

**CEAD 9402 Family Life Education  
A Research Doctoral Seminar  
Fall 2008**

**New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
Division of Christian Education Ministries**

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**NOBTS 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.

**Division of Christian Education Ministries Mission Statement**

The mission of the Division of Christian Education Ministries 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 the Division of Christian Education Ministries using the mission and core values of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Course Description**

This seminar is designed to survey contemporary family life concerns. Needs that can be addressed through family life education endeavors in local Baptist churches are identified and researched. Special attention is given to introduction to current literature in the field. Family life education projects are developed and evaluated.

## Course Objectives

When participants have completed this seminar, they will be able to:

1. Discuss selected topics representing concerns that may be addressed through family life education in the church.
2. Demonstrate special understanding of one topic chosen for extensive research.
3. Develop a family life education project model appropriate for local church use.

## Required Textbooks

Anderson, Ray. *Something Old/Something New: Marriage and Family Ministry in a Culture*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2007

Garland, Diana. *Family Ministry: A Comprehensive Guide*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1999.

Garland, David and Diana. *Flawed Families of the Bible: How God's Grace Works Through Imperfect Relationships*. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2007

Holman, Mark. *Building Faith at Home: Why Family Ministry Should be Your Church's #1 Priority*. Ventura, CA: Regal Book, 2007

## Course Requirements

Note: It is expected that all papers will be submitted using appropriate form and style, using correct grammar, and giving attention to good scholarship and readability.

- (1) **Family Ministry Discussion:** Each student will read *Family Ministry: A Comprehensive Guide* by Diana Garland and prepare ten questions for group discussion. Provide a copy of your questions for each seminar participant. Students will be expected to understand the principles expressed by Garland and be prepared to share how family ministry is done in their churches.  
**Due Date: September 19**
- (2) **Book Critiques and Presentations:** Each student will read the three additional required textbooks (Ray Anderson, David and Diana Garland, and Mark Holman) and submit a three to five page critique of each book that includes strengths and weaknesses of the author's presentation, areas of personal agreement or disagreement, and application of the ideas presented to the student's personal ministry situation.

In addition, students will be paired up and asked to facilitate a discussion of an assigned book. Students should be prepared to discuss the content fully.

Mark Holman- *Building Faith at Home*- **September 20**

Ray Anderson- *Something Old/Something New*- **November 8**

David and Diana Garland- *Flawed Families of the Bible*- **November 8**

- (3) **Critical Issues of Family Life Education Paper:** Each student will submit a paper discussing a critical issue of family life education. The paper should be accompanied by a forty-minute class presentation and discussion. Topics will be selected from a list provided by the professor and in consultation with the professor. The completed paper should be distributed to all seminar participants one week before the scheduled presentation. It is anticipated that the paper will be a minimum of thirty pages. **Date Due: November 7**
- (4) **Implementing Family Life Education and Ministry Paper:** Each student will submit a paper discussing an aspect of implementing family life education and ministry. The paper should be accompanied by a one-hour class presentation and discussion. Topics will be selected from a list provided by the professor and in consultation with the professor. The completed paper should be distributed to all seminar participants one week before the scheduled presentation. It is anticipated that the paper will be a minimum of twenty-five pages in length. **Date Due: December 5**
- (5) **Legislative and Denominational Update Sheet:** Each student will prepare and distribute to seminar participants a one to two-page update of an emerging trend, issue, situation in legislative action or denominational activity or resource development. See the seminar schedule for possible topics. Each printed summary will be accompanied by a thirty-minute presentation/discussion with other seminar participants. **Date Due: December 6**

### Course Evaluation

Family Ministry Discussion	10%
Book Critiques and Presentations	15%
Critical Issues of Family Life Education Paper and Presentation	30%
Implementing Family Life Education and Ministry Paper and Presentation	30%
Legislative/Denominational Update	15%

### Tentative Class Schedule

Friday, September 19- 1:00-9:00      Discussion of Syllabus and Assignments  
 Selection of Topics  
 Family Ministry Discussion

Saturday, September 20- 8:00-11:00      *Building Faith at Home*  
  
 Joel Brister  
 Stephanie Edge  
 Courtney Eichelberger

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Friday, November 7- 1:00-9:00      Critical Issues of Family Life Education

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Saturday, November 8- 8:00-11:00      *Something Old/Something New*

William McMullan  
 Jonathan Newton

*Flawed Families of the Bible*

Jonathan Newton  
 Ji-Eun Yoo

Friday, December 5- 1:00-9:00

Implementing Family Life Education and  
Ministry Paper

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Saturday, December 6- 8:00-11:00

Legislative and Denominational Update  
Sheet

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## **Possible Topics for Critical Issues Papers**

(Note: Topics may need to be narrowed for paper and presentation.)

