

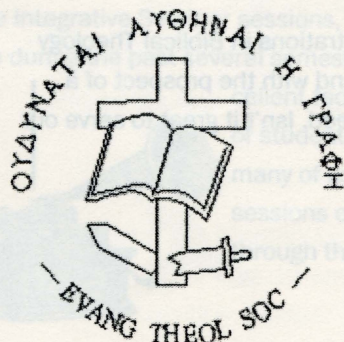
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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PH.D./TH.M. PROGRAM OF SEBTS — VOLUME IV, ISSUE 2

## TO JOIN OR NOT TO JOIN: WHY YOU SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN A SCHOLARLY SOCIETY

**I**t was in 1986—I was only in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade—when Halley's Comet came dashing through our galaxy and around our planet. A number of church members had gathered in the parking lot on a Wednesday evening following the Bible study hour to stare into the night sky and watch the faint glow of the comet. Of course, I was impressed then, though perhaps not as much as I should have been. After all, this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, literally.

Well, not to make the comparison too heavenly, but another one of those great opportunities has come knocking at our door, at least for those of us living here in the Southeast portion of the United States. The Hilton-Atlanta (Atlanta, Georgia) will be the location for the Evangelical Theological Society's (ETS) 2003 annual meeting. The nearness of this year's ETS conference should provide many students at Southeastern with the opportunity to attend the soci-



ety's annual meeting and gives us the chance to say a few things concerning the advantages of being involved in an academic society.

Most students are already convinced of the necessity of what we might call a "fellowship within scholarship," a camaraderie or solidarity among people with similar academic interests and goals. Not surprisingly, they tend to find encouragement in occasionally meeting together to discuss ideas, critique one another's work, network, etc. In fact, such occasions for meeting provide some of the best opportunities to keep up with the most recent scholarship, hearing in these forums about research that will often not appear for another year or more in journals or monographs.

Of course, the Evangelical Theological Society is by no means the only such society available, though it tends to encompass many academic disciplines and therefore may be a

bit larger than some of the others. Still, there are a number of other societies that will meet during or immediately following the ETS meeting in Atlanta. One of those affiliated societies is the Evangelical Philosophical Society (EPS) ([www.epsociety.org](http://www.epsociety.org)), which convenes jointly with the ETS annual meeting and has a considerable number of presentations scheduled during the Atlanta meeting. The Evangelical Philosophical Society publishes its journal, *Philosophia Christi*, semi-annually. The Adventist Theological Society and the Near East Archaeo-



logical Society also have planned gatherings during the ETS conference. Further information regarding the presentations of these affiliated groups is available in the ETS Annual Meeting catalog and at their website ([www.etsjets.org](http://www.etsjets.org)). In addition, several ETS study groups will meet to allow their members to present their work and to allow time for some discussion within the audience. These sessions are open to all interested persons attending the ETS conference.



Meeting immediately after this year's ETS gathering are the Institute of Biblical Research (IBR), whose main focus is the study of the Old and New Testaments, and the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), which serves to promote biblical scholarship (though in a much less conservative vein). More information for the Institute of Biblical Research can be found at [www.eisenbrauns.com](http://www.eisenbrauns.com); further information concerning the SBL is available at [www.sbl-site.org](http://www.sbl-site.org).

The opportunities that these societies provide are invaluable. And as mentioned earlier, the ETS being one of the largest provides us with some examples of the benefits of being vitally connected with other scholars.

Several such benefits are related to the annual meeting itself. The meeting provides occasions for making contacts with deans and professors from seminaries and colleges at which you may one day find yourself interviewing. For that matter, you may discover from a well-informed and influential person that a position is available or will soon be available.

These chance meetings could even turn into an impromptu interview.

Of course, networking at these conferences is not simply for those looking for jobs. Professors and students who establish relationships with other scholars may discover long-lasting dialogues that will fine-tune their own research and writing as well as that of their fellow colleagues. He or she may even find the occasion to discuss publication possibilities with editors from various publishing houses or make the initial contacts that can lead to some future publications.

Speaking of publications, don't forget that at many of the larger meetings there will be opportunities to purchase academic books at a substantially reduced price. At the ETS meeting in Atlanta, many books will be available for purchase at 50% of their regular price.

