

RPTIMES

WINTER QUARTER, WEEK 6

ACADEMIC REMINDERS

Spring Registration Opens – Monday, January 21

ACADEMIC NEWS

Seminar and Independent Study: *A Candle Against the Dark: A Historical Presentation of the Anti-Slavery Movement in America*, a free seminar presented by Dr. Robert Copeland, will be held on Fri., Feb. 1 from 6-9 pm, and on Sat. Feb. 2 from 9 am-12 pm at RPTS. Special attention will be given to the Underground Railroad movement in Pennsylvania and Ohio, as well as the involvement of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Dr. Copeland is a ruling elder at College Hill RP Church in Beaver Falls, PA. He is Professor Emeritus of Music at Geneva College, and has done extensive research and writing on Reformed Presbyterian history.

Students can register for a one credit independent study in the Spring quarter using this seminar to complete an assignment. Contact [Vicki Smith](#) to register.

Registration for the Spring Quarter opens on Monday, Jan. 21. The course schedule is posted at rpts.edu under Students. Your account and any Library fines must be paid in full in order to register for classes. Complete the Registration Advising Worksheet form (found in the RPTS Links tab in the portal) – you will need to consult your final approved plan from registration for the Fall. If you follow that previously approved plan, or if you are comfortable with any changes you are making without an advisor review, then when you submit the form a request will be sent directly to the office for your Advisor PIN so that you can register.

***The last day to register for the Winter Quarter without a late fee is Friday, Feb. 15.**

Note on Registration for the Summer Quarter: The Summer Quarter will have its own registration period from March 4-31. *Use your PIN from Spring to register for this quarter. The advising process is not required.*

Registration for the following courses will occur during this period:

- SH44 Dynamics of Public Speaking (May 20-24)
- MS31 Theology and Methods of Missions (May 20-24)
- PT46 Vital Churches (Sept.3-6)
- Internships
- Independent Studies - must have the approval of the overseeing professor. Contact [Vicki Smith](#) for more information on how to register for Independent Studies.

The Spring Booklist will be sent to your RPTS email this week and will also be available on the RPTS website. Students should order their own textbooks. In the case of textbooks that must be ordered through RPTS, orders

are due by Friday, Feb. 8 to Vicki Smith. Payment is due with your order. **Also note that the booklists for Summer Intensive Courses are included on this order form.**

Internship Reminder: It is not too early to begin thinking about internships for this summer. When Summer registration opens, you need to register for PT14 if this is your first internship for credit or for PT24 if you will be doing a second internship for credit. Contact Vicki Smith to receive a course syllabus explaining the requirements for this class. If you have any questions about internships or are looking for suggestions on where you might serve, speak with Dr. O'Neill.

RPTS ACTIVITIES

Seminary Women will meet tonight, Monday, Jan. 14, at 6:30 pm. The topic will be “Abuse in the Church”, presented by President Barry York. Bring food to share, if you are able. Childcare is provided. Call Sherri Williams at 412-996-4667 with any questions.

The RPTS Sermon Awards are given annually to MDiv students who submit the best sermon manuscript based on Romans 15:1-13. [More details are available here.](#) Registration deadline is February 15, 2019 and submittal deadline is March 15, 2019. First place is \$750, second place is \$500, and third place is \$350.

With winter weather here, how do you know if you have class or not? The answer is easy: RPTS is almost always open. Use your best judgment on driving conditions. RPTS only posts closures, so if you don't see a closing announcement, we are open. Listen/watch KDKA radio/TV, or check their website at www.kdka.com, for official RPTS closing information. Also, check your RPTS email.

Snow Removal: RPTS saves \$1000s each winter by clearing all the snow we can. This keeps your rent in seminary housing lower and your tuition lower. So, if it snows, come help. Dorm and Seminary owned housing residents are expected to help. Friends-of-Seminary housing residents and other students are very welcome! An ATV has been added to our arsenal of tools this year.

Panera Blessings: Volunteers are needed each Wednesday morning (6:15 at RPTS). Contact Ed Blackwood at 412-731-6000, 412-407-3317 (cell), or in person with questions. Sign-up here: <http://s.rpts.edu/BreadHelp>.

