

**PRSR9301 – Supervised Reading Colloquium:  
History and Theology of Preaching**  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
Division of Pastoral Ministries  
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**Mission Statement**

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

**Course Purpose, Core Value Focus, and Curriculum Competencies Addressed**

Course Purpose: The purpose of this seminar is to engage in scholarly research and discussion concerning the nature of evangelistic preaching.

Core Value Focus: Mission Focus – We are not here merely to get an education or to give one. We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

*(Graduate Catalog, 2005-06, p. 5)*

Curriculum Competencies Addressed: Disciple Making Competency

**Course Description**

This seminar is designed to direct first-semester students majoring in preaching in the Doctor of Philosophy program in the foundational readings related to the history and theology of preaching.

**Objectives**

1. Students will trace the history of preaching based on an assortment of assigned readings in the area.
2. Students will articulate a theology of preaching that is informed by readings in selected theorists in the field and compare theologies from representative homiletical perspectives.

**Course Teaching Methodology**

This colloquium is a resource-driven learning experience in which the student will be guided by the professor through some of the basic foundational reading assignments.

## Course Requirements

1. READINGS. Each student will read the following books:

Selected Readings on the History of Preaching:

Dargan, E. C. and and Ralph Turnbull. *A History of Preaching* (3 vols.)  
Holland, T. DeWitte. *The Preaching Tradition*  
Larsen, David. *The Company of the Preachers*  
Pattison, T. H. *The History of Preaching*

Selected Readings on the Theology of Preaching:

Dodd, C. H. *The Apostolic Preaching and Its Developments*  
Mounce, Robert. *The Essential Nature of New Testament Preaching*  
Piper, John. *The Supremacy of God in Preaching*

NOTE: The reading list may be adjusted by the professor according to the particular needs of the students involved in the colloquium.

2. OUTLINES. Each student will complete three 3-5 page single-spaced outlines of the history of preaching. This outline should include pertinent historical information as it relates to preaching, characteristics of preaching during specific time periods, and representative preachers. The time period addressed in each outline will correspond with the dates in each volume of Dargan's *History of Preaching*. The first outline will be do on **September 22**; the second outline on **October 6**; and the third outline on **November 17**.
3. THEOLOGY OF PREACHING. Each student will submit a 3-5 page single-spaced statement of his personal theology of preaching which reflects an assimilation and integration of readings and research; and a 3-5 page annotated bibliography of books which supplement and/or inform a biblical theology of preaching. **Due: December 1.**

## Grade

The grade for the colloquium will be determined by the extent to which the student accomplishes the objectives stated in the syllabus. In order to make that determination, the professor may use a variety of accountability instruments: oral presentations, written essays, and involvement in threaded discussions