

**NOBTS ReDOC News**  
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**ONLINE REGISTRATION MAY 23-JUNE 2: SEE DETAILS BELOW**

**Congratulations to May graduates!**

Ashley Brooks (psychology and counseling), "An Examination of the Role Satisfaction of the Pastor's Wife in the Southern Baptist Convention"

Page Brooks (theology), "A Comparison of Reactions to Postmodernity and Its Influence on Theological Method in the Works of Alister McGrath and Seyyed Hossein Nasr"

An Sung Choe (New Testament), "A Narrative Approach to the Identity of the Beloved Disciple"

Brett Golson (preaching), "Strategic Preaching, Accomplishing a Unique Purpose: Effectively Communicating Strategy through the Sermon"

Paul Hussey (preaching), "Imagination in the Preaching of Peter Marshall"

Susan McInteer (Christian education), "A Study of Selected Variables Regarding the Decision of Post-Katrina Senior Adults in Selected Southern Baptist Convention Churches to Stay Permanently in Orleans Parish"

Charity Williams (psychology and counseling), "A Study of the Relationship between Selected Aspects of Anxiety and Spiritual Maturity"

**Welcome to new students**

The following students were accepted into the PhD program beginning in August 2008:

Joel Brister (Christian education)  
Derek Brown (psychology and counseling)  
William Carpenter (Old Testament)  
Jaeyoung Cho (preaching)  
Tommy Davis (psychology and counseling)  
Amanda Denton (Christian education)  
Courtney Eichelberger (Christian education)  
Doug Headrick (psychology and counseling)  
William McMullan (Christian education)  
Jonathan Newton (Christian education)  
Rhyne Putman (theology)  
Mendel Stewart (Christian education)

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

Christopher Black (theology)  
Teresa Reiger (theology)

**The following prospectus has been approved:**

Stephanie Harrington (psychology and counseling), "Factors Influencing Weight Loss Maintenance and Quality of Life in Bariatric Surgery"

**Summer and Fall online registration  
starts Friday, May 23 and ends  
Monday, June 2**

Online registration for the summer 2008 miniterm and the fall 2008 semester will be held **May 23-June 2**. Check to see that you do not have a stop on your account so that you will be allowed access to registration. Returning students who fail to register by 4:00 PM on Monday, June 2 will be assessed a \$200 late registration fee.

Tuition for the summer 2008 miniterm is due the day before the course begins. Tuition for the fall semester is due by August 15, 2008. Students who do not pay tuition by this deadline will be assessed a \$200 late payment fee. The 2008-9 schedule is available online at

<http://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/ReDoc/PhDSeminars2008-2009.pdf>

If this is your second semester in the program, you will begin to register online. You can verify that you registered successfully by viewing your online transcript, as the courses you selected should appear immediately under the new semester heading. New students should have received paper registration forms in the mail.

Students who are not taking a seminar, colloquium, or Teaching Methods in the fall should register as follows:

Not passed orals: RDOC9010 Program Proficiency  
Passed orals: writing candidate in the major area

If you are taking RDOC9303 Prospectus Development in June, you must register for this course during the June miniterm and register for the fall semester as well.

Directed studies do not require online registration. If you do not see a course you need on the drop-down list when you register, please contact the ReDOC office.

**CE majors:** If you need to register for your fourth reading colloquium, please contact the ReDOC office so we can determine your course number and professor and add the course to the computer for online registration.

### **Course added to Fall 2008 schedule**

The Division of Biblical Studies has added the following seminar to the fall 2008 schedule:

OTHB9405 Theology of the Old Testament (England) Th 3:00-5:30

If you are a new student who wishes to register for this seminar, please write it in on your paper form.

### **Book corner**

Do you have writer's block? Are you overwhelmed by the job of writing your dissertation? Check out the following resource:

Evelyn Hunt Ogden, *Completing Your Doctoral Dissertation or Master's Thesis in Two Semesters or Less* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2007)

The ReDOC office will not review resources but will be glad to pass your recommendations on to others via the *ReDOC News*.

### **ReDOC schedule for 2008-9**

The following are the ReDOC meetings for the 2008-9 academic year:

August 20, 2008  
September 3  
October 1 (spring directed study proposals)  
November 3 (Doctoral Admissions)  
November 5  
December 3  
  
January 21, 2009  
February 4  
March 4 (summer directed study proposals)  
March 30 (Doctoral Admissions)  
April 1  
May 6 (fall directed study proposals)  
May 20 (11:30 AM)

A prospectus to be considered by ReDOC 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.

Please keep in mind that final approval of your prospectus is granted by your doctoral guidance committee after you make any revisions your committee deems appropriate in light of feedback from ReDOC.

Likewise, matters such as directed study proposals and requests to take courses at other institutions must be submitted one week before the ReDOC meeting at which they will be considered.

## **ReDOC manual changes**

### J. Transfer of Credit for Courses Taken at Other Institutions (Revision date: 3/3/08)

#### 1. General Criteria

Work from another institution up to the equivalent of 2 seminars may be eligible for transfer into a student's Ph.D. program, providing that the work done (1) is eligible for credit in a research doctoral program in the institution in which the credit is offered or (2) is eligible for credit in an advanced program primarily oriented toward theological research and writing. Such institution must be accredited by the Association of Theological Schools or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and/or a regional accrediting agency (such as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools).

