



Can You Dig It? *Gezer Update*

The NOBTS crew members who worked on the 2015 Gezer Water System Expedition have returned home after 3 weeks of hard labor filling and hoisting 300-lb. sacks of rocks and other debris from the water tunnel cavern by crane (a daily record of 51 sacks on June 8); washing the pottery they retrieved; digging frantically to find the floor of the pool, from which they bailed over 140 gallons of water; and examining a dwelling on the surface of the tel near the Canaanite gate.



The first task of this season was to protect the steps down which the Gezer inhabitants descended to the pool. Note the convenient handholds along the walls.



A 150-foot wooden ramp the staff built over the ancient stairway allowed sacks of debris to be dragged to the surface without abrading the steps. Sandbags placed along the sides stabilized the steps.



The group had to fight water filling the pool shin deep. By the end of the last day, the diggers were elated to feel the solid floor of the cavern.



If you have an adventurous spirit and are curious about the treasures that remain buried in the water tunnel pool, consider joining the 2016 Gezer Water Tunnel Expedition next May-June. On the weekends you would tour areas such as the Dead Sea, Galilee, Jerusalem, and the coastal plains. Some course credit is available for students participating in all 3 weeks of the project.



Contact Dr. [Cole](#), [Parker](#), or [Warner](#) for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **July 3:** Independence Day holiday; offices closed
- ◆ **July 27-31:** Summer miniterm
- ◆ **August 5-7:** Qualifying Exams
- ◆ **August 7:** Nonbiblical language testing
- ◆ **August 21:** Fall tuition payment deadline
- ◆ **August 24:** Fall semester begins
- ◆ **September 7:** Labor Day; offices closed



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PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **August 1:** Deadline to submit paper for GCRN contest (see p. 3)
- ◆ **August 21:** Qualifying Exam results due to ReDOC office by noon
- ◆ **September 1:** PhD program application deadline
- ◆ **September 4:** Drop/add deadline
- ◆ **September 15:** ThM graduation application deadline

IRB Review Process for Research with Humans

Research dealing with human participants in any manner must go through the IRB review process as a component of the prospectus approval process. After writing the prospectus and getting permission from the guidance committee chair to pursue ReDOC review, **the student must submit a pdf of the prospectus and an IRB review request to redocsec@nobts.edu no later than one month before the meeting at which ReDOC will review the document.**



After receiving feedback from the IRB, the student must make the changes the IRB suggests in addition to any amendments the guidance committee requires in light of feedback from ReDOC. The guidance committee chair will indicate all changes have been made and the guidance committee has approved the document by submitting a [Prospectus Approval Report](#) to the ReDOC office. At least 4 months must elapse between approval of the prospectus and submission of the dissertation.

Prospectus Approvals

Josh Powell (evangelism), “A Comparative Analysis of the Salvation Theology of Joyce Meyer and the Baptist Faith and Message 2000”

David Allen (Christian ed.), “A Study of the Influence of Family Function in Differing Family Structures on Adolescent Christian Spiritual Development”

ReDOC Schedule for 2015-2016

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2015-2016.

- August 26** (no prospectuses)
- September 9**
- October 14**
- November 2**—Doctoral Admissions
- November 11**
- December 9**
- January 20** (no prospectuses)
- February 10**
- March 9**
- April 13**
- May 11**
- June 1**

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 pro-

posal to 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.

NEW: An IRB request and a pdf of a prospectus using human subjects must be received by redocsec@nobts.edu no later than one month prior to the meeting at which the prospectus will be

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.

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

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May Riddle Winners

Congratulations to Amy Morgan (psychology and counseling) and Chris Shaffer (theology), winners of the May *ReDOC News* Riddle of the Month contest:

Q: How do successful students navigate the PhD program?

A: By reading the *ReDOC News*!

Congratulations to Bill DuVall!

Bill DuVall (psychology/counseling, 2014) has accepted a position as an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Southwest Baptist University in Boliver, MO beginning in August. Way to go, Bill!

August 1 Deadline for 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 by **August 1, 2015**. Winners will be notified by September 1, 2015.

Note to alumni on Facebook: After graduation, please join our NOBTS PhD Alumni group on Facebook by requesting access at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/366044210229865/>. Also, please keep your position and contact information current with the ReDOC office by emailing us at phd@nobts.edu.



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

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 or (504) 282-4455, ext. 3286. To schedule a German exam, contact the ReDOC office.

Paper Presentations

The following NOBTS faculty member and PhD student presented papers at the Baptist History and Heritage Society meeting on April 21, 2015 in Nashville, TN:

Lloyd Harsch, “U.S. Supreme Court Cases and Religious Liberty: An Historical Overview”

Warren Jones (theology), “Benjamin Elijah Mays Theology of Race Relations and Social Justice”

Dissertation Chapter Review?

Students who plan to submit a dissertation by October 1 and would like a 40-page chapter review should e-mail pcole@nobts.edu as soon as possible. Reviews are scheduled on a first come, first served basis and must be completed by September 1.

In addition to approximately 40 pages of text other than the material from the prospectus, the table of contents and selected bibliography should be included.

Upcoming Meetings

<p><u>American Association of Christian Counselors</u></p> <p>World Conference</p> <p>“Be Strong”</p> <p>September 23-26, 2015</p> <p>Opryland Hotel Nashville, TN</p>	<p><u>Evangelical Homiletics Society</u></p> <p>Annual Meeting</p> <p>“Preaching and Biblical Literacy”</p> <p>October 15-17, 2015</p> <p>Southern Baptist Theological Seminary</p>	<p><u>Evangelical Theological Society</u></p> <p>Annual Meeting</p> <p>“Marriage and Family”</p> <p>November 17-19, 2015</p> <p>Atlanta Hilton Atlanta, GA</p>	<p><u>Society of Biblical Literature</u></p> <p>Annual Meeting</p> <p>November 21-24, 2015</p> <p>Atlanta, GA</p>
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Upcoming Presentations



AACC
September 23-26, 2015
Nashville, Tennessee

Bill DuVall (2014), “Faith Identity States: A Dynamic Theory of Faith Development”

Ian Jones, “Why Worry? Learning to Deal with Anxiety in a Biblical, Transformational Way”

Ian Jones and Ron Hawkins, “Possess Your Soul: A Biblical and Transformational Approach to Helping Others”

Kathy Steele, “The Role and Use of Scriptural Principles in Interventions in Counseling”



International SBL
July 20-24, 2015
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Jeff Cate (NT, 1997), “[Let ‘Us’ In: Reconsidering the Weakest Links in the Textual Base of Revelation](#)”

Allyson Nance (NT), “[Bridging the Divide: Hermeneutics at Antioch and Elsewhere](#)”

Matt Solomon (NT, 2014), “[The Textual Character of GA 0278: A Complete Assessment of the Greek Text](#)”

Ronald Van der Bergh (visiting NT student, 2008), “[Paragraph Division in the Acts of Codices Alexandrinus, Vaticanus and Ephraemi Rescriptus](#)”

Bill Warren, “[Explorations into a Narrative Approach to Variants in Manuscripts](#)”