

NOBTS ReDOC News
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Classes begin August 20! See below.

The following students passed the Oral Comprehensive Examination:

Forrest Kirk (theology)
Taesig Kim (church history)
Jason Sampler (theology)
Travis Wright (Christian education)

The following prospectuses have been approved by the doctoral guidance committee:

Terry Booth (evangelism), "Improving Pastoral Tenure to Enhance Church Growth: A Grounded Theory Model"

Jeff Farmer (evangelism), "Church Planting Sponsorship: A Statistical Analysis of Sponsoring a Church Plant as a Means of Revitalization of the Sponsor Church"

Ron Holman (evangelism), "The Impact of Core Values on Church Revitalization: A Case Study of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Crestview, Florida"

Charlie Ray (New Testament), "The Story Behind the Story: The Use of the Old Testament in Matthew's Birth Narrative"

Courtney Putnam (psychology and counseling), "Reconciliation-Focused Counseling: Validity and Reliability Analysis of the Love of Others Scale"

School Returns

As a reminder, classes officially begin **August 20**. Tuition is due by **August 17**. If you do not pay tuition in full or arrange payment through FACTS by **August 17**, you will be charged a late payment fee of **\$200**. You can set up FACTS online through IQ Web. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Aid.

ReDOC schedule for 2007-8

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

August 22
September 5
October 3 (spring directed study proposals)
October 29 (Doctoral Admissions)
November 7
December 5
January 23
February 6
March 5 (summer directed study proposals)
April 2
April 7 (Doctoral Admissions)
May 7 (fall directed study proposals)
May 21 (1:00 P.M.)

A prospectus to be considered at this 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.

Please keep in mind that final approval of your prospectus is granted by your doctoral guidance committee after you and your committee make any revisions deemed 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.

Directed study proposals due September 26

Students who will have completed the qualifying exam by the spring 2008 semester are eligible to take a directed study. If you are considering doing a directed study, you will need to make a preliminary inquiry with the professor with whom you would like to study and then drop by the ReDOC office for information about how to submit a proposal.

Proposals for directed studies to be taken in the spring semester must be submitted to the ReDOC office by Wed., **September 26** for consideration at the **October 3** ReDOC meeting.

ThM graduation application deadline

Students who have passed the Qualifying Exam and completed 36 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 **September 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 36 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.

October 1 Dissertation Submissions

If you are planning to submit your dissertation by the **October 1** deadline and would like to schedule a chapter read with the style and form consultant, please contact the ReDOC office to schedule an appointment. Please remember that your chapter review must be completed at least one month before submitting your dissertation.

FirstSearch and ProQuest

NOBTS students and faculty have access to two dissertation search services: FirstSearch and ProQuest. To access these services, do the following:

1. Go to the NOBTS homepage and select Library.
2. Select "FirstSearch and Other Databases."
3. Choose ProQuest or FirstSearch.
4. The ProQuest password is **disddb7103**. The FirstSearch authorization number is **100-198-838**, and the password is **MA4*BT8**.

Please remember that this service is for NOBTS faculty and registered students only.

Call for Papers

The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies will be held **March 14-16, 2008** at the Marriott Hotel, DFW Airport in Irving, TX. The paper proposal submission deadline is **November 1, 2007**, unless otherwise

indicated. For more information, visit the SWCRS website at www.swcrs-online.org.

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

August 17, 2007–Tuition Due

August 20, 2007–Classes begin

September 7, 2007–Drop/add deadline

September 26, 2007–Directed study submission deadline (spring)

October 1, 2007–Dissertation submission deadline

October 15-19, 2007–Fall Break

November 1, 2007–Qualifying Exam application submission deadline

November 1, 2007–Research proposal submission deadline

December 14, 2007–Research proposal approval deadline

Scholarly society meetings

_____ The Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society will be held November 14-16, 2007 in San Diego, CA. For more information, visit the ETS website at www.etsjets.org._____

_____ The Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature will be held November 17-20, 2007 in San Diego, CA For more information, visit the SBL website at www.sbl-site.org.

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

Upcoming events (see details above)

November 14-16, 2007–Annual ETS Meeting, Washington, DC

November 17-20, 2007–Annual SBL Meeting, Washington, DC

March 14-16, 2008–Annual Meeting of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Irving, TX

March 21-22, 2008–Southwestern Regional ETS Meeting, Houston, TX

Scholarly writings and presentations of students, faculty, and alumni

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).