#### 2. Courses Taken Prior to Entrance into the PhD Program

To request credit for courses completed prior to entrance into the doctoral program at NOBTS, a student should submit a written request and description of the courses (preferably syllabi) with the application to the doctoral program. The division of study will make a recommendation to the Doctoral Admissions Committee regarding number of hours to be transferred and how the credit would be applied (major, minor, or elective). If the student is accepted into the doctoral program, the Associate Dean will notify the student in the acceptance letter regarding the request for transfer of courses.

The courses will be transferred to the student's transcript following successful completion of his or her first semester in the program. The transfer will not limit the student from taking the maximum allowable load during the semester of the transfer.

### 3. Courses Taken During the PhD Program

A student who has completed at least two seminars in the major field may request permission to take a maximum of 8 semester hours at the doctoral level at another accredited institution to be applied toward the degree requirements at NOBTS. In order for credit for courses taken during the doctoral program at NOBTS to be considered, a student should work with his or her faculty advisor or guidance committee chairperson to make a proposal to the division. If the division approves, the proposal should be forwarded to ReDOC before the course is taken.

The proposal should include the following:

- a. Appropriate information about the course (course description, syllabus, assignments, etc.)
- b. A request as to how the credit will be applied (major, minor, or elective)
- c. A rationale for the proposal (how it would enhance the student's doctoral program)
- d. Verification that the course fits the general criteria noted above

The proposal would need the recommendation of the student's faculty advisor or guidance committee chairperson and the approval of the division, and it should be submitted to ReDOC by November 1 for the following spring semester or April 1 for the following fall semester. The approval of ReDOC must occur prior to the student's taking the course.

The Associate Dean will notify the student in writing regarding the final decision by ReDOC. Before credit is given, the ReDOC office must be notified of the completion of the course and an official transcript must be received.

#### P. Oral Comprehensive Examination (Revision date: 3/8/07)

1. When ready to take the oral comprehensive examination, the student should submit the completed Application for Qualifying Examination or Oral Comprehensive Examination form (obtained in the Office of Research Doctoral Programs or online) to the guidance committee chairperson for signature and forward the application to the Associate Dean **at least two weeks before the examination**. After the application has been approved by the Associate Dean, the guidance committee chairperson will schedule the examination with the other member of the guidance committee and the student. Although the examination is conducted by the guidance committee, the examination is open to the faculty. The location of the examination is arranged by the chairperson, who is then responsible to communicate both the exact time and place to the student, the other member of the guidance committee, the division chairperson, and the Associate Dean.

## Student Theological Fellowship

The Student Theological Fellowship had an exciting semester. The 48 members (13 faculty, 16 doctoral students, 17 master's students, 1 undergraduate student, and 1 community member) held four colloquies this semester and lunch symposia on Fridays. The fellowship represented NOBTS at the Greer-Heard event and served as moderators for the EPS meeting, with six of the eight EPS papers presented by STF members.

Next year the fellowship plans to become even more involved in NOBTS events, and an essay writing contest is being planned. The 2008-9 officers are the following:

President	Christopher Black
Vice-President	Ben Kimmell
Media Relations	Paul South
Webmaster	Rhyne Putman
Faculty Advisor	Page Brooks

If you are interested in joining the Student Theological Fellowship, please contact Christopher Black by email at [nobtsstf@gmail.com](mailto:nobtsstf@gmail.com).

## 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 Web page to graduates' and soon-to-be graduates' (with prospectus approved) resumes for other institutions to view. This service is voluntary but highly encouraged. Once a semester, the link to the Web page 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 e-mail at [phd@nobts.edu](mailto:phd@nobts.edu). The resume template can be found under "Miscellaneous" on our "Program Materials" page at the following link:

<http://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/ReDoc/ResumeTemplatePhD.pdf>

## Address changes?

If you have changed your address, phone, or e-mail address, please inform the ReDOC office. We are not on the seminary's PowerCampus system, so informing the seminary only will cause you to miss important communications from the ReDOC office.

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

**May 23-June 2—Online registration** (see details above)

June 16-20, 2008—Prospectus Development course

July 30-August 1, 2008—Qualifying exams

August 1, 2008—Nonbiblical language testing

**Scholarly society meetings**

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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 Web site 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 Web site 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 Web site 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 Web site at [www.sbl-site.org](http://www.sbl-site.org)

**Believer's Church Conference**

The 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Web site at

[www.cmu.ca/church-community/02\\_BelieversChurchConf.html](http://www.cmu.ca/church-community/02_BelieversChurchConf.html)

**Upcoming events (see details above)**

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

The following papers were presented at the Evangelical Philosophical Society meeting in conjunction with the Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum on the NOBTS campus April 4, 2008.

Christopher Black (theology), "A Brief Polemical Investigation of the Penal Substitution Theory in Light of Advances in Thought Regarding the Relational Character of God and Humanity"

Mark Foster (church history), "The Empty Tomb and the Resurrection of Jesus"

Wade Howell (theology), "Toward Ethical Believing: A Modest Proposal"

Steve Lemke

Review of *Studies in the Philosophy of William of Auvergne*, Marquette Studies in Philosophy, by Roland J. Teske, *Catholic Books Review* (spring 2008); online journal accessible from <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2008/teske.htm>

Review of *How Much Does God Foreknow? A Comprehensive Biblical Study*, by Steven C. Roy, *Catholic Books Review* (spring 2008); online journal accessible from <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2008/roy.htm>

*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).*