



## 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.

## *Stan Helton Appointed President of Alberta Bible College*

Stan Helton (New Testament, 2014), has accepted an appointment as president of Alberta Bible College in Calgary, AB. For six years, Stan served as Professor of Bible and Ministry as well as Academic Dean at Western Christian College in Regina, Saskatchewan. While in the PhD program, he was the senior minister of First Christian Church in Hammond, LA. He will assume the presidential position July 15, 2015.



### *Congratulations, Stan!*



## *Fall Directed Study Proposals*

If you would like to do a directed study this 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 fall considered by ReDOC at their May 13 meeting, you would need to e-mail a pdf of the proposal to the ReDOC office at [phd@nobts.edu](mailto:phd@nobts.edu) by Wednesday, May 6.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **April 9-11:** Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum
- ◆ **April 13:** Doctoral Admissions
- ◆ **May 14:** President's reception for grads
- ◆ **May 15:** Graduation rehearsal
- ◆ **May 16:** Graduation



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**PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES**

- ◆ **April 15:** Dissertation defense deadline
- ◆ **April 17:** Regalia rental deadline
- ◆ **April 20-May 4:** Registration for Summer, Fall 2015
- ◆ **May 1:** Dissertation final copies due
- ◆ **May 6:** Fall Directed Study submission deadline

**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.**



**Oral Exams**

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

- Clark Daniel (Christian education)
- Charles Owusu (Christian education)

**Prospectus Approval**

Nathan VanHorn (New Testament), “Arguing from Abraham: Remembrance as Rhetorical Warrant in Romans 1-4”

**Deeper Waters Blog**

Among the sessions apologist Nick Peters attended at the January 2015 Defend the Faith conference was Justin Langford’s “Does the NT Contain Forgeries?” To find Peters’s January 6, 2015 blog comments and link to his February 28 interview with Justin, google “Justin Langford Nick Peters.”

**Online Registration  
April 20-May 4**

Registration for Summer and Fall 2015 courses will open at 8:00 AM Central Time on Monday, April 20 and close at 4:00 PM Central Time on Monday, May 4. The ReDOC office will register students for Program Continuance or Proficiency, Inactive, or Writing Candidate status.

**Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry**

The Fall 2014 issue of the *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* is posted online at [www.baptistcenter.net](http://www.baptistcenter.net). Among the authors who contributed to this issue on “The Gospel and Evangelism” are David Allen, Emir Caner, Gary Dennis, Adam Harwood, Tim Mims, and Blake Newsom. The spring issue, “Bible Translation as Missions, is scheduled to publish in May.

**ReDOC Schedule for 2014-2015**

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2014-2015:

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

**NOTE:** IRB requests must be received by [redocsec@nobts.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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—TODAY!*

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.**

### *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](mailto:JMorris@swbts.edu) by **August 1, 2015.** Winners will be notified by September 1, 2015.

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



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](mailto:lprice@nobts.edu) or (504) 282-4455, ext. 3286. To schedule a German exam, contact the ReDOC office.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:phd@nobts.edu).

*2015 Calls  
for Papers*

**Evangelical Homiletics Society**

Paper proposal submission  
deadline

**May 15, 2015**

“Preaching and Biblical Literacy”

***Annual Meeting:***  
October 15-17, 2015  
Louisville, KY

*Meetings*

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