Authority in the home  
 Abortion  
 Relating to aging parents  
 Communication in marriage  
 Impact of Pornography on Marriages  
 Infertility and Its Influence on Families  
 Interracial dating and marriage  
 Homosexuality  
 Parenting  
 Educating for retirement  
 Mass media—its impact on parenting and family relationships  
 Ethnicity and family relations  
 Black family issues  
 Sexually transmitted diseases  
 Family life in the senior adult years  
 Family/marriage: Variations in Style  
 Two-career marriages  
 Singleness  
 Sex adjustments in marriage  
 Minister's family life—special stress points  
 Male-female roles in marriage and family life  
 Blended families  
 Sex education of children and adolescents  
 Dealing with divorce and divorce adjustment  
 Death and dying—family bereavement, widowhood  
 The women's movement and its impact on marriage and the family  
 Alcoholism and drug abuse in the family  
 Refilled nest—mature children returning home after college or divorce  
 Violence in the family—child abuse, battered wives, elderly abuse  
 Grandparenting in its contemporary context  
 Other topics as discussed with and approved by professor

## **Possible Topics for the Implementing Family Ministry in a Local Church Papers**

Implementing a Ministry with Older Adults  
 Implementing a Ministry with Single Adults  
 Implementing a Ministry of Pre-Marital Education  
 Implementing a Marriage Enrichment Ministry  
 Implementing Parent Education in the Church  
 The Church Becoming a Family Advocate in the Community  
 The Church's Family Ministry Interfacing with Counseling Ministries  
 Other topics as discussed with and approved by professor

## ***Selected Resources***

### **Marriage Ministry Resource Links**

<http://www.lifeway.com/family/> Comprehensive LifeWay site for marriage and family helps  
<http://www.familiesnorthwest.org/> Families Northwest  
<http://www.liferelationships.com/> The Center for Marriage and Family Studies sponsored by Center for Relationship Enrichment  
<http://www.loveandlogic.com> Love and Logic  
<http://www.dnaofrelationships.com/> Smalley Relationship Center  
<http://www.strongerfamilies.com/index.cfm> Stronger Families for Oregon sponsored by Stronger Families  
<http://www.smartfamilies.com/cgi-bin/htmls/fu.home.html> Family University  
<http://www.marriagesavers.org/aboutmarriagesavers.htm> Marriage Savers  
<http://www.divorcebusting.com/> Divorce-Busting  
<http://www.laughyourway.com/> Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage sponsored by Laugh Your Way America  
<http://lovetakestime.com/articles.html> Love Takes Time from Hope for the Family sponsored by Hope for the Family  
<http://www.smartmarriages.com/> Smart Marriages  
<http://www.allaboutfamilies.org/> All About Families sponsored by Southern Hills Church of Christ  
<http://www.familylife.com> FamilyLife  
<http://www.walkthru.org> Walk Thru the Bible: Effective Parenting in a Defective World

Parenting Your Teenager sponsored by Media for Today's Church—Bluefish TV  
<http://www.cgtaylor.com> Carri & Gordon Taylor. Resources for personal growth - professionally and personally

### **Parenting Ministry Resource Links**

<http://www.lifeway.com/parenting/> Comprehensive LifeWay site for parenting helps  
<http://www.family.org/church/hb/> Family Ministry in Focus sponsored by Focus on the Family  
<http://www.familiesnorthwest.org/> Families Northwest  
<http://www.loveandlogic.com> Love and Logic  
<http://www.strongerfamilies.com/index.cfm> Stronger Families for Oregon sponsored by Stronger Families  
<http://www.smartfamilies.com/cgi-bin/htmls/fu.home.html> Family University  
<http://lovetakestime.com/articles.html> Love Takes Time from Hope for the Family sponsored by Hope for the Family  
<http://www.familylife.com> FamilyLife

