Welcome Tamara Yanke

The library would like to welcome Tamara Yanke as the new temporary library clerk. Tamara worked in the Academic Dean’s office before joining the library in early April and has been hard at work ever since. Tamara is a great addition to the library staff. She has a servant’s heart and is willing to help students, staff and faculty alike. If you need help with a library related matter you can see Tamara as well as anyone on the library staff. Welcome, Tamara! We are glad to have you.

How to Take a Test

Many of you will spend a lot of time studying for finals in the library so here are some general guidelines for taking an exam.

1. Begin by reading the instructions very carefully. You would not want to make a mistake that could cost you an unnecessary loss of points.

2. Take a quick look over the entire test and get an idea of its layout. Take note of where you can earn the most points.

3. Check to see if the easy questions will earn you as many points as the hard questions. If so, then answer the easy ones first. This will give you confidence so you can turn your attention to the more difficult ones. Do not start with the difficult ones since getting stuck on them may cost a lot of your time and leave you short for answering the easy questions. It also may cause you to panic which may cloud your thinking and cost you points.

4. Read each question carefully so you understand exactly what is being asked. You may have to read the question more than once to grasp it. Remember to answer the specific question that is being asked.

5. When you come across a question you cannot remember the answer to or is very difficult, skip it for the moment and move on to an easier question. Later, return to the unanswered questions when you finish the test or when you remember the answer. Sometimes you have to allow your subconscious mind to work on the question while you progress through the test. Also, there may be another question on the exam that gives you a clue to the answer or may jog your memory.

6. Most importantly, pray and trust God that He will aid you as you take the test. I know that being told to trust God is more easily said than done. I know I have been there. But you need to
ask Him to bring to your remembrance that which you have studied and to keep you from stressing out and panicking. Philippians 4:6-7 are two good verses to put into practice:

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (NASB).”

I hope you all do well in your exams. I pray that He will aid you as you study to do your best.


**There’s an App for That**

**Recommended Applications for Your iPad**

For those of you who desire to share your class notes and work collaboratively with your classmates or colleagues, Synotes is the app for you. Synotes is a note taking and management application. This app allows you to sync your notes with an iPhone and iPod touch. You can also post your notes on Facebook, Twitter or e-mail them to whomever you like. Synotes requires that you type up your notes on the app instead of hand writing them. The iPad keyboard will appear on your screen when you press your finger on a page to take notes. I recommend that you purchase an external keyboard for your iPad if you use Synotes. It will be easier to use. Synotes is free so you have nothing to lose by trying it out.

**Son of Citation Machine** is an app that will aid you in putting together your bibliographic citations in text citation in MLA, APA, Chicago and Turabian. The app will not only compose books and articles, but also podcasts, interviews, e-mails, TV and radio broadcasts and much more. The app is easy to use and very intuitive. However, it is not available through the App Store. I had to download it off the web ([citationmachine.net](http://citationmachine.net)) from my iPad. It is free.

**Tips for Doing Research**

In these last few weeks as we head into the end of the semester I have noticed that many of you are working on research related either to Biblical studies or psychology. One resource that you should consider using for Bible related research is the *Theological Library Journal Online* database. This database contains the full text for over 30 conservative theological journals. Some of the journals go back to the 19th century. There is a wealth of information and analysis on the biblical text in this database from an evangelical perspective that you should not pass up. The evangelical perspective takes a high view of Scripture so these journals will treat the Bible as historically accurate and will hold to inspiration and inerrancy. The database can be searched by Bible verse by clicking on the “Search by Verse” link or it can be searched by subject by clicking on the “Search Journals” link. This database can only be searched from the library’s computers or anywhere on campus.

PsycARTICLES is a database that I recommend for those of you researching psychological related topics. This database accesses the full text of 80 journals related to behavioral health and psychology, of course. This EBSCO database can be accessed on and off campus. If you need the user id and password see one of the library staff.