



Student Mentoring Cohort Application September 2024–June 2025

Application Deadline: May 15, 2024

Submit completed application with essay questions to info@everyvoicekingdomdiversity.org

Overview

Every Voice student mentoring cohorts provide an opportunity for mentoring and community for especially ethnic minority and Majority World students in Christian theological education. Each cohort will have a scholar-mentor who will facilitate monthly meetings (online) and provide encouragement and counsel. Monthly meetings will focus on topics such as navigating academia, developing conference papers, and best practices for success and holistic flourishing. Groups are limited to 7 students each and may include students at every level of education (undergrad–doctoral). Since these groups are designed to provide community, only students willing to commit to full participation should apply.

Benefits

Students who participate in cohorts will receive:

- Community and support by other students and a scholar in the field
- Introduction to a network of biblical scholars and theologians
- Step-by-step guidance through the conference paper process for ETS/IBR/SBL
- Free copies of two of the previous ten Every Voice books of the month
- A cohort dinner with your scholar-mentor at the annual meeting of ETS/IBR/SBL (for those in attendance)

Cost

- The cost of the mentoring group has been covered by a generous donor.

Testimonial

“The Every Voice Student Mentoring Cohort has been a tremendous blessing to me. The monthly meetings have been a highlight that I look forward to each month. Although the students come from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, there has also been a solidarity and camaraderie that was palpable from the very first meeting. It has also been very enriching to learn from the experience and wisdom of our faculty mentor. The new relationships formed with fellow students and our faculty mentor will continue to be a source of encouragement and support for years to come as we navigate our academic journeys and labor together for kingdom diversity in Christian theological education.”

2024-2025 Scholar Mentor



Dr. J. Richard Middleton
Professor of Biblical Worldview and Exegesis
Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan

A Jamaican by birth and ethnicity, Dr. Middleton began his education at Jamaica Theological Seminary, completed it in Canada, and now teaches in the U.S. and has served as an adjunct at the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology. Therefore, he regards himself as a “Jamericadian.” His most recent book is *Abraham’s Silence: The Binding of Isaac, the Suffering of Job, and How to Talk Back to God* (Baker Academic). He is also the author of *The Liberating Image: The Imago Dei in Genesis 1* (Brazos) and *A New Heaven and a New Earth: Reclaiming Biblical Eschatology* (Baker Academic). And he has published articles on creation theology, eschatology, theodicy, the music of Bob Marley and the Wailers, and the dynamics of human and divine power in biblical narratives.

Personal Information

Name _____

Ethnicity _____

Gender _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Country _____

Best Means of Contact (check all that apply):

Email ___ Phone call ___ Text ___ WhatsApp ___ (Phone # for WhatsApp if
different from above _____)

Social Media Accounts _____

School _____ Program _____

Field of Study _____ Year in Program _____

Faculty Reference:

Name _____ Email _____

Essay Questions (about 100-200 words per question)

- Briefly share your faith journey.
- What has your experience as an ethnic minority or Majority World student in academia been like?
- Why are you interested in participating in an Every Voice mentoring cohort and what do you hope to gain?
- How do you understand your calling in relation to both the academy and the church?

Commitment and Alignment with Every Voice

___ I am able to commit to meeting monthly via Zoom with my cohort (from September through June)

___ I affirm both the vision of Every Voice and its articulation of the biblical story (<https://everyvoicekingdomdiversity.org/about>).

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