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Delphi Study and Mentoring Workshop

Thanks to all of you students, faculty, and alumni who participated in our Delphi study on mentoring. All three groups were in agreement about the top 22 characteristics desirable in a mentor. Although ranking was difficult because all characteristics are important, the order ended up as follows:

- #7: Confronts, challenges, corrects
- #6: Communicates clearly
- #5: Is accountable and holds mentees accountable
- #4: Can be trusted to keep information confidential
- #3: Affirms, motivates, and empowers mentees to reach their goals
- #2: Is available and willing to spend time with mentee
- #1: Models a spiritually mature relationship with Christ

During their mentoring workshop with Wabash consultant Dr. Willie Jennings of Duke Divinity School, the faculty focused on accountability, availability, communication, and spiritual maturity as central characteristics of a mentor. According to Dr. Jennings, the faculty's goals are for doctoral students to

- Express Christlike character in the academy and the church
- Pursue a high level of scholarly excellence
- Integrate scholarship and ministry
- Teach effectively in a variety of settings and institutional cultures

These goals will be involved in the admissions process, curriculum, and alumni relations as we seek ways to strengthen doctoral formation.

New IRB Process for Students and Faculty

This semester we initiated a formal Institutional Review Board process for research with human subjects. Although ReDOC has been our IRB as they reviewed prospectuses, a new four-person subcommittee of ReDOC named this year will continue to serve as a clearinghouse for students and faculty requesting approval to use human subjects in their research.

Researchers who are working with children or other high-risk populations must go through the IRB process, even if the study is for a seminar only. Research with other populations that will be used only for a class and never for publication will not require IRB approval.

A fillable IRB request form will be available soon on the Program Materials page. Requests must be submitted 1 month before approval is needed or the prospectus is considered by ReDOC.

Summer Hours



NOBTS will enjoy summer hours again this year beginning Monday, June 2. 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 4.

We hope you have a great summer!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **June 10-11:** Southern Baptist Convention in Baltimore, MD
- ◆ **July 4:** Independence Day; offices closed
- ◆ **July 28:** CESR9303
- ◆ **July 29-31:** Intro to Research and Writing
- ◆ **July 29-Aug. 1:** Teaching Methods
- ◆ **August 6-8:** Qualifying Exams
- ◆ **August 15:** Fall tuition deadline
- ◆ **August 18:** Fall semester begins
- ◆ **September 1:** Labor Day; offices closed



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PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **August 15:** Qual Exam results due to ReDOC by noon; dissertation chapter review request deadline for students submitting dissertations October 1; Fall tuition payment deadline
- ◆ **August 29:** Drop/add deadline
- ◆ **September 2:** PhD program application deadline
- ◆ **September 15:** ThM graduation application deadline

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

Prospectus Approvals

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

Wendy Leger (psychology/counseling), “Hope, Religious Coping, and Voluntary Program Participation Among Jail Offenders”

Jonathan Patterson (Old Testament), “‘The Contention of the Lord’: An Analysis of the Form of the Covenant Lawsuit in the Old Testament Writing Prophets in Light of Their Ancient Near Eastern Context”

Lauren Ramirez (psychology/counseling), “Effects of Daily Spiritual Experiences on Caregiver Well-Being in Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder”



Oral Exam

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

Chase Rogers (preaching)

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.



Top 10 Summer Activities for PhD Students

Summer has just begun, but we all know how quickly fall comes again. Here are some suggestions of profitable summer activities for PhD students.



- #10: Catch up on sleep
- #9: Get reacquainted with your family
- #8: Read your style guide
- #7: Make a word processing template for papers
- #6: Take summer courses
- #5: Start reading for fall courses
- #4: Work on your résumé
- #3: [Go to Israel to dig in the dirt](#)
- #2: Study for Qualls or Orals
- #1: Read the [Chronicle article](#) on how to spend your summer!



Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

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

German 1: June 2-20

German 2: June 30-July 18

Classes meet 9 AM-1 PM Monday through Friday in HSC 207. 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 2 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 30. 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 J. P. Cox in the Providence Learning Center at jpcox@nobts.edu or (504) 816-8442 (NOBTS ext. 8442). To schedule a German exam, contact the ReDOC office.

Quote of the Month

Whatever we worship, short of God, is sure to be our undoing.

~Mignon McLaughlin, *The Neurotic's Notebook*, 1960

2014 International SBL

The following current and former students will present papers at the 2014 international meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Vienna, Austria, July 6-10:

Jeff Cate (NT, 1997; Professor of New Testament, California Baptist University)
“Who Was Crucified and Where? The Case for Kaikos in Rev 11:8”

Matthew Solomon (New Testament)
“The Text of Philemon in 9th-Century Greek Manuscripts”

Ronald van der Bergh (Lecturer, University of Pretoria; former visiting student at NOBTS CNTTS)
“Paragraph Division in the Acts of Codices Sinaiticus and Bezae”



Fall 2014 Meetings



American Association of Christian Counselors

National Conference

October 2-4, 2014
 Hilton Convention Center
 Branson, MO

Evangelical Homiletics Society

Annual Meeting

“Hermeneutics for Homiletics”

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

Evangelical Philosophical Society

Annual Meeting

“Ecclesiology”
 November 19-21, 2014
 Town and Country Resort &
 Convention Center
 San Diego, CA

Evangelical Theological Society

Annual Meeting

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Society for Biblical Literature

Annual Meeting

November 22-25, 2014
 San Diego, CA