

Supervised Reading Colloquium:
EVSR9304 Contemporary Methods and Models of Evangelism
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Division of Pastoral Ministries

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The seminary's core values are: (1) doctrinal integrity, (2) spiritual vitality, (3) mission focus, (4) characteristic excellence, and (5) servant leadership. The **core value focus** of the seminary during the 2015-2016 academic year is **mission focus**.

Course Description

This colloquium is designed to direct