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Fall Semester Begins August 18



Photo by Gary Myers

Did you have a good summer? Did you follow any of the tips in the June *ReDOC News*? Some of you studied for quals and orals, some of you took summer courses, and some of you did go to Gezer to dig in the dirt. We hope you also managed to find a little down time.

As you start the 2014-2015 academic year, please remember the following tips for success.

#10: Have a problem? Contact the ReDOC office ASAP. We can't find a solution if we are not aware of your problem.

#9: Answers to most of your questions are in the Doctoral Manual, Graduate Catalog, or other items linked to the [PhD Program Materials](#) page.

#8: Read the monthly *ReDOC News* carefully. Hidden in the valuable information may be ways to win prizes.

#7: New students: Contact the Testing Office to arrange PhD-level psychometric testing and a readout session your first semester. Students cannot take qualifying exams before completing this process.

#6: Once PhD online registration closes, you cannot drop or add courses online. You must contact the ReDOC office.

#5: Plan to attend academic society meetings and present papers to make contacts for future positions.

#4: You are a PhD student every day, even when you are not in class. Dedicate daily slots for study and research. Count the cost in time, energy, and finances.

#3: Getting slammed on your first paper presentation does not mean you do not belong in the PhD program. You would not have been accepted if the faculty did not recognize your potential.

#2: If God called you to the PhD program, he will enable you to complete it IF you faithfully pursue it.

#1: Come to the ReDOC office FIRST (Did we mention that tip?)

Have a great year!

Ongoing Projects with Wabash Grant

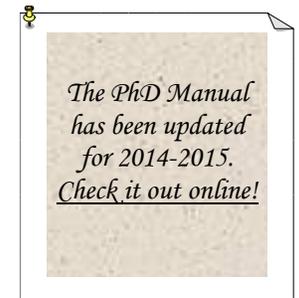
The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning has allowed us to continue to use the funds that remain from the \$15,000 grant they awarded us in 2012.

Our emphasis on mentoring will continue in the following ways in 2014-2015:

- More brown bag lunches with alumni. Previous topics include women in academia and balancing academia and the church. To be entered in a drawing for a free ten-page paper review, send a topic idea to phd@nobts.edu.
- Student video clips. Current PhD students will give advice on how to survive the doctoral program.
- Faculty mentoring. Mentoring goals will focus on development of Christlike character, pursuit of scholarly excellence, integration of scholarship and ministry, and preparation for teaching in a variety of settings.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **August 15:** Fall tuition deadline
- ◆ **August 18:** Fall semester begins
- ◆ **September 1:** Labor Day; offices closed
- ◆ **September 2:** PhD Application Deadline



*The PhD Manual
has been updated
for 2014-2015.
[Check it out online!](#)*

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PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

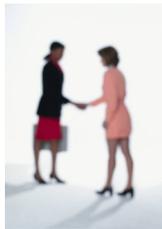
- ◆ **August 15:** Qual Exam results due to ReDOC by noon; dissertation chapter review request deadline for students submitting dissertations October 1
- ◆ **August 29:** Drop/add deadline
- ◆ **September 2:** PhD program application deadline
- ◆ **September 15:** ThM graduation application deadline

Oral Exam

Congratulations to the following student who passed the Oral Comprehensive Examination:

Megan Clunan (psych/counseling)

You can apply to take the oral exam when you complete course work and your guidance committee has approved your research proposal. The examination application form must be signed by the guidance committee and submitted to the ReDOC office for approval no later than 2 weeks prior to the anticipated date of the exam.



Prospectus Approval

Peter Copeland, “Facilitating Short Term Mission Trips during a Summer”

Summer Hours Over



NOBTS summer hours ended on Monday, August 4. Offices are now open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER, PLEASE SEND THAT UPDATED INFORMATION TO THE REDOC OFFICE.



ReDOC Schedule for 2014-2015

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2014-2015:

- August 20** (no prospectuses)
- September 10**
- October 8**
- October 27**—Doctoral Admissions
- November 12**
- December 10**

- January 21** (no prospectuses)
- February 11**
- March 11**
- April 8**
- April 13**—Doctoral Admissions
- May 13**
- June 3**

A prospectus to be considered by ReDOC must be reviewed by your guidance committee and **9 copies** submitted through your chairperson to the Office of Research Doctoral Programs no later than one week before the scheduled ReDOC meeting.

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.

Also e-mail a **pdf** of the prospectus or directed study proposal to phd@nobts.edu. Do submit a hard copy of the

directed study approval page.

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.

If you are required to go through the Institutional Review Board approval process for research with human subjects, your committee cannot approve your prospectus until the IRB assesses the risk to and protection of the participants.

NOTE: If you think your guidance committee has approved your prospectus but you have not seen your approval in the *ReDOC News*, please let us know.

ThM Graduation Application



Students who have passed the Qualifying Exam and completed 33 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 bring the following to the ReDOC Office (not the Registrar's Office):

- Completed Doctoral Graduation Application form
- Completed ThM Graduation Application listing only the 33 hours of PhD work that will comprise your ThM degree
- \$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.

Saying of the Month

It's not who you are that holds you back; it's who you think you are not.
— Denis Waitley

Dissertation Chapter Review

Students planning to submit a dissertation October 1 who would like to request a chapter review should e-mail phd@nobts.edu to schedule a review slot. All reviews for the October submission deadline must be completed by the end of August.

This free service requires submission of hard copy of up to 40 pages of dissertation material beyond the introductory chapter. The table of contents and bibliography should be included if possible.

Students with a December 2014 program deadline who do not submit a dissertation by October 1 should contact the ReDOC office.



Dissertation Submissions

If you are planning to submit your dissertation by the October 1 deadline, please contact the ReDOC Office if you have not done so already (e-mail is sufficient).

All paperwork for graduation can be found on the [Program Materials page](#) of the ReDOC section of the seminary Web site. Items needed include

- Doctoral Graduation Application
- ThM Graduation Application, if you do not hold the degree already
- Dissertation Fee and Order Form and fees
- ProQuest Doctoral Dissertation Agreement Form (to be submitted with final copies)
- Dissertation Processing Notebook

2014 NAPCE Meeting

The fall 2014 meeting of the North American Professors of Christian Education will be held October 16-18 in Washington, DC. The theme of the conference is Exploring Connections: Christian Education & Neuroscience.

NOBTS graduate Jonathan Denton (2012, Christian education) will present “Exploring Adolescent Male Learning Theory: An Examination of the Differences between the Faith Development of Adolescent Males and Selected Models of Family Ministry” based on his dissertation research. Congratulations, Jonathan!



Fall 2014 Meetings



American Association of Christian Counselors

National Conference

October 2-4, 2014
Hilton Convention Center
Branson, MO

Evangelical Homiletics Society

Annual Meeting

“Hermeneutics for Homiletics”

October 9-11, 2014
Moody Bible Institute
Chicago, IL

Evangelical Philosophical Society

Annual Meeting

“Ecclesiology”
November 19-21, 2014
Town and Country Resort &
Convention Center
San Diego, CA

Evangelical Theological Society

Annual Meeting

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San Diego, CA

Society for Biblical Literature

Annual Meeting

November 22-25, 2014
San Diego, CA

BIBLE TRANSLATION AS MISSIONS



OCTOBER 20, 2014
9 AM-6 PM • FREE ADMISSION
NOBTS HSC • ROOM 219

The goal of the colloquium is to educate NOBTS students and faculty about the nature and status of Bible translation work globally and to network with individuals interested in translating the Bible for the purpose of Christian missions.

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