

NOBTS ReDOC News
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**Congratulations to the following students
who passed the Qualifying Examination:**

David Han (church history)
Clint Miller (theology)
Bo Rice (preaching)
Jonathan Russell (Christian education)

ThM graduation application deadline

Students who have passed the Qualifying Exam and completed 37 semester hours of PhD work are eligible to receive the ThM degree. The deadline to apply to graduate in May with the ThM degree alone is **Friday, February 15**. Participation in the graduation ceremony is optional. To apply, you must come to the ReDOC office (not the Registrar's Office) to do the following:

- Complete a graduation application form
- Complete a ThM Graduation Application listing the 37 hours of PhD work that will comprise your ThM degree (both forms can be located under "Program Materials" on our webpage, <http://nobts.edu/research>)
- Pay the \$55 diploma fee

In addition, you will be required to pay off all account balances and library fines as you would for any graduation. However, you will not be required to return outstanding library books before the due dates indicated. Students participating in graduation should see William at the LifeWay campus bookstore to order a cap and gown.

Students graduating with both the ThM and PhD degrees can submit the graduation applications with the dissertation materials on March 3 (see below).

March 3 dissertation submissions

If you are planning to submit your dissertation by the March 3 deadline and have not contacted the ReDOC office, please send us an email. All dissertation and graduation information and forms has been posted to our webpage (<http://www.nobts.edu/Research/Program%20Materials.html>). As a reminder, 4 copies of your dissertation, dissertation fee and order form, doctoral graduation application, and ThM graduation application (if applicable) are due upon

submission. If you have any questions regarding the materials or the submission process, please contact the ReDOC office.

Summer directed study proposals

If you would like to do a directed study this summer and have not contacted the ReDOC office for guidelines concerning preparation and chain of approval, please do so as soon as possible. In order to have a directed study proposal for summer considered by ReDOC at their March 5 meeting, 11 copies of the proposal must be submitted to the ReDOC office by **February 27**.

Contact Information Updates

Updating your information in IQ Web does not update our information system. If you have moved or changed your e-mail address or phone number, please send that updated information to the ReDOC office.

Job Assistance for PhD Graduates

Our office is offering a new service to aid PhD students in finding jobs. We will be dedicating an area of our webpage to post graduate and soon-to-be graduates' resumes for other institutions to view. This service is voluntary, but highly suggested. Once a semester, the link to the webpage will be emailed to a large group of Academic Deans from other colleges, graduate schools, and seminaries for their viewing. If you are interested in having your resume posted on our webpage, please submit your resume, using the template, to us via email at phd@nobts.edu. The resume template can be found under "Miscellaneous" on our "Program Materials" page (<http://www.nobts.edu/research/Program%20Materials.html>).



Student Theological Fellowship

The Student Theological Fellowship invites you to participate in the upcoming events on campus. Two main events are the monthly colloquy, *Food for Thought*,

which provides a forum for students to present papers on theological topics, and the weekly symposium, *Lunch with Theologians*, which provides opportunities for students to discuss theology outside the classroom. The symposium is geared toward master's students, but is open to everyone.

Monthly colloquy

Bring your lunch to *Food for Thought* on **Monday, March 10** in the Creole Room of the Cafeteria from noon to 1pm.

Weekly symposia

Every Friday from noon to 1pm, the STF is meeting in front of Café New Orleans for a time of fellowship and tutorial. Come and eat your *Lunch with Theologians* and discuss theological issues that impact our lives and ministries.

Lynn E. May, Jr. Study Grants

The Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Council of Seminary Presidents, SBC, sponsors a program whereby funds are made available for partial support of research in the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives. The grants provide a maximum of \$750 per award and are provided to assist in travel and research costs. Annually, \$5000 in grants are awarded to researchers. The grants are in memory of Lynn E. May, Jr., who served as Executive Director of the Historical Commission from 1971 to 1995 and who was instrumental in the establishment of the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives. The deadline for grants for this year is **April 1, 2008**. Applicants will be notified before the end of April about the awards. Application information and forms are available at www.sbhla.org/sg_info.htm.

Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum

The Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum: "The Textual Reliability of the New Testament" will be held **April 4-5, 2008** at NOBTS. The program will feature a debate between Bart Ehrman, Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Daniel Wallace, Professor of New Testament Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary. Additional speakers include Michael Holmes, Dale Martin, David Parker, and Bill Warren. To register, visit www.greer-heard.com.

7th Annual Baptist Heritage Preaching Contest

The Baptist History and Heritage Society, in cooperation with the H. Franklin Paschall Chair of Biblical Studies and Preaching at Belmont University in Nashville, TN, is holding their 7th Annual Baptist Heritage and Preaching. The

sermon manuscript submission deadline is **February 15, 2008**. The first place prize is \$400 and the winner will preaching the winning sermon during the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Baptist History and Heritage Society, May 22-24, 2008 in Atlanta, GA. The winner's travel expenses to the meeting will be paid. For more information, please visit the Baptist History and Heritage Society's website at <http://baptisthistory.org/preachingcontest.htm>.

Call for Papers

SBL

The 2008 Annual SBL Meeting will be held November 21-25, 2008 in Boston, MA. The submission deadline for paper proposals is **March 1, 2008**. For more information, please visit the SBL website at www.sbl-site.org.

GSA

The German Studies Association (GSA) will hold its 32nd Annual Conference October 2-5, 2008 in St. Paul, MN. Paper proposals on any aspect of German, Austrian, or Swiss Studies, including, but not limited to, history, Germanistik, film, art history, political science, musicology, sociology, and cultural studies are welcomed. Proposals for entire sessions and for interdisciplinary presentations are strongly encouraged. Individual paper proposals and offers to serve as session moderator or commentator are also welcome. The call for papers opens January 5, 2008 and closes **February 15, 2008**. For more information, please visit the GSA website at www.thegsa.org.

Association for Institutional Research 2008 Grant and Fellowship Programs

The Association for Institutional Research (AIR) offers research grants for doctoral and postdoctoral study. The NCES Fellowships for Graduate Study are for graduate study advancing or leading to careers in institutional research. Fellowships will be awarded for full-time doctoral students (maximum of \$9,000 over a three year period) and part-time graduate students (maximum of \$9,000 over a three year period). The application deadline is **March 14, 2008**.

In addition to the NCES Fellowships for Graduate Study, AIR also offers Research Grants and Dissertation Fellowships. Research grants of up to \$40,000 are available to institutional researchers, faculty in all disciplines, and administrators affiliated with U.S. postsecondary institutions or governance agencies. Research projects must promise a significant contribution to the national knowledge of the nature and operation of postsecondary education. Dissertation fellowships of up to \$20,000 are available to doctoral students in all

disciplines who are beginning their dissertations. Dissertations must also promise significant contribution to the national knowledge of the nature and operation of postsecondary education. For more information about AIR and the grants and fellowships above, please visit their website at www.airweb.org.

Program dates/deadlines (also see research doctoral dates and deadlines on seminary website)

February 27, 2008–Directed study submission deadline (summer)

March 3, 2008–Dissertation submission deadline

March 24-28, 2008–Spring Break

April 1, 2008–Qualifying Exam application submission deadline

April 1, 2008–Research proposal submission deadline

April 30, 2008–Directed study submission deadline (fall)

May 16, 2008–Research proposal approval deadline

ReDOC schedule for 2007-8

The following are the remaining ReDOC meetings for the 2007-8 academic year:

March 5 (summer directed study proposals)

April 2

April 7 (Doctoral Admissions)

May 7 (fall directed study proposals)

May 21 (11:30 A.M.)

A prospectus or other document to be considered at a meeting must be reviewed by your guidance committee and **11** copies submitted through your chairperson to the Office of Research Doctoral Programs no later than one week before the scheduled ReDOC meeting.

Directed study proposals (11 copies) and requests to take courses at other institutions must be submitted one week before the ReDOC meeting at which they will be considered.

Scholarly society meetings

The Annual Southeast Regional Meeting of ETS will be held March 14-15, 2008 at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Cordova, TN. For more information, visit the ETS website at www.etsjets.org.

The Annual Southeast Regional Meeting of EPS will be held March 14-15, 2008 in conjunction with the Southeast Regional ETS Meeting at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Cordova, TN. For more information, visit the EPS website at www.epsociety.org.

The Annual Regional Meeting of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies will be held March 14-16, 2008 in Dallas, TX. For more information, visit the SWCRS website at www.swcrs-online.org.

The Annual Southwest Regional Meeting of ETS will be held March 28-29, 2008 at the Havard School for Theological Studies, the southeast Houston extension for SWBTS. For more information, visit the ETS website at www.etsjets.org.

The Annual Meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion will be held May 18-20, 2008 at Belmont College in Nashville, TN. For more information, visit the NABPR website at www.mercer.edu/nabpr.

The Annual International Congress, hosted by SBL and the University of Auckland, will be held July 6-11, 2008 in Auckland, New Zealand. For more information, visit the SBL website at www.sbl-site.org.

The Annual Conference of the German Studies Association will be held October 2-5, 2008 in St. Paul, MN. For more information, visit the GSA website at www.thegsa.org.

The Annual Conference of the Association of Youth Ministry Educators will be held October 18-20, 2008 at the Atlanta Marriott Northwest in Atlanta, GA. The theme for this year's conference is "Called and Commissioned: Youth Ministry Education as Leadership Development." For more information, please visit their website at www.aymeducators.org.

The Annual SBL Meeting will be held November 21-25, 2008 in Boston, MA. For more information, visit the SBL website at www.sbl-site.org.

Upcoming events (see details above)

March 14-15, 2008—Southeast Regional ETS Meeting, Cordova, TN
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March 14-16, 2008—Annual Meeting of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, TX
March 28-29, 2008—Southwest Regional ETS Meeting, Houston, TX
April 4-5, 2008—Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum, NOBTS
May 18-20, 2008—Annual NABPR Meeting, Nashville, TN
July 6-11, 2008—Annual Internal Congress, hosted by SBL, Auckland, New Zealand
October 2-5, 2008—Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, St. Paul, MN
November 21-25, 2008—Annual SBL Meeting, Boston, MA

Scholarly writings and presentations of students, faculty, and alumni

Christopher Black (theology), "The Transportation Theory: A Complementary Model of the Atonement," a paper presented at the January Meeting of the Student Theological Fellowship.

Delio Delrio (New Testament), "Was Paul Influenced by the Targums? Exploring by Prophecy," a paper to be presented at the Southeast Regional ETS Meeting, March 14-15, 2008.

Students and faculty are encouraged to email the office of Research Doctoral Programs concerning completed publications and presentations. We also would like students to email us about academic teaching assignments (institution, course).