<http://www.busyparentsonline.com/> Busy Parents On-line  
<http://www.selfgrowth.com/child.html> Self-growth's Child Development and Parenting Information sponsored by Self Growth  
<http://www.childdevelopmentinfo.com/> Child Development Institute  
<http://www.almenconi.com/topics/parent/> Al Menconi Ministries  
<http://new.crosswalk.com/family/parenting/> Crosswalk  
<http://www.fathers.com> National Center for Fathering  
<http://www.focusonyourchild.com> Heritage Builders sponsored by Focus on the Family  
[www.spfm.org](http://www.spfm.org) Single Parent Family Ministry sponsored by Center for Single Parent Family  
[www.biblicalparenting.org](http://www.biblicalparenting.org) National Center for Biblical Parenting  
[www.walkthru.org](http://www.walkthru.org) Walk Thru the Bible: Effective Parenting in a Defective World  
<http://www.christianparentingtoday.com/> Christianity Today  
<http://www.bluefishtv.com/> Parenting Your Teenager sponsored by Media for Today's Church—Bluefish TV

### **Children's Ministry Resource Links**

<http://www.lifeway.com/childhood/> Comprehensive LifeWay site for parenting helps  
<http://www.lcms.org/pages/default.asp?NavID=1687> The Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)'s Family Ministry site  
<http://www.busyparentsonline.com/> Busy Parents On-line  
<http://www.childdevelopmentinfo.com/> Child Development Institute  
<http://www.almenconi.com/topics/parent/> Al Menconi Ministries  
<http://new.crosswalk.com/family/parenting/> Crosswalk  
<http://www.focusonyourchild.com> Heritage Builders sponsored by Focus on the Family  
[www.walkthru.org](http://www.walkthru.org) Walk Thru the Bible: Effective Parenting in a Defective World  
<http://www.christianparentingtoday.com/> Christianity Today  
<http://www.bluefishtv.com/> Parenting Your Teenager sponsored by Media for Today's Church—Bluefish TV

### **Teens/Youth Ministry Resource Links**

<http://www.lifeway.com/parenting/> Comprehensive LifeWay site for parenting helps  
<http://www.lcms.org/pages/default.asp?NavID=1687> The Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)'s Family Ministry site  
<http://www.busyparentsonline.com/> Busy Parents On-line  
<http://www.childdevelopmentinfo.com/> Child Development Institute  
<http://www.almenconi.com/topics/parent/> Al Menconi Ministries  
<http://new.crosswalk.com/family/parenting/> Crosswalk  
<http://www.focusonyourchild.com> Heritage Builders sponsored by Focus on the Family  
[www.walkthru.org](http://www.walkthru.org) Walk Thru the Bible: Effective Parenting in a Defective World  
<http://www.christianparentingtoday.com/> Christianity Today

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## Family Ministry Resource Links

<http://www.lifeway.com/family/> Comprehensive LifeWay site for family ministry helps  
<http://www.family.org/church/hb/> Family Ministry in Focus sponsored by Focus on the Family  
<http://www.familymin.org/> National Association of Family Ministries  
<http://www.familiesnorthwest.org/> Families Northwest  
<http://www.liferelationships.com/> The Center for Marriage and Family Studies sponsored by Center for Relationship Enrichment  
<http://www.lcms.org/pages/default.asp?NavID=1687> The Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)'s Family Ministry site  
<http://www.smartfamilies.com/cgi-bin/html/fofu/home.html> Family University  
<http://www.legacyfamily.org/old/index1.htm> Legacy Family Ministries  
<http://lovetakestime.com/articles.html> Love Takes Time from Hope for the Family sponsored by Hope for the Family  
<http://www.allaboutfamilies.org/> All About Families sponsored by Southern Hills Church of Christ  
<http://www.familylife.com> FamilyLife  
<http://www.busyparentsonline.com/> Busy Parents On-line  
[www.walkthru.org](http://www.walkthru.org) Walk Thru the Bible: Effective Parenting in a Defective World  
<http://www.christianparentingtoday.com/> Christianity Today  
<http://www.bluefishtv.com>/Parenting Your Teenager sponsored by Media for Today's Church—Bluefish TV  
[www.cgtaylor.com](http://www.cgtaylor.com) Carri & Gordon Taylor. Resources for personal growth - professionally and personally

