnson, “A Disciplinary Theodicy in the Epistle to the Hebrews: A Window into the Homiletical Purpose”

Chuck Pitts, “עֲבָדָה as Paradigm in the Book of Jeremiah”

Lourdes Rincon, “Interpreting a Parable in Light of the Archaeological Evidence on Roman Economy”

Current NT major Matt Solomon will present “Apologetic Discourse and Philippians: How Valid Is Kannaday’s Thesis regarding Paul’s Letter to the Philippians?” and “The Shared ‘Problem of Authorship’ between New Testament Letters and a Modern-Day Sculpture of Roy Lichtenstein” in Dallas as well as “The Text of Philemon in 9th-Century Greek Manuscripts” at the International SBL meeting in Vienna, Austria this summer.

***ReDOC Schedule for 2013-2014***

**The following are the remaining ReDOC meetings for 2013-2014:**

- March 5 (summer IDSs)
- April 2
- April 14, 9 AM (Doctoral Admissions)
- May 7 (fall IDSs)
- June 4

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. Also e-mail a **pdf** of the document to [phd@nobts.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## *Delphi Study on Mentoring: Watch for E-Mail!*

As an ongoing follow-up to our 2012 Wabash Graduate Teaching Initiative conference, the ReDOC office is conducting a Delphi study on mentoring. Today you should receive an e-mail invitation to participate in this short survey about characteristics of an ideal mentor.

This first stage of the survey is an open-ended request for you to list characteristics that describe your picture of an ideal mentor—perhaps someone who mentored you or attributes you wish described your mentors. **Please respond by Monday, February 24.**

The next two stages will be a narrowing of the top 20 characteristics into the top 10 and a final ranking of the top 10 characteristics.

The first 5 to respond to each survey will be entered in a drawing for a box of Girl Scout cookies of their choice. E-mail us at [phd@nobts.edu](mailto:phd@nobts.edu) when you complete the survey, and we will let you know whether you are in the running.



Blog contributors

### New Teaching Blog from the Wabash Center!

The Wabash Center invites you to explore their latest blog on “12 Surprises When Lecturing Less (and Teaching More!).” They hope you will find these Blogs to be engaging reading and encourage you to add your comments, questions, and insights.

Check out their blogs at

<http://bit.ly/15mF7VE>

## ***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, Director of the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, 901 Commerce Street, Suite 400, Nashville, Tennessee 37203-3630 by **April 1, 2014**.

## **Tulane University**

The Catherine and Henry J. Gaisman Chair of Judeo-Christian Studies  
Spring 2014 Public Lecture Series

### **Marianna and Rabbi Julian B. Feibelman Memorial Lecture**

#### CLIFFORD ORWIN

“Will the Lord Deliver His People? The Comic Miracle of the Book of Esther”  
Friday, March 14, 2013 - 7:30 p.m

Clifford Orwin is a Professor of Political Science, Classics, and Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto. He holds the BA in history from Cornell and the PhD in Political Science from Harvard. He has held visiting positions at Harvard and Chicago, as well as in Jerusalem, Paris, and Lisbon. Orwin writes regularly on current affairs for the Canadian national newspaper, *Globe and Mail*. He is the author of *The Humanity of Thucydides* (Princeton, 1997) and co-editor of *The Legacy of Rousseau* (Chicago, 1997) as well as numerous articles on topics of Jewish political thought.



### **George Hitchings Terribery Memorial Lecture**

#### JAMES CAREY

“Spinoza’s Response to Christian Scholasticism”  
Thursday, March 20, 2014 - 7 p.m.



James Carey has been a Distinguished Visiting Professor of Philosophy in the United States Air Force Academy since 2004. He is a tenured member of the faculty at St. John’s College Santa Fe, where he served two terms as Dean of the College and one year as Acting President. Carey holds the PhD from the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research. He has just published “The Pleasures of Philosophizing and Its Moral Foundation” (*Interpretation*, fall 2013) and recently completed a book on Thomas Aquinas, natural law and natural reason.

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.

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Web page: <http://tulane.edu/liberal-arts/judeo-christian>

***2014 Calls for  
Papers***

**Evangelical Homiletics Society**

Paper proposal submission  
deadline

**May 15, 2014**

***Annual Meeting:***

October 9-11, 2014  
Chicago, IL

**Society of Biblical  
Literature**

Paper proposal submission  
deadline:

**March 5, 2014**

***Annual Meeting:***

November 22-25, 2014  
San Diego, CA

***2014 Meetings***

**Evangelical Theological  
Society**

**Southwest Regional  
Meeting**

“The Decline of Denominationalism, and the Future of Evangelical Christianity”

March 7-8, 2014

*Additional Meeting March 6*

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Fort Worth, TX



**Southeast Regional  
Meeting**

“Theological Interpretation of Scripture”

March 21-22, 2014

Beeson Divinity School  
Birmingham, AL

**Society of Biblical  
Literature**

**Southwest Regional  
Meeting**

March 7-9, 2014

Marriott Hotel  
DFW Airport North  
Irving, TX



**Southeast Regional  
Meeting**

March 7-9, 2014

Marriott Century Center  
Atlanta, GA

**Baptist History & Heritage  
Society**

**Annual Meeting**

“Exploring the ‘Other’ Baptists”

June 4-6, 2014

**Southwest Commission on  
Religious Studies**

**Annual Meeting**

March 7-9, 2014

Marriott Hotel  
DFW Airport North  
Irving, TX

**Baptist Association of  
Christian Educators**

**Annual Meeting**

“The Bible and Missional Change”

April 3-4, 2014

Midwestern Baptist Theological  
Seminary  
Kansas City, MO

**Evangelical Homiletics Society**

**Annual Meeting**

“Hermeneutics for Homiletics”

October 9-11, 2014  
Moody Bible Institute  
Chicago, IL

## *Can You Dig It? The Gezer Water System Expedition 2014*

May 25-June 13, 2014  
\$600\* per week + Airfare

\*Extra days: \$100/day

Sponsored by The Moskau Institute of Archaeology Center for Archaeological Research  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

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

**Dates:** May 25-June 13, 2014. Volunteers should plan to arrive no later than May 23 to participate in Jerusalem tour on May 24.

**Cost:** \$1,800 for the 3-week season, or \$600 per week + airfare (extra days: \$100/day). 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 More Information Contact

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