

# Doctoral Studies

## Seminars through October 2010

### MAY

31-June 4 Korean Orientation

### JUNE

7-11 Ed. Evangelism

7-11 Project Methodology

7-11 Integrating

28-July 2 Korean Orientation

### JULY

12-16 Preaching & Ministry Practice

12-16 Age Group Ministries

19-23 Hispanic Methodology

26-30 Korean Orientation

### AUGUST

2-6 Orientation

2-6 Korean Orientation

16-20 Hispanic Orientation

16-20 Korean Orientation

23-27 Sponsoring Churches

### OCTOBER

4-8 Project Methodology

11-16 Expository Preaching I

11-16 Leadership Issues

18-22 Issues in Christian Ed.

\*to enroll for seminars, please email  
docestudies@mbts.edu

If you hear an unfamiliar language in a Midwestern classroom, do not be surprised or wonder if someone is speaking in some unknown tongue (... this is a Baptist Seminary, after all). Rather, the sounds you hear are from students enrolled in the Korean Doctor of Ministry cohorts. The first cohort will start on May 31, with four other cohorts starting during the summer. The students are Korean pastors, most who have many years of pastoral experience and cover the nation from Virginia Beach (VA) to Long Beach (CA), and Korea.

Why are Korean pastors surging into the campus. Let's start with a "pop quiz." Where is the world's largest Baptist church? Where is the world's largest Presbyterian church? Where is the world's largest Methodist church? Where is the world's largest church? The answer for each is South Korea. As a result, there are many Korean pastors pursuing advanced studies. Currently, 72 Korean leaders have applied for the Doctor of Ministry program, including thirteen from Korea.

These days, many seminaries have specialized concentration, and the Korean cohorts are designed to integrate biblical theology and cultural relevancy. The Korean track seminars at Midwestern utilize a co-teaching system. One professor focuses on theory as another professor focuses on application in the church setting. The program also is accessible to the Korean community, with residential seminars and occasional seminars in key Korean communities, such as Seattle, Washington and Key West, Florida. Occasional seminars are hosted by Korean congregations, with the professors teaching on location.

Rock Choi, a director of the Korean Doctoral Program, spent 37 days and 120,000 miles on the road to introduce Korean pastors to the MBTS program. When asked about his recruitment strategy, Rock said, "It was easy. People already know about MBTS and its faculty. For example, in Dallas, Korean pastors already knew Academic Dean Dr. Johnson through his Christian radio ministry, "Jerry Johnson Live" which aired in Dallas for several years."

So remember, this summer, when you hear a noise that sounds like thunder coming from the classrooms, just smile. It is God at work in and through Midwestern Seminary.



ROCK CHOI

## New Doctoral Team Member



The doctoral office welcomes **Shiny Yates** to the doctoral team. Shiny will serve as the **Korean Secretary**. Shiny is married to MBTS student, Charles Yates and they have one daughter, Christine.

## STUDENT PORTAL

If you are not currently accessing your student portal to view your grades, syllabus, unofficial transcript, billing ledger, etc., make this a high priority. Don't know your username or password? Simply email Mindy at [makright@mbts.edu](mailto:makright@mbts.edu) or the I.T. helpdesk at [helpdesk@mbts.edu](mailto:helpdesk@mbts.edu) and an email will be sent to you with both your username and password. Once you have received them, access your portal located on the MBTS website homepage.

## May Graduates

- Rehearsal is 12:30pm on May 21, 2010.
- Commencement begins at 10am on May 22nd. (Arrive at 9:15am!)

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
You may now pay electronically through your student portal? Click on *My Ledger*. Click on *My Payment*. The steps following should be self-explanatory.

**Monthly Tuition Payments are due on the 15th!**

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# PhD Corner

## Upcoming Courses

- 6/21-7/2 Theological French  
7/19-7/30 Teaching Principles & Methods

## Fall 2010 Semester Courses

- DR40320 Johannine Literature  
DR40310 Synoptic Gospels  
DR40250 Hebrew Grammar  
DR40020 PhD Colloquium I  
DR40804 History of Research & Interpretation  
DR40806 Theology Comprehensive  
DR40080 OT Textual Criticism  
DR40802-01 OT Backgrounds-Hearson  
DR40802-02 OT Backgrounds-Watson

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## FRENCH COURSE BEING TAUGHT THIS SUMMER

Jennifer Hearson is returning to teach Theological French. The dates for the course are June 21-July 2, 2010.

Sign up for this course through the Registrar Office.

## REMEMBER JULY 15th!

Applications for scholarships are due to the Financial Aid office on this date.

Tuition payment(s) for the fall semester are due on this date as well.

Please make certain to read both pages of the newsletter. There are articles that are germane to both ProDoc and PhD students.

Our PhD program has reached two important milestones this spring. First, we admitted our second group of Old Testament students. Our congratulations go out to Trey Bechtold (Excelsior Springs, MO), Jeremy Fruechting (St. Joseph, MO), Travis Hicks (Ewa Beach, HI), Russell Meek (Sandpoint, ID), Russell Osborne (Beech Mountain, NC), and Doug Richey (Excelsior Springs, MO).

In addition, Jun Qian (Overland Park, KS) was designated as an alternate. These new students will begin their studies in the fall. Our number of admitted PhD students has now risen to 18. Admitting this new group means that we have finished one cycle of OT and NT students and have started on a second cycle!

Second, our first contingent of Old Testament concentration students will now enter into the Comprehensive Examination stage of their program. They will finish this summer (hopefully successfully!) the Colloquium/Seminar phase with the last core course, Teaching Principles and Methods of Higher Education. In the fall, they will begin studying to pass their comprehensive exams. After that it's on to the dissertation! We hope to put a doctoral hood on one of these students within a few years. Who will be the first to graduate?

Just a few more notes to update our current PhD students. We have submitted a request to our accreditation agencies to expand our admission to seven students in 2010 and eight students in 2011. This request will be reviewed this summer by the agencies and we should hear by August of their decisions. There are no current plans to change our practice of alternating admissions between the concentrations. We anticipate admitting NT students in 2011 and OT students in 2012. We do have a major assessment report due in November of this year, and we are beginning to plan for our 2012 comprehensive site visit. We would really appreciate your prayers. As always please feel free to contact the Doctoral Studies Office or the PhD Director with any questions or concerns.

Dr. Stephen J. Andrews (PhD Director)



Midwestern is preparing to offer its first 100% online Master's Degree. Following a recommendation by the HLC-NCA, Midwestern is to launching a new 45 hour Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) degree. For more information about this new degree, contact [online@mbts.edu](mailto:online@mbts.edu).