## Stepfamily Ministry Resource Links

[www.DesigningDynamicStepfamilies.com](http://www.DesigningDynamicStepfamilies.com) Carri & Gordon Taylor. 8-Part Video Series with Comprehensive Study Guide. Ready-to-use Workshop in a box.  
[www.SuccessfulStepfamilies.com](http://www.SuccessfulStepfamilies.com) Ron Deal. Christian resources for pre-remarital couples, stepfamilies, and the churches who serve them.  
[www.InStepMinistries.com](http://www.InStepMinistries.com) Jeff & Judi Parziale. Books, resources, workshops. Dysfunctional Family Ministry Resource Links.  
[www.cgtaylor.com](http://www.cgtaylor.com) Carri & Gordon Taylor  
[www.DesigningDynamicStepfamilies.com](http://www.DesigningDynamicStepfamilies.com) Carri & Gordon Taylor, Eight-part DVD or VHS Series with comprehensive Christian or secular Study Guide.  
[www.saafamilies.org](http://www.saafamilies.org) Stepfamily Assoc. of America, Best bibliography  
[www.successfulstepfamilies.com](http://www.successfulstepfamilies.com) Ron Deal  
[www.spfm.org](http://www.spfm.org) Single Parent Family Ministries - Gary Sprague

## Single Parent Ministry Resource Links

<http://www.singles.ag.org/> Single Adult Ministries

[http://www.wholefamily.com/aboutyourkids/bridge\\_pages/single\\_parents.html](http://www.wholefamily.com/aboutyourkids/bridge_pages/single_parents.html)  
<http://www.changingfamilies.com/>

## **Sexual Addiction & Accountability Sites**

<http://www.cybersexualaddiction.com/Resources.php> Cyber Sexual Addiction  
<http://www.xxxchurch.com/> Christian Anti-Porn Site  
<http://www.firesofdarkness.com/> Christian Anti-Porn Site  
<http://www.estherministries.org/> Esther Ministries—site for women whose partners are sexually addicted  
<http://porn-free.org/> Porn Free Website  
<http://www.covenanteyes.com/> Christian internet accountability site  
<http://www.netaccountability.com/> Christian internet accountability site  
<http://www.pureintimacy.org/> Focus on the Family Sexual Addiction Website  
<http://www.desertstream.org/> Desert Stream Ministries Sexual Addiction Website

## **Gambling Addiction Site**

<http://www.tgsrm.org/Gambling.html> The Good Shepherd Restoration Ministries—Gambling addiction

## **General Addiction & Problem Site**

<http://www.troubledwith.com/> Focus on the Family Resource Website

## **Homosexuality Freedom Site**

<http://www.exodus.to/> Exodus International—Freedom from Homosexuality Website

## **Morality Site**

<http://www.moralityinmedia.org/> Morality in Media website

## **Leadership Resource Links**

<http://www.lifeway.com/family/> LifeWay Christian Resources

<http://www.amanet.org/events/Apprentice/weekly/episode8.htm> American Management Association

<http://www.ccl.org> The Center for Creative Leadership

<http://www.employer-employee.com> Employer-Employee.com

<http://www.fastcompany.com> Fast Company

<http://leadwell.com> Lead Well Institute

### Pre-Marital Programs and Resources

- [Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts](#) - Les and Leslie Parrot
- [Collection of Books and Resources](#) - H. Norman Wright
- [Christian PREP](#)
- [How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk: How to Pick a Partner](#) - John Van Epp

### Marriage Programs and Resources

- [Bring Out the Best in Your Marriage Seminar](#) - Dennis Lowe and Emily Scott-Lowe
- [10 Great Dates Video Curriculum](#) - David and Claudia Arp
- [A Lasting Promise](#) - Scott Stanley , Daniel Trathen, Savanna McCain and Milt Bryan
- [Christian PREP](#)
- [Collection of Books and Resources](#) - H. Norman Wright
- [Making Marriage Work](#) - Les and Leslie Parrot
- [Love Talk DVD](#) - Les and Leslie Parrot
- [Marriage Partnership Magazine](#) - Christianity Today
- [HomeBuilders Couples Series](#) - Family Life
- [Dynamic Love and Marriage Class](#) - Family Dynamics
- [A Collection of Books and Resources-](#) David and Janet Congo
- [A Collection of Books and Resources](#) - David and Jan Stoop
- [Getting a Handle on Love When Your Love-Handles Get You](#) - Ron Deal
- [Marriage Savers](#) - Mike and Harriet McManus
- [Strengthening Marriages in Your Community](#) - Coalition for Marriage, Family, and Couples Education

### Marriage Mentoring Programs and Resources

- [Marriage Mentoring: 12 Conversations](#) – Ed Gray and Susan Giboney
- [Marriage Mentor Manual](#) - Les and Leslie Parrott
- [Marriage Mentoring](#) - Marriage Savers

### Parenting Programs and Resources

- General
  - [Mom Sense](#) - Christianity Today
  - [Active Christian Parenting](#) - Active Parenting Publishers
  - [HomeBuilders Parenting Series](#) - Family Life
  - [Positive Discipline Collection-](#) Empowering People
  - [Survival Skills for Healthy Families](#) - Family Wellness
  - [Dynamic Families](#) - Family Dynamics
- Elementary:
  - [Making Children Mind without Losing Yours](#) - Kevin Leman

- Adolescents:
  - [A Collection of Books and Resources](#) - Jim Burns
  - [A Collection of Books](#) - Tim Smith
  - [Understanding your Teenager](#) - Wayne Rice

### **Step-Families Programs and Resources**

- [A Collection of Books and Resources](#) - Ron Deal
- [Designing Dynamic Stepfamilies](#) - Carri and Gordon Taylor
- [How to Succeed as a Stepfamily](#) - Jeff and Judi Parziale
- [Bringing Peace and Harmony to the Blended Family](#) - Kevin Leman
- [The Wellness Way for Stepfamilies](#) - Family Wellness

### **Single Parenting Programs and Resources**

- [Christian Singles Today](#) - Christianity Today
- [Center for Single Parent Family Ministries](#)
- [Divorce Care for Kids](#)
- [Single Parent Ministries](#) - Crown Financial Ministries
- [Changing Families](#)

### **Couples in Crisis Programs and Resources**

- [New Beginnings](#) - Family Dynamics Institute
- [Reconciling God's Way](#) - International Center for Reconciling God's Way
- [Retrouvaille](#)
- [Choosing Wisely Before You Divorce](#) - Church Initiative

### **Divorce Recovery Programs and Resources**

- [Divorce Care](#) - Church Initiative

### **Second Half of Marriage Programs and Resources**

- [10 Great Dates for Empty Nesters](#) - David and Claudia Arp
- [Second Half of Marriage](#) - David and Claudia Arp

### **Caring for Aging Parents Programs and Resources**

- [Care Ministry](#) - Aging America Resources
- [Designing an Older Adult Ministry](#) - Discipleship Resources
- [The Graying of the Church](#) - Older Adult Ministries
- [Aging Parents: The Seminar](#)
- [Caring for Your Aging Parents](#) - Barbara Deane

### **Sexuality Programs and Resources**

- Children:
  - [God's Design for Sex Series](#) - Stanton and Brenna Jones
- Adolescents and Young Adults:
  - [The Real Deal](#) - Free Teens USA
- Marriage:
  - [A Collection of Books and Resources](#) - Clifford and Joyce Penner
  - [Authentic Human Sexuality](#) - Jack and Judy Balswick
  - [Love, Sex and Marriage Seminar](#) - Joe Beam

### **Financial Programs and Resources**

- [Financial Peace University](#) - David Ramsey
- [Crown Financial Ministries](#)

### **Couple Assessments**

- [Prepare/Enrich](#) - Life Innovations, Inc.
- [Foccus](#)
- [Relate](#) - Relate Institute

### **Resources for Church Ministries Development**

- Children's Ministry :
  - [Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions](#) - George Barna
  - [Children's Ministry Recruiting Kit](#) - Gospel Light
  - [Children Matter: Celebrating Their Place in the Church, Family, and Community](#) - Scottie May
- Marriage and Family Ministry:
  - [Association of Marriage and Family Ministries](#)

### **Inventories for Churches to Assess Family Ministry Needs**

- [Church Relationships Survey](#) - Center for Marriage and Family Studies at John Brown University
- [Family Needs Survey](#) - Family Life
- [Church Census](#) - Center for Family and Community Ministries at Baylor University