Subscription to the journals of these societies is another benefit of membership. The *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, for example, is published quarterly and

will in any given issue include a collection of articles from the fields of Old and New Testament Studies, church history, or systematic theology. Of course, if anyone is interested in more specific subjects or in only receiving certain kinds of articles, he or she will need to subscribe to technical journals with a narrower focus.

Finally, within the journals are usually some book reviews of significant academic interest. Information for submitting such book reviews is usually easily accessible in a journal's front cover, where interested parties are directed to an appropriate book review editor, be it for biblical studies, systematic theology, church history, or other fields.

So remember, as one of Christ's ministers, take advantage of being a member of the societies that can help you. Buy the discounted books; speak to publishers; make friends at various other schools. God may choose to use any of these opportunities to open up new possibilities or hone your skills for your research and writing.

## WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear friends,

The SEBTS doctoral program is not about us, the faculty, or about me, the director. Our Ph.D. program is about you, and ultimately about our Lord who called us all into his service. For this reason we continue to look for new ways to make your experience and studies here at Southeastern more exciting and meaningful.

Thank you for your lively participation in our two special colloquia this semester with John MacArthur and Dr. Mark Dever. I think both men were very impressed with our doctoral program and the quality of our students. Please let me know if there are other people you would like us to try to get to come to campus for a time of interaction in the future.

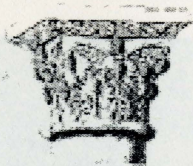
With the annual ETS meeting in Atlanta just around the corner, with new Ph.D. concentrations in Biblical Theology and Hermeneutics (and perhaps Bible Translation) on the horizon (pending faculty approval), and with the prospect of a new president taking the helm at Southeastern in the coming year, these are exciting days indeed. Isn't it great to serve our faithful and loving Lord?

Yours in Him,

Dr. Köstenberger







# INSIDER

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## ***Academicus on-line!***

We have recently been able to post an on-line edition of *Academicus* through the Southeastern website ([www.sebts.edu](http://www.sebts.edu)). Now you have the opportunity to look up important and timely news and information that affect your activities in the Ph.D. program. You will also be able to access past editions of the Ph.D. newsletter, in addition to the current newsletter, to see how the program has progressed over the past several years. We hope this new addition to our program will not only give our current students the opportunity to see the important news about the program at their convenience, but also provide prospective students the opportunity to browse these editions and discover more about the close-knit and scholarly atmosphere that exists in our program. *Academicus* can be accessed from the main SEBTS menu by choosing Current Students/Happenings/Academicus.



## **Mark Dever luncheon and Q & A**

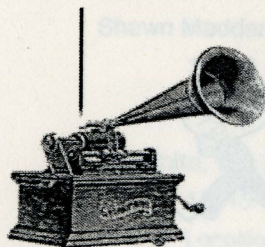
The Mark Dever luncheon and Q & A held on November 7<sup>th</sup> in the President's Hall in Broyhill was a splendid success. Thank you for your participation and interaction with Dr. Dever. We look forward to having similar times of exchange with other visiting scholars in the future.

## **Ph.D. students welcome to write in *Academicus***

Don't forget! *Academicus* is a newsletter written for the convenience and benefit of the Ph.D. student body. And now students have the chance to publish an article of their own in the main body of the newsletter. Of course, the article will need to adhere to certain basic guidelines: it must address an academic issue that is pertinent to the Ph.D. program or to the ministry of teaching and writing and research. Please feel free to suggest a topic that you think may be of interest. Once your topic has been approved, you will be able to share your thoughts with the professors and Ph.D. students at SEBTS.

## **Integrative Seminar recordings available**

The Integrative Seminar sessions, which are part of the required course schedule for first-year Ph.D. students, have over the during the past several semesters proven to be exceptionally interesting, thanks not only to the presence of some excellent faculty members here at Southeastern, but to numerous visiting scholars as well. A number of students and professors have expressed interest in these sessions, but due to busy schedules many of us have missed the chance to hear some of these excellent presentations. Fortunately, the sessions offered over the past three semesters have been recorded and are available for viewing through the media center at the SEBTS library. Be sure and take advantage of these recordings.