One Ring: It is not the one ring to rule them all, as J.R. Tolkien would have you think, but you can order an RPTS ring with your program (MDIV, MTS, DMIN) and your graduation year. This is available to all current and former students. More information and images are [available here](#). Rings are ordered directly from the manufacturer. Order form is [available here](#).



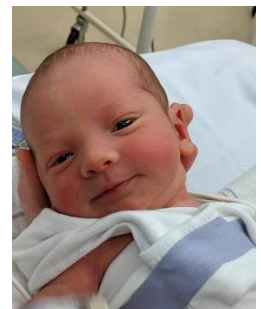
Have you ever wanted to learn how to present the Psalms? The seminar to teach this skill will continue on Thursday afternoon, January 17, and 24, from 1:30 to 2:30 pm, in the second-floor classroom. Contact [Tom Reid](#) to let him know if you plan to attend. The sessions are open to students, staff, faculty, and their families, as well as anyone from the local churches who would like to learn how to better lead the singing of Psalms without musical instrumental accompaniment.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

January 15	Praise & Prayer
January 16	Gary McNamee
January 17	Stephen Mulder
January 18	Zachary Smith

NEWS FROM STUDENTS

Grandchild: Richard Sprunk (MTS) gives thanks for the birth of his first grandchild, Joshua Peter Blum II, born January 4. The baby was 7 lbs., 1 oz.



Let's Play! The 2nd annual "Winter Classic" Table Tennis Tournament will take place the last few weeks of the quarter. If you would like to play in a double elimination ping-pong tourney, sign up by Friday, Jan. 18, on the signup sheet posted on the bulletin board in the basement. Pairings will be announced Monday, Jan. 21. Games can begin any time after that. The tournament final will be scheduled prior to finals week. Don't let the games distract you from your studies, but don't be afraid to be refreshed with an occasional break. Contact [Jonas McLeod](#) if you have further questions.

Weekly Activities:

◇ *Tea Time and Prayer for Women:* Tuesdays from 12:30-1:30pm in Willson Center.

- ◇ *Faculty/student/staff prayer*: Tuesdays at 1 pm in the 2nd floor classroom.
 - ◇ *Practice for oral presbytery exams*: Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30pm in the second floor classroom. Contact [Garrett Mann](#) for information.
 - ◇ *Missions Prayer*: Fridays at 12:30 pm in the Main classroom.
 - ◇ *Walk with Director of "Edmissions"*: 5K on Fridays at 6:30 am.
 - ◇ *Basketball on Fridays*: Meet at the hoop at 1 pm.
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BEYOND OUR WALLS

Service Event: Join fellow students as they serve the Homewood community through Master's Kitchen, a food and fellowship ministry of Bethany Baptist Church, on Friday, Jan. 25 or Friday, Feb. 1, from 12 – 1:30 pm. Up to 7 spaces are available. The signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the basement. Contact [Jonas McLeod](#) or [Will Baker](#) for more information.

Internship: Concho Valley OPC is looking for men (who wish to serve in the OPC) interested in a 3 month internship this coming summer in Northern AZ, Concho Valley or Williams. More information is available at: Concho Valley Orthodox Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1010, Concho, AZ 95024 or conchovalleyopc@aol.com.

Greystone Theological Institute in Coraopolis warmly welcomes RPTS students to the Greystone Reading Room theological reading and discussion fellowship. Starting Saturday, Jan. 12, Greystone resumed discussion of Herman Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics, Vol. 2: God and Creation* (Coraopolis). Other series this spring include John Swinton, *Becoming Friends of Time: Disability, Timefulness, and Gentle Discipleship* (Coraopolis and Online); and Maximus the Confessor's *Ambigua: On the Difficulties in the Church Fathers* (online). For more information, or to sign up, visit <https://www.greystoneinstitute.org/reading-room/> today.

BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER

Join fellow students and faculty during lunch in the basement dining area each week of classes from Tuesday through Friday. Bring your own lunch or purchase the catered meal. Non-dorm students may purchase lunch for \$6, if desired. Reservations are required with the Office at least two days in advance of a meal.

Did You Know: Dr. Williams types with all fingers when using a Hebrew keyboard layout. With an English keyboard; two fingers. Go figure.