

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

Byron Brown (preaching)

The following prospectus has been approved:

Jonathan Sharp (missions), "A Qualitative Study of Selected Aspects of Ecclesiology within the Baptist Convention of Western Cuba"

**Research proposal process for
June Prospectus Development**

In order to attend RDOC9303 Prospectus Development **June 16-20, 2008**, students who submitted a research proposal to their guidance committee chair by the April 1 deadline must receive division approval of the proposal by **May 16**. 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 approved. 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 submitted a proposal to your guidance committee by April 1, please notify the ReDOC Office so that we can send you a syllabus for the course. You can register for the course during May 23-June 2 online registration (miniterm session).

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**.

Summer and fall 2008 registration

Online registration for the summer 2008 miniterm and the fall 2008 semester will be held **May 23-June 2**. We will e-mail all students with the 2008-9 schedule as soon as it becomes available. If this is your second semester in the program, you will begin to register online. New students will be mailed paper registration forms.

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>).

Bridwell Library Fellowships

The Bridwell Library of the Perkins School of Theology has six one-month fellowships of independent study available. Three fellowships are open to scholars researching any subject covered by the Library's collections. Two are set aside for active and retired ministers. One is reserved for research in Methodism and related areas. All are designed to encourage in-depth use of the Library's collections for study and research.

The program is open to all active scholars from Ph.D. students to retired professors, and to religious leaders of all faiths. Each fellowship comes with a stipend of \$2,500 which is meant to help defray research and living expenses during the tenure of the award. Fellows traveling from outside of Dallas/Fort Worth may also received up to \$800 additional reimbursement for travel.

The deadline to apply for a fellowship is **May 1, 2008**. For more information on this program, please visit the Bridwell Library web site at www.smu.edu/bridwell/methodiststudies/fellowships.htm.

Yamauchi Lectures in Religion

The Yamauchi Lectures are sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies at Loyola University. The spring 2008 lecture series is entitled "Paul Past and Present: Five Specific Issues." The lecture will be held on **Sunday, April 6, 2008** at 7:30 PM in the Nunemaker Auditorium, Monroe Hall on the Loyola University

campus. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Department of Religious Studies, Loyola University at (504) 865-3943.

Believer's Church Conference

The 16th Believer's Church Conference will be held **June 11-14, 2008** at the Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This year's theme is "Congregationalism, Denominationalism, and the Body of Christ." For more information and a tentative program, please visit the Believer's Church Conference website at www.cmu.ca/church-community/02_BelieversChurchConf.html.

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 no later than **Friday, April 11, 2008**. For more information, please visit the ASCH website at www.churchhistory.org.

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

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

May 16, 2008—Research proposal approval deadline

May 23-June 2—Online registration

May 15, 2008—President's reception for graduates (6:00-7:30 PM)

May 16, 2008—Graduation rehearsal (2:30 PM)

May 17, 2008—Breakfast for graduates (7:30 AM)

May 17, 2008—Graduation (10:00 AM)

June 16-20, 2008—Prospectus Development course

July 30-August 1, 2008—Qualifying exams

August 1, 2008—Non-biblical language testing

ReDOC schedule for 2007-8

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

May 7 (fall directed study proposals)
May 20 (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 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 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.

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. 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)

May 18-20, 2008—Annual NABPR Meeting, Nashville, TN

May 22-24, 2009—Annual Baptist History and Heritage Society Meeting, Atlanta, GA

June 11-14, 2008—16th Believer's Church Conference, Winnipeg, Manitoba

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**

Jason Sampler (theology), “Looking to the Past to Guide the Present: Baptist Confessions and the Doctrine of the Lord’s Supper,” a paper presented at the Southeast Regional ETS Meeting, March 15, 2008 in Cordova, TN.

Dr. Ken Taylor, “Leadership Development of Romany National Missionaries: A Case Study,” a paper presented at the South Central Regional EMS Meeting, March 28-29 in Houston, TX.

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).