Announcements to Seniors and Middlers

SENIOR CLASS FELLOWSHIPS

If you are writing a senior thesis for course credit and have been in residence as a middler, you are invited to enter your thesis in competition for a senior class fellowship for the pursuit of advanced study in Old Testament, New Testament, the Department of History, the Department of Theology, the Department of Practical Theology, and the Program in Religion and Society.

For full details on entry rules and guidelines, and the prize amount for a Senior Class Fellowship, please see page 216-217 of the 2013-2014 Seminary Catalogue http://www.ptsem.edu/uploadedFiles/Operations/Registrars_Office/Private/Catalogues/catalogue_13-14FIN.pdf

Six fellowships have been established in the Seminary for the pursuit of advanced study in theology. The fellowships ($3,000.00 each) are awarded in accordance with the following rules and guidelines:

1. In order to become a candidate for a fellowship, a student must be a member of the senior class who has been in residence in the Seminary as a member of the middler class.

2. The candidate must indicate (by email to the academic dean at academic.dean@ptsem.edu ), no later than April 11, 2014, the intent to submit a thesis in competition along with the specified area in which the thesis is to be considered.

3. The candidate must present a thesis written for regular academic credit in a specified field. Guidelines for writing such a thesis are available from the Office of Academic Affairs. An electronic copy of the thesis must be submitted, with the name(s) of the professor(s) under whose direction it was written, to academic.dean@ptsem.edu by noon on April 28, 2014.

4. The fellowship award will be made by the faculty, upon recommendation of the department or program concerned, and will be announced at Commencement. The faculty in all instances reserves the right not to grant a fellowship during a particular year, if in the judgment of the readers no thesis in the area qualifies for this special consideration.

5. A student who submits a thesis in competition for a fellowship, whether or not he or she is successful in the competition, will receive departmental and/or elective academic credit for the work, provided it meets the usual requirements for a thesis in the department to which it is submitted.

6. A fellow shall pursue studies, principally in the subject in which the fellowship has been awarded, conducting the work either in this seminary or in some other approved graduate institution. He or she shall submit a program to the registrar for approval and subsequently shall make to the registrar periodic reports of progress. A fellow shall study for a full academic year, which year shall be the next ensuing after appointment.

Permission to postpone study requires Seminary approval. Such request shall be submitted to the registrar. A fellowship must be used within five academic years.
The Senior Fellowship in Old Testament
The Senior Fellowship in Old Testament may be awarded to that student who presents the best senior thesis in this field and who qualifies under the fellowship regulations outlined above.

The Senior Fellowship in New Testament
The Senior Fellowship in New Testament may be awarded to that student who presents the best senior thesis in this field and who qualifies under the fellowship regulations outlined above.

The Senior Fellowship in History
The Senior Fellowship in History may be awarded to that student who presents the best senior thesis in a division of this department and who qualifies under the fellowship regulations outlined above.

The Senior Fellowship in Theology
The Senior Fellowship in Theology may be awarded to that student who presents the best senior thesis in a division of this department and who qualifies under the fellowship regulations outlined above.

The Senior Fellowship in Practical Theology
The Senior Fellowship in Practical Theology may be awarded to that student who presents the best senior thesis in a division of this department and who qualifies under the fellowship regulations outlined above.

The Senior Fellowship in Religion and Society
The Senior Fellowship in Religion and Society may be awarded to that student who presents the best senior thesis in this program area and who qualifies under the fellowship regulations outlined above.

SPECIAL PRIZES, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

For full details on entry rules and guidelines and prize amounts to submit an essay for a Special Prize and Award, please see page 217-229 of the 2013-2014 Seminary Catalogue.

The Robert L. Maitland Awards in New Testament Exegesis and English Bible
The award is for the best exegesis of a passage of the New Testament. The passage for 2013–2014 must be related to the topic “How Did Contexts Shape Texts.”

The second award will be given for the best essay on an assigned subject in the English Bible. The topic for 2013–2014 is: “The Concept of Salvation in Scripture.” The suggested length of either paper is fifteen to twenty-five pages, double-spaced, including footnotes and a selected bibliography.

*Guidelines and qualifications: The awards are open to middlers and seniors. One award is given for the best exegesis of a passage in the New Testament on a specified topic. A second award is given for the best essay on an assigned subject in English Bible. Essay must be signed with a pseudonym. The suggested length of these papers is fifteen to twenty-five double-spaced pages, including footnotes and a selected bibliography.*
The John Finley McLaren Award in Biblical Theology
The award is based on the best essay on the assigned subject in biblical theology. The subject for 2013–2014 is “The Concept of Love in Biblical Theology.” Suggested length of the paper is fifteen to twenty-five pages, double-spaced, including footnotes and a selected bibliography. Guidelines and qualifications: this award is open to middlers and seniors. This award is given for the best essay on the assigned subject in biblical theology. Essay must be signed with a pseudonym.

The Matthew Anderson, Jonathan C. Gibbs, John B. Reeve Award
Guidelines and qualifications: the award is open to juniors, middlers, and seniors and is based on a student essay/research paper pertaining to one or two African American or Native American clergy or laypeople. The recipient is selected by Seminary faculty.

Except where an essay is required, the inclusion of an award in the descriptive paragraphs above does not constitute an assurance of its availability during the year 2013–2014.

PLEASE NOTE THE TWO FIRM DEADLINES FOR ENTRANTS:

(1) Submission of the Statement of Intent
4:30 p.m. - Friday, April 11, 2014
The statement of intent to enter a thesis competition is due, by email, to academic.dean@ptsem.edu. Please be sure to include the name(s) of the professor(s) under whose supervision the essay has been written.

(2) Procedure for Essay Submission
Noon on the last day of class: April 28, 2014
An electronic copy of the thesis must be submitted by email to academic.dean@ptsem.edu. Please be sure to include the name(s) of the professor(s) under whose supervision it was written and provide pseudonym names for special award essays where it is required.

Please note: It is better to submit you intention first with the option to withdraw later than to miss the intent deadline. Please have the courtesy to let us know if you choose to withdraw your intention. Thank you.