



**EVSR9301 Supervised Reading Colloquium:  
History and Theology of Evangelism  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
Division of Church Ministry  
Fall 2022 \* Thursday \* 6:00-8:00 PM  
(9/1, 10/13, 11/3, 12/1)**

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**Mission Statement**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

**Course Description**

This colloquium is designed to direct Ph.D. students majoring in Evangelism in the foundational reading related to the history and theology of evangelism.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

At the conclusion of the colloquium students will be able to:

1. Identify foundational works related to the history and theology of evangelism.
2. Identify the significant events, groups, and personalities that have contributed to the historical development of evangelism in the Christian Church.
3. Articulate the biblical basis of evangelism and discuss the theological issues that currently impact evangelism.
4. Discern and discuss the relationship between sound doctrine and evangelistic methodology.
5. Demonstrate acceptable knowledge of the history and theology of evangelism in their doctoral qualifying and oral exams.

**Course Teaching Methodology**

This colloquium is a resource-driven learning experience in which students will be guided by the professor through basic foundational reading and writing assignments. Those enrolled in the colloquium will meet as a group in monthly accountability sessions with the professor to discuss the assigned readings. Other accountability arrangements will be clarified by the professor at such meeting times.

**Course Requirements**

Students are required to do the following assignments:

1. Prepare for the colloquium discussions by completing the assigned reading.
2. Prepare to lead discussions concerning the particular assigned books for the colloquium.

3. Prepare an annotated analysis of each book read through the semester. The analyses should be three to five pages in length, double-spaced, for each book assigned for a particular colloquium session. Each analysis should contain the following elements: a brief summary of the book, an evaluation of the book, a discussion of the significance of the book concerning the history and/or theology of evangelism, and the value of the book for evangelism in the contemporary church.
4. Write a brief paper (three to five pages, double-spaced) discussing the relationship between sound doctrine and evangelistic methodology.
5. Develop a detailed outline of the history of evangelism in the Christian Church from the New Testament to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The outline should include significant events, dates, groups, personalities, and literary works that have contributed to the historical development of evangelism.

### **Evaluation of Grade**

The pass/fail grade for the colloquium will be determined by the extent to which the student accomplishes the student learning outcomes for the course. This will be assessed largely by the completion of the course requirements by the student. The professor will use a variety of accountability instruments such as written assignments, oral presentations, involvement in discussions, and other appropriate means to determine the student's accomplishment of the student learning outcomes.

### **Course Schedule (Including Books to Be Reviewed Each Session)**

#### **September 1**

Introductions, Syllabus, Selection of Student's Choice of Books to Be Reviewed for 12/1

#### **October 13**

Green, Michael. *Evangelism in the Early Church*. Revised ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004.

Finke, Roger and Rodney Stark. *The Churching of America, 1776-2005: Winners and Losers in Our Religious Economy*. Revised ed. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2005.

Kelley, Charles S. Jr. *Fuel the Fire: Lessons from the History of Southern Baptist Evangelism*. Nashville: B & H Academic, 2018.

#### **November 3**

Abraham, William J. *The Logic of Evangelism*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989.

Sanders, John. *No Other Name: An Investigation into the Destiny of the Unevangelized*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992.

Johnston, Thomas Paul. *Examining Billy Graham's Theology of Evangelism*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2003.

**Paper Due**: The Relationship between Sound Doctrine and Evangelistic Methodology

## **December 1**

Student's Choice of History of Evangelism Book

Student's Choice of Theology of Evangelism Book

**Outline Due:** The History of Evangelism in the Christian Church

### **Technical Assistance**

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the [Selfserve.nobts.edu](http://Selfserve.nobts.edu) site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. [Canvas.NOBTS.com](http://Canvas.NOBTS.com) Click on the "Help" button for technical questions/support requests regarding the NOBTS Canvas System. You can also email questions to [Canvas@nobts.edu](mailto:Canvas@nobts.edu).
3. [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

### **Help for Writing Papers at "The Write Stuff"**

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer. A copy of the approved NOBTS Style Guide can be found in the course Canvas shell, or can be located online at the Writing Center's page on the seminary website at:

<https://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf>

### **Plagiarism on Written Assignments**

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

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