

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

Greetings from the campus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC! I am writing to inform you of a Ph.D. Student Challenge Symposium that we are hosting this summer and to invite Ph.D. students in your academic community to participate.

The Intersect Project Ph.D. Student Challenge Symposium is designed to engage future teachers, pastors, and church leaders in pursuit of a better understanding of the theology of faith, work, and economics and to facilitate broader discussion in both the church and the academy on the intersection of these key issues. The Symposium will be a one-day event hosted here at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, NC on **Friday, June 3, 2016**. At the Symposium, ten doctoral students will present academic papers before a panel of SEBTS faculty judges competing for three cash prizes and the ultimate first place prize of publication in the *Southeastern Theological Review*.

Interested Ph.D. students must submit a 300-350 word abstract with a proposed thesis and argumentation by March 1st. All paper topics must relate broadly to the intersection of faith, work, and economics. Specifically, papers must engage a topic that relates to at least one of the four central themes of the Oikonomia Network's Economic Wisdom Project (<http://oikonomianetwork.org/economic-wisdom-project/>).

From the pool of abstract proposals, 10 finalists will be selected to present their paper(s) at the Symposium in June. Travel and lodging expenses will be covered for all finalists. Full details concerning paper topics and the timeline and process for the application process is included in the attached PDF document. Any specific questions can be directed to Andrew Koetsier, the Symposium Coordinator, at akoetsier@sebts.edu.

We would be grateful if you could please pass along word of this competition to any Ph.D. students in your academic community. We pray this competition will stimulate thoughtful scholarship in these areas, as well as, give valuable writing and presentation experience to all participants.

Warmly,

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