**IMPORTANT DATES**

**INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR DATES AND SPEAKERS**

Spring 2004

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| February 20 | Dr. Kenneth Coley (Professor of Christian Education/Director of Secondary Education Program, SEBTS) |
| March 19    | Dr. John Sailhamer (Professor of Old Testament, SEBTS)  |
| April 16    | Dr. Keith Harper (Professor of Church History, SEBTS)   |

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

These students have passed their oral and written exams:

Ant Greenham, Henry Middleton, Randy McKinion, Ioan Oros and Chris Thompson

These students have received approval for their prospectuses:

Ant Greenham, Thayer Stamper, John Nixon, Danny Wilson, Matt Queen, Ed Gravely, Phil Hopkins

Congratulations on completing these important steps in your careers!

**DISSERTATION DEFENSES**

The following dissertation defenses will take place on Friday, November 14, 2003:

- Bruce Ashford – “Wittgenstein’s Impact on Anglo-American Theology: Representative Models of Response to Ludwig Wittgenstein’s Later Writings”
- Russell Woodbridge – “Gerhard Westerburg: His Life and Doctrine of Purgatory and the Lord’s Supper”

**GERMAN**

*Theological Readings in German* will be offered January 13<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Classes will meet Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., in the Stephens-Mackie conference room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor). The instructor for this course is Dr. Andreas Köstenberger.

**A PERSONAL TOUCH**

Congratulations to Abidan and Nicole Shah for the birth of their son, Nicholas Paul.

Congratulations to Wil and Summer Owens for the birth of their daughter, Talitha Summer.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Phil and Mary Anne Hopkins for the death of Phil’s father.

**PLAN AHEAD**

If you have not yet completed your language requirements, please note these details for 2004.

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| J-Term 2004 | Theological Readings in German (Köstenberger) |
| Spring 2004 | Introduction to Theological French (Williams) |
| Summer 2004 | Introduction to Theological Latin (Williams)  |







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IS THE SAME  
YESTERDAY TODAY & FOREVER

**SEBTS Presentations at the  
Evangelical Theological Society  
55th Annual Meeting**

**David Beck, *One Story, Multiple Tellings***

9:15 – 9:55 am; Wednesday, November 19

Location: Newton

**Abidan Paul Shah, *The Doctrine of the Trinity in Its Interface with Islam: The Impact of Early Christological Heresies on the Development of Islam***

4:45 – 5:25 am; Wednesday, November 19

Location: Rockdale

**John S. Hammett, *From Church Competence to Soul Competence: The Devolution of Baptist Ecclesiology***

4:45 – 5:25 am; Wednesday, November 19

Location: Fayette

**John H. Sailhamer, *The Quest for the Biblical Jesus***

8:30 – 9:10 am; Thursday, November 20

Location: Walton

**Shawn Madden, *Popeye Does Discourse Linguistics: A Sailor's Guide to Longacre***

10:00 – 10:40 am; Thursday, November 20

Location: DeKalb

**Joy White, *The Eternal Functional Subordination of the Son***

10:45 – 11:25 am; Thursday, November 20

Location: Walton



Mark F. Rooker, *The Second Commandment: An Analysis of Leviticus 19:18 in Its Old Testament Context*

3:45 – 4:25 pm; Thursday, November 20

Location: Walton

John A. Nixon, *Athanasius' Understanding of Scripture: The Evidence of His Four Letters on the Holy Spirit*

3:45 – 4:25 pm; Thursday, November 20

Location: Carter

David W. Jones, *Egalitarianism and Homosexuality: Connected or Autonomous Ideologies*

3:45 – 4:25 pm; Thursday, November 20

Location: Clayton

David Emory Lanier, *Paulinisms in the Conclusion of Hebrews (13:18-25)*

3:45 – 4:25 pm; Thursday, November 20

Location: Rockdale

Edward Gravely, *The Textual Data of the Mount Athos Manuscripts of the Infancy Gospel of James Examined Geographically and its Implications for the Transmission of the New Testament*

4:30 – 5:10 pm; Thursday, November 20

Location: Newton

Maurice A. Robinson, *Incipit/Explicit: Lectionary Influence on the Continuous-Text Manuscripts Belonging to the Byzantine Textform*

5:15 – 5:55 pm; Thursday, November 20

Location: Newton

### STILL TIME TO ATTEND ETS MEETING

Remember, it is not too late to attend the 55th Annual ETS Meeting in Atlanta (November 19th–21st). Students who have not pre-registered can register at the door either for a given day or for the entire conference. Whether or not you are able to attend this year's annual meeting, you may want to consider becoming an ETS member ([www.etsjets.org](http://www.etsjets.org)).

### LITERARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Here are a few of the books and articles recently published by SEBTS professors.

*Who Rules the Church*, by Gerald P. Cowen. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2003.

"Hermeneutical and Exegetical Challenges in Interpreting the Pastoral Epistles," by Andreas Köstenberger. In *The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology*, Vol. 7. No. 3. Fall 2003.

"Marriage and Family in the New Testament," by Andreas Köstenberger. In *Marriage and Family in the Biblical World*. Edited by Ken M. Campbell. Grand Rapids: InterVarsity, 2003.

*Out of the Crescent Shadows* by Emir Caner and Ergun Caner (Liberty University). Birmingham: New Hope, 2003.

*The Sacred Trust: Sketches of the Southern Baptist Presidents* by Emir Caner and Ergun Caner (Liberty University). Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2003.

*Advancement: Keeping the Faith in an Evolutionary Age* by L. Russ Bush. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2003.



# Spring 2004

## Ph.D. Schedule of Events

**Monday, January 26**  
Classes begin

**Tuesday, January 27**  
10:00 a.m. Spring Convocation

**Tuesday, February 17**  
Last day for dropping courses.

**Friday, February 20**  
1-5:00 p.m., Integrative Seminar, Dr. Coley

**Monday, March 1–Friday, March 5**  
SPRING BREAK

**Friday, March 19**  
1-5:00 p.m., Integrative Seminar, Dr. Sailhamer

**Monday, April 5–Friday, April 9**  
EASTER RECESS

**Friday, April 16**  
1-5:00 p.m., Integrative Seminar, Dr. Harper

**Friday, April 30**  
1-5:00 p.m., Student Conference

**Friday, May 7**  
1-5:00 p.m., Student Conference

**Friday, May 15**  
Last day of classes

**Friday, May 21**  
2:00 p.m., Graduation Rehearsal, Binkley Chapel

**Saturday, May 22**  
10:00 a.m. Commencement Exercises

## Doctoral Seminars

0112	Introduction to Theological Latin	Williams	2	1-5 (F)
	Class begins Jan. 23, then meets every Friday except Integrative Seminar dates			
0587	Integrative Seminar	Köstenberger	3	1-5 (F)
	Dates: Feb. 20, Mar. 19, Apr. 16; Student Conference: April 30 and May 7			
1379	Seminar in Contemporary O. T. Research	Rooker	3	12:30-3 (W)
1775	New Testament Themes: Evangelism in the N.T.	Beck	3	7:30-10 (R)
3279	Christian Faith and the Modern Mind	Bush	3	2-4:30 (R)
2177	Seminar in American Theological History	Harper	3	1-3:30 (T)
3283	Current Topics in Philosophy of Religion: Coherence of Theism	Little	3	7:30-10 (T)
2381	Seminar in Contemp. Southern Baptist Missiology	Eitel	3	9-11:30 (F)
4179	The Preaching Tradition	McDill	3	7:30-10 (W)

Students previously scheduled to take Dr. Patterson's *Seminar on Contemporary Theology* in the Spring 2004 Semester are advised to select another seminar. *Seminar on Contemporary Theology* will not be offered.



## STAY IN TOUCH

**Keep Up to Date:** Students, if you suspect that your mailing or e-mail address or phone number may need to be updated please contact Mrs. Hellard, and let her know what those changes might be. You may contact our Administrative Assistant at 761-2491 or [jhellard@sebts.edu](mailto:jhellard@sebts.edu). Or if you are not receiving the occasional e-mail messages and reminders about events and happenings in the Ph.D. program, please send an updated e-mail address to [buschbrian@hotmail.com](mailto:buschbrian@hotmail.com).

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## ALTERNATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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