

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

Wade Howell (theology)  
Andrea Toups (psychology and counseling)

**The following prospectus has been approved:**

Travis Wright (Christian education), "An Analysis of Student Perceptions of Faculty Performance, Student Learning, and Student Services Between Students Attending an On-Campus Graduate Program and those Participating Through an Extension Center System"

**Research proposals due April 1**

In order to attend RDOC9303 Prospectus Development **June 16-20, 2008**, a student must submit 4 copies of the research proposal to the guidance committee chairperson on or before **April 1, 2008**. The guidance committee chairperson will enlist two division readers in addition to the second member of the guidance committee, and the student will need to work with the chairperson to make any revisions before the document is presented to the division for approval. A Research Proposal Report form indicating approval and 2 copies of the finalized document must be received by the ReDOC office no later than **May 16, 2008**.

If you submit a proposal April 1, please notify the ReDOC office so that we can send you a syllabus for the course. Students submitting proposals should register for the course during May 23-June 2 online registration.

**Qualifying Exam Application Deadline**

If you plan to take the qualifying examination **July 30-August 1, 2008**, you must submit an application form signed by your faculty advisor to the ReDOC office by **April 1**. Applications are available in the "Program Materials" section of the ReDOC web page and in the ReDOC office.

Students who will have completed 4 seminars and 2 colloquia (plus any additional major requirements) by the end of the spring 2008 semester are eligible to take the exam. Students who will have completed 5 seminars must

pass the exam before taking additional seminars.

### **Fall directed study proposals**

If you would like to do a directed study this fall 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 fall considered by ReDOC at their May 7 meeting, 11 copies of the proposal must be submitted to the ReDOC office by **April 30**.

### **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](mailto:phd@nobts.edu). The resume template can be found under "Miscellaneous" on our "Program Materials" page (<http://www.nobts.edu/research/Program%20Materials.html>).

### **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/sq\\_info.htm](http://www.sbhla.org/sq_info.htm).

### **Call for Papers**

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History will be held January 2009 in New York City in conjunction with the American Historical Association's annual winter meeting. ASCH members are invited to submit

proposals for panels/sessions or for individual papers on any aspect of the history of Christianity and culture. Although there is no single theme, proposals focusing on Christianity as a lived religion or Christianity as experienced by ordinary people, urban issues, immigration, and ethnic identities are especially welcome. Please send submissions electronically to [asch2009@utc.edu](mailto:asch2009@utc.edu) no later than **Friday, April 11, 2008**. For more information, please visit the ASCH website at [www.churchhistory.org](http://www.churchhistory.org).

### **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](http://www.greer-heard.com).

### **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](http://www.airweb.org).

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

**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:

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**

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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](http://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](http://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](http://www.swcrs-online.org).

The Annual Southwest Regional Meeting of ETS will be held March 28-29, 2008 at the Harvard School for Theological Studies, the southeast Houston extension for SWBTS. For more information, visit the ETS website at [www.etsjets.org](http://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](http://www.mercer.edu/nabpr).

The Annual Meeting of the Baptist History and Heritage Society will be held May 22-24, 2008 at the Atlanta Campus of Mercer University. For more information, visit the Baptist History website at [www.baptisthistory.org](http://www.baptisthistory.org).

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](http://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](http://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. For more information, please visit their website at [www.aymeducators.org](http://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](http://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  
May 22-24, 2009—Annual Baptist History and Heritage Society Meeting, Atlanta, GA  
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**

The following papers will be presented at the Southwest Regional Meeting of ETS, EPS, and EMS on March 28-29, 2008.

Bill Day, "Hope in the Midst of Disaster: The Response of SBC Churches to the Disaster Created by Hurricane Katrina"

Jeremy Evans, "A Particularly Compelling Refutation of Open Theism"

Wade Howell, "Extension into the Future: An Examination of David Hume's View of Causation and His Criticism of Demea's Cosmological Argument"

Steve Lemke, "The Intelligent Design of Humans: The *Imago Dei* for Theological Anthropology"

Jason Sampler, "Is Close Communion Still a Viable Position for Southern Baptist Ecclesiology?"

Robert Stewart, "Is God Great or Not? The Challenge of the New Atheism—and Challenges for New Atheists"

"Doing History the (W)right Way: Is NT Wright a Modernist, a Postmodernist, or Something Else All Together?"

Ken Taylor, "Indigenous Indonesian Baptist Missions Initiatives: A Case Study"

*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).*