

Ph.D. Reading Colloquium 1
CESR9301 Ministry Context & Practice 1:
Adult, Family, and Social Work

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New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Mission Statement

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Division of Christian Education Ministries Mission Statement

The mission of the Christian Education Ministries Division is to equip servant leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries by stimulating personal and spiritual growth of students and faculty; providing quality academic training, exploring the practical dynamics of Christian Education Ministries, and evaluating all that is done by using the mission and core values of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Course Description

This seminar is designed for doctoral students for the purpose of orienting the student to the broad area of Christian Education Ministries. The social work section of the colloquium will focus on the specific areas of social work as they apply to Christian Education. The purpose will be to enhance the student's understanding of the world confronting the Christian educator and to equip him/her to effectively impact this world. The adult/family life section of this colloquium will focus on an introduction to these two areas. Particular areas of interest and concern will be introduced by the professor. Participants will be expected to formulate and express ideas to address these concerns through the local church.

Course Objectives:

When the doctoral student completes this Colloquium, he or she should be able to:

1. Understand the world confronting the Christian educator
2. Formulate a personal view of the relationship between Christian education and society.
3. Articulate personal values related to social conditions
4. Be aware of current issues in adult and family life education.
5. Formulate and articulate plans to address these issues in and through the church.

Textbooks***Family:***

Note: All critiques for the family area are due: September 21, 2007.

Garland, Diana. *Family Ministry: A Comprehensive Guide*. Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity, 1999.

Fosarelli, Patricia D. *Family Ministry Desk Reference: Holistic Responses To Contemporary Challenges*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2003. (ISBN 0-664-22668-X)

Sell, Charles M. *Family Ministry*, (2nd ed). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1995.

Adult:

Note: All critiques for the adult area are due: October 26, 2007.

Hudson, Frederic M. *The Adult Years: Mastering the Art of Self-Renewal*, (revised ed). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1999.

Knowles, Malcolm S., Elwood F. Holton, and Richard A. Swanson. *The Adult Learner: The Definitive Classic in Adult Education and Human Resource Development* (6th Edition). Burlington, MA: Elsevier, 2005. (ISBN 0-7506-7837-2) Be sure to obtain the sixth edition.

Merriam, Sharan B., and Rosemary S. Caffarella. *Learning in Adulthood: A Comprehensive Guide* (2nd ed.). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1999.

Wlodkowski, Raymond J. *Enhancing Adult Motivation to Learn: A Comprehensive Guide for Teaching All Adults* (Rev. ed.). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1999.

Social Work Ministries:

Note: All critiques for the social work area are due: December 7, 2007.

Hugen, Beryl, and T. Laine Scales, eds. *Christianity and Social Work*, 2nd ed. Botsford, CT: North American Association of Christians in Social Work, 2002.

Icenogle, Gareth W. *Biblical Foundations for Small Group Ministry: An Integrational Approach*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1994.

Keith-Lucas, Alan. *Giving and Taking Help*, rev. ed. Botsford, CT: North American Association of Christians in Social Work, 1994.

Putnam, Robert D. *Bowling Alone*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2000.

Unruh, Heidi Rolland, and Ronald J. Sider. *Saving Souls, Serving Society: Understanding the Faith Factor in Church-Based Social Ministry*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.

Course Methodology

1. Discussion of texts led by students and facilitated by the professor.
2. Each student will prepare a critique of each textbook

Course Evaluation

Critique of texts	50%
Discussion of texts	50%

Seminar Assignments

- Each student is expected to participate fully in all colloquium sessions having read assigned texts before the session.
- Prepare a three page critique for each assigned text. These critiques are due at the session where the book will be discussed. These critiques will be evaluated by the professors.

Colloquium Meetings

This colloquium is scheduled to meet September 21, October 26, and December 7, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sessions will be conducted in the ProDoc Conference Room in the Perry R. Sanders Center for Ministry Excellence. Students are welcome to bring their lunch to the sessions.