

NOBTS ReDOC News
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Classes begin August 18! See below.

The following student passed the Oral Comprehensive Examination:

Jeff Audirsch (Old Testament)

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

Byron Brown (preaching), "An Analysis of James Montgomery Boice's Expository Preaching through Selected Genres of Scripture"

Taesig Kim (church history), "Can Christian Historiography be Objective?: An Examination of the Thought of Carl Lotus Becker and Kenneth Scott Latourette"

Jason Sampler (theology), "Whosoever Is Qualified May Come: Southern Baptists and the Doctrine of the Lord's Supper"

School Returns

As a reminder, classes officially begin **August 18**. Tuition is due by **August 15**. If you do not pay tuition in full or arrange payment through FACTS by **August 15**, 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 2008-9

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

August 20, 2008 (no prospectuses)
September 3
October 1 (spring directed study proposals)
November 3 (Doctoral Admissions)
November 5
December 3

January 21, 2009 (no prospectuses)
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.

Directed study proposals due September 24

Students who will have completed the qualifying exam by the spring 2009 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 24** for consideration at the **October 1** ReDOC meeting.

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 December 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 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.

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. All paperwork for graduation can be found in the ReDOC section of the seminary Web site.

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 [contact the ReDOC office]. The FirstSearch authorization number is [contact the ReDOC office], and the password is [contact the ReDOC office].

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

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 **Wednesday, September 3** in the Creole Room of the Cafeteria from noon to 1pm.

Upcoming Dates:

October 1

November 5

December 3

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.

2008-9 Officers

President	Christopher Black
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If you are interested in joining the Student Theological Fellowship, please contact Christopher Black by email at nobtsstf@gmail.com.

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 website)

August 15, 2008–Tuition Due

August 18, 2008–Classes begin

September 5, 2008–Drop/add deadline

September 24, 2008–Directed study submission deadline (spring)

October 1, 2008–Dissertation submission deadline

October 20-24, 2008–Fall Break

November 1, 2008–Qualifying Exam application submission deadline

November 1, 2008–Research proposal submission deadline

December 12, 2008–Research proposal approval deadline

Scholarly society meetings

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

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

The Annual ETS Meeting will be held November 19-21, 2008 in Providence, RI. For more information, visit the ETS Web site at www.etsjets.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

Upcoming events (see details above)

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Scholarly writings and presentations of students, faculty, and alumni

The following papers will be presented by students, faculty, and alumni at the Annual ETS Meeting November 19-21, 2008 in Providence, RI.

Christopher Black (theology), "Exploring the Text: What Does Jesus' Shema Reveal about the Human Constitution?"

Dr. Page Brooks, "The Word on the Word: Comparative Christian and Islamic Apologetic Methods Regarding the New Testament"

Dr. Walter Brown, "Christians and the Old Testament Canon: Jesus as Problem or Solution?"

Dr. Rex Butler, "Learning from Patristic Community Formation and Maintenance"

Dr. Jeff Cate (New Testament, 1997), "The Angry Jesus in Mark 1:41"

Dr. Dennis Cole, "Aesthetic Developments in Psalms 22-24: A New Approach to the Reading and Interpretation of Selected Psalms"

Dr. Bill Day, "Evangelism in the Wake of Disaster"

Dr. Scott Drumm, "The Cinema as Cultural Text: An Assessment of the Concept of Truth in Modern Film"

Dr. Philip Pinckard, "Obeying the Text: Applying Scriptures in Relationships of Missionaries"

Dr. Charlie Ray and Justin Langford (New Testament), "A Fountain for the Forgiveness of Sins: The Function of the Old Testament in John 19"

Dr. Jeff Riley, "Speaking the Truth in Public: The Epistemological and Missiological Priority of the Gospel in the Works of Lesslie Newbigin"

Wade Rutland (theology), "There's Something about Mary: The Development of Marian Thought in the Canonical Text, Non-canonical Texts, and the Early Church"

Jason Sampler (theology), "Baptists and the Lord's Supper: How Confessions Can Inform Our Theology and Practice"

Dr. Ed Steele, "Plate Tectonics: Theological Shifts as Reflected in Published Collections of Worship Songs"

Dr. Kathy Steele, "The High Price of Integration: Personal Discipline and Obedience"

Dr. William Warren, "Canons, Copies, Communities, and Conflicts: The Text of the New Testament in the Second and Third Centuries"

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).