Spring Quarter, Week 7

Academic Reminders

Registration for the Fall Quarter Opens – TODAY, Monday, April 15

Academic News

Registration for the Fall Quarter opens on today, Monday, Apr. 15. Your account and any Library fines must be paid in full in order to register for classes. The Course Schedule can be found at rpts.edu under Students. Late fees will be added to registrations made after Friday, May 10.

The advising process with registration for 2019 Fall includes planning all of your 2019-20 academic year
  * Visit this link to view the explanation of the procedure: rpts.edu/Registration/Academic_Advising.pdf.
  * To begin the advising process, use this link: s.rpts.edu/RegAdv.
    Both links are available in the portal under RPTS Links.

AUDIT STUDENTS: You are not required to go through the Advising process. Simply email Vicki Smith (vsmith@rpts.edu) to receive your Registration PIN each quarter.

The Fall Booklist was emailed to your RPTS account and is also available on the RPTS website. Book orders are due by Friday, Aug. 16, to Vicki Smith. Payment is due with your order.

MS95 Missions Independent Study: Are you interested in short, mid, or long term missionary service? This practicum to be held during the Fall, Winter, and Spring of the 2019-20 Academic Year is a one-credit per quarter course (Students may choose to earn 2 additional credits with more extensive readings and assignments) done with Vince Ward, an RP pastor, trainer, coach, and consultant in missions. The series of practicums is designed to provide training, mentoring, and coaching in preparation for missionary service. The course of study will run throughout the school year with assignments and video conference sessions every two weeks. The units of study will follow a framework of two parts: 1) Part I: Life in Christ; and 2) Part II: Ministry Dynamics: Theological, Team, Missional, and Cultural. The study will help: 1) Form Godly Character (Heart: Life in Christ); 2) Renew the Mind (Head: Ministry Dynamics); and 3) Equip for Service (Hands: Practical Training). If you are interested, contact vward@rpts.edu.

Summer Schedule: The following is the schedule for the Summer quarter for those who are registered for independent studies, including those that require the use of recorded materials. (Note that internships and one-week intensives have their own schedules as set by the professors.)
Quarter Start/Finish  May 20 - August 16
Final Day to Withdraw from Classes Without Failure  May 31
Summer Break  July 1-5
Grades Due  August 23
Final Day to Finish Incompletes  September 27

**RPTS ACTIVITIES**

**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](http://s.rpts.edu/BreadHelp).

**Andrew Dinner:** The MS23 Evangelism class will host an Andrew Dinner on Tuesday, April 30, at 6:30 pm in the chapel. Be in prayer as students invite people to attend.

**Seminary Picnic:** Save the date! Join your fellow students, faculty, and staff for fellowship at Forest Hills Park, corner of Braddock Road and Ardmore Boulevard, Pittsburgh, on Saturday, May 4, at 3 pm. We will enjoy a time of fun and games. Dinner will be served at 4 pm. The park has a playground and basketball court, as well as room for Frisbees and other games. Bring some chairs to relax in while enjoying the company of others. RPTS will provide the main course and drinks. Bring a side dish, salad, or small dessert. Sign up by Tuesday, April 30 on the sheet posted on the main bulletin board or at this link [http://s.rpts.edu/springPicnic](http://s.rpts.edu/springPicnic) with how many are coming and what you will bring to share for the meal. If you have any questions, contact Ed Blackwood.

**Lunch & Learn:**
- April 18: Graduating Senior Andrew Battiato will speak about the benefits he has received from completing the full counseling program at RPTS. Our own BCI will sponsor a pizza lunch for students wanting to hear and interact with Andrew and Prof. Evans. Consider meeting over lunch for learning and fellowship. Sign up for lunch at [http://s.rpts.edu/lunchNlearn](http://s.rpts.edu/lunchNlearn).

**CHAPEL SCHEDULE**

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**NEWS FROM STUDENTS**

**Basketball Tournament:** Four teams are signed up for the tournament, including the Geezers, the Strangers, and the Caber-tossing Lumberjacks(?). They need more competition though, so if you’re wanting to play some basketball, or just try out your free throwing abilities, be sure you race to the signup sheets in the basement. The
competition will be held from Wednesday to Friday (April 17-19)! Team captains can coordinate a time to play within those given days. The free throw event begins on April 15 and will continue throughout the week. With a scorekeeper watching, you must throw 20 shots and record your score on the scoresheet in the basement. If you have any questions, contact Stephen Mulder for more information.

**Weekly Activities:**

◊ **Faculty/student/staff prayer:** Tuesdays at 1 pm in the 2nd floor classroom.

◊ **Practice for oral presbytery exams:** Tuesdays at 2 pm in the basement classroom. Contact Garrett Mann for information.

◊ **Tea Time and Prayer for Women:** Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 pm in the Willson Center.

◊ **Missions Prayer:** Fridays at 11:30 am in the Main classroom.

◊ **Basketball on Fridays:** Meet at the hoop at 1 pm.

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**BEYOND OUR WALLS**

**Summer Intern Position:** Zion United Reformed Church of Sheffield is inviting applicants to do a summer internship at Zion. Sheffield is a small rural village in Southern Ontario, Canada. The pulpit is currently vacant and serves about 75 families in the congregation, with a nice mixture of youth, young families, and a few seniors. If you are interested, contact Phil Elgersma at elgersma.phil@gmail.com or call 289-698-1967.

**Open Position:** The Chinese Bible Church of Maryland (Gaithersburg Campus English Congregation) seeks a part-time pastor. See the notice on the bulletin board for more information. To apply, contact Pastor Christopher Poh, christopher.poh@cbcm.org.

**Pittsburgh Prayer Conference:** Students are invited to attend the Pittsburgh Prayer Conference on May 2 and 3 at Christ Church at Grove Farm. Many RPTS faculty are leading sessions and breakouts, including Drs. Watt, Stivason, York, and Scipione, along with Professor Evans. Other area pastors are also participating. Students can receive a discounted admission of $19 for the whole conference. Details are available here.

**Pittsburgh Marathon Road Closures:** On Sunday, May 5, 2019, many streets around the Seminary will be closed for the race. Visit https://www.thepittsburghmarathon.com/RoadClosures for more information.

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**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 are invited to purchase lunch for $6. Reservations are required with the Office at least two days in advance of a meal.