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E-NOTES

DEAR GORDON-CONWELL - CHARLOTTE STUDENT:

Here is the March 2009 edition of E-Notes. E-Notes is the electronic newsletter for the Gordon-Conwell Seminary community in Charlotte. Monthly up-to-date and relevant information regarding the seminary will be sent to student GCTS mailboxes. If you want to have your E-Notes discontinued, please e-mail Dr. Steve Klipowicz at sklipowi@gcts.edu.

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1. FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

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As the spring semester is now fully underway in each module, you are all, hopefully, enjoying the challenge of new courses and seeing progress toward your degree goals. Some of you plan on graduating in May. We can see it in your eyes! No more doubt or hesitation; just raw resolve and determination. We're cheering you on!

We are pleased to announce a major gift from the Kern Family Foundation to help us begin researching innovative forms of web-enhanced education. Dr. Joel Harlow has been hired to help lead this new initiative. His doctoral degree is in distance education, with research on Greek and Hebrew teaching he did for nine years online. We plan on piloting a preaching class at GCTS-Charlotte with Dr. Haddon Robinson for those interested next year.

We are also looking forward to a class in Contemporary Theology by Dr. Alan Myatt this summer. As a continuation of your theology sequence, this course will open up current trends in theology around the world, with connections to a different continent each weekend. This spring Dr. Myatt will spend some time in Brazil where his Portuguese systematic theology has won significant awards.

One more item I'd like to point your attention to: Dr. Hollinger will be officially inaugurated as Gordon-Conwell's seventh president on March 20. We will have a live-stream video hook-up in the chapel for the GCTS family at 3:00 p.m.

There are more exciting things to read about below. Enjoy!
T.S. Laniak

2. INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR MAKE-UP PROCEDURE [back to top](#)

The make up procedure for the Spring 2009 Integrative seminar, "How High are Your Fences" (IS503) is listed below. Students who desire credit for this event should complete the following and send the required paperwork and payment to Dr. Steve Klipowicz by March 31, 2009.

1. Obtain the seminar video from the library (now available)
2. View entire video
3. Complete a four page reaction paper **or** submit the required pre-seminar assignments*
4. Return paper and check made out to GCTS for \$25 to Dr. Steve Klipowicz

Students who have completed the pre-seminar homework do not need to write the four-page paper. Simply turn in your pre-assignment work with a written statement that you viewed the video and a check for \$25.

3. CHAPEL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES [back to top](#)

Friday night chapel services will resume February 6 for the spring term. If you have gifts and talents that can contribute to the spiritual vitality of our campus, you are encouraged to participate whenever possible. We are seeking students who can serve in the following roles:

- Worship leaders
- Singers
- Musical accompanists
- Hosts and hostesses
- Praying for other students
- Preaching or testimonies (short messages)

If you are interested in volunteering, email [Dr.Kelly Boyce](mailto:Dr.Kelly.Boyce) indicating in what ways you wish to serve and what weekends you will be available to help.

4. GCTS STUDENT LODGING NETWORK [back to top](#)



GCTS - Charlotte has several families willing to provide free or inexpensive lodging for out-of-town students. **If you are seeking to save lodging costs by staying with a local family during weekend or week-long module classes**, please email [Denise Flanders](mailto:Denise.Flanders). Additionally, **if you have a guest room that you would like to make available** to students on Friday nights during the school year or if you know someone who does, please email [Denise Flanders](mailto:Denise.Flanders).

5. THE LIBRARY NOOK [back to top](#)

Library Hours:

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- Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Spring Holiday Closings

- Easter, Friday – Sunday, April 10 – 12



New on the Reference shelf: A wonderful new two-volume reference set titled the *Encyclopedia of Religious Revivals in America* is now available. Edited by Michael McClymond, the Encyclopedia is “the first academic reference work devoted explicitly and wholly to the topic of religious revival in the context of the United States and Canada” with topics ranging from Jonathan Edwards to the Brownsville revival. Students with interest in theology and church history will find this resource especially helpful. Look for it on the reference shelf at REF. BV3773.E53 2007.

Books on reserve: Required books for January and Spring classes are now available on the reserve shelves behind the circulation desk. Many professors place specific titles on reserve for use by students in the library. Normally, reserve books are to remain in the library, but may be checked out for up to one week with consent of the instructor and the library.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the standard borrowing period for library books?

Four weeks

Can I renew books online?

Yes, you can renew books [online](#), by phone or in person provided that someone else has not placed a “hold” on the item you wish to renew.

What is the fee for overdue books?

Overdue fines for upstairs books are **25 cents** per book per day. Overdue fines for reserve books are **\$1.00** per book per day. If you accumulate \$10.00 in fines you will not be permitted to check out books unless you receive permission from the library.

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Yes. Professors place specific titles on reserve for use by students in the library. Normally, reserve books are to remain in the library, but may be checked out for up to one week with consent of the instructor and the library. No more than two reserve books may be checked out at one time, and the fine for late reserve books is **\$1.00 per book per day**.

How do I request a book from the South Hamilton campus?

Please consult the Charlotte library homepage at www.gordonconwell.edu/charlotte/library for specific information on requesting books from Goddard library. No more than six books may be requested.

Can I check out books from other seminaries in the area?

Yes, you can check out books from other theological libraries in the **Charlotte Theological Library Consortium**. The Harold Lindsell Library at Gordon-Conwell-Charlotte is a member of the Charlotte Theological Library Consortium (CTLC), a group of seven theological libraries in the greater Charlotte and piedmont region of North Carolina. Gordon-Conwell students enjoy library privileges at each CTLC member institution subject to the rules of the consortium and each member institution. For more information, visit www.atla.com/ctlc/ctlc.html.

6. JOHN AND SUE NEUHS BOOKSTORE

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Semlink textbooks: The bookstore stocks textbooks for Semlink courses that can be taken as part of a Charlotte degree program. Please contact [Alvis Yates](#) to inquire about the availability of Semlink texts.



Regular bookstore hours:

- **Monday – Friday** 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- **Saturday** 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- We are happy to help you outside of regular bookstore hours provided that you call or email ahead.

7. PRAYER REQUESTS

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Gordon-Conwell faculty, staff and students meet on **Wednesday mornings in the chapel at 9:15 a.m.** to pray for students, the seminary, and special needs that arise. Please join us! Students can place prayer requests in the Prayer Box located in the Seminary break room. Know that we will keep your concerns and requests confidential.



Pray for student Glenna Tasedan who is serving as a missionary in Labrador, Canada and for the leaders of the churches there.

Pray for student Tim Mitchell as he and his family prepare to return to missionary ministry this summer in the far east.

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Are you interested in more ministry opportunities? Check out www.ministrylist.com.

Youth and Outreach Intern: Faith Presbyterian Church, a 1-year-old church plant in Indian Land, SC, is seeking a summer intern to help build a youth program. If interested, contact David Bender, dmbender33@aol.com.

Student Ministries Intern: [Crosspointe Church](#), a non-denominational church in Cary, NC, is seeking a full-time student ministries intern from June '09 – June '10. If interested, send a resume to Eddie Mullins, student pastor, at emullins@crosspointe.org.

9. REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

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All Students: Please be aware that courses often require work up to one month in advance. Please check syllabi as soon as they are available.

Summer Registration: Will be open in the next week. Check your Gordon-Conwell email for information and the correct registration form.

Graduation Announcements: The Spring 2009 graduation ceremonies will be held at University Park Baptist Church on 6029 Beatties Ford Rd., Charlotte, NC, 28216. The Baccalaureate

service will be held Friday evening, May 15, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., with a reception following. The graduation commencement will be held Saturday, May 16, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Counseling Courses open to other degree program students: The following courses are now open to students in any degree program. They fulfill ministry elective requirements for MDIV students and general elective requirements for other degree program students. Please see the course descriptions in the catalogue for further information about these courses.

- CO540 Helping Relationships
- CO614 Family Systems Theory
- CO710 Psychopathology
- CO709 Counseling in Addictive Behaviors
- CO718 Group Dynamics

Please note that the following courses are already cross-listed for other degree programs:

- CO/MM712 Cross Cultural Counseling
- CO/PC750 Crisis Counseling
- CO/MC642 Ministering to Women in Pain

Scheduling a Library Proctor: Please notify Joni Horne (jhorne@gcts.edu) or Trish King (tking@gcts.edu) at least 24 hours in advance of the time you wish to take your exam. Proctoring may begin at 9:00 a.m., but must be finished 30 minutes before library closing.

10. SEMINARY BULLETIN BOARD

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Preaching Seminar with Haddon Robinson: Haddon Robinson will speak at the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove on March 23 on "Preaching so your listeners can hear." For more information, visit www.billygraham.org/thecove. Some student scholarships are available; contact [Dr. Klipowicz](#) if interested.

Scholarship for Women over 40: AARP now offers a scholarship for women age 40 and over. The application deadline is March 31; visit www.aarp.com/womensscholarship for more information.

Free Counseling Opportunity: Free, brief, confidential counseling or personality assessment from a counseling student is available occasionally during the year. *Volunteering allows both the opportunity of pursuing greater self-awareness and spiritual/personal growth while also contributing to the professional development of fellow GCTS students.* If interested, please send an e-mail to Dr. Kelly Breen Boyce at kboyce@gcts.edu with your name, contact information and whether you are interested in volunteering for counseling, personality assessment or both.

FATZ restaurant discount: FATZ on S. Tryon (near the school) has begun offering all GCTS students, staff, and faculty a 10% discount on food. Show your school ID card to receive the discount.

Student ID Card: Please have your student ID card with you at all times while on campus. Your ID card serves several purposes. It allows access into the building when class is in session and it is your Harold Lindsell Library card used to check out books. If a replacement card is needed, contact Scott Smith, Office Coordinator.

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Fellowship: Each year Pierce Fellowships are awarded to returning students who have exhibited a commitment to walking in intimacy with Christ and helping others on their journey with Christ. This is the essence of discipleship. If you are interested in applying for the Pierce Fellowship visit our website at <http://www.gcts.edu/piercecenter/>. The application deadline is May 20.

Mission: The mission of the Pierce Center for Disciple-Building is to prepare ministry leaders who prioritize intimacy with Jesus Christ and the development of effective disciple-building skills within the context of a healthy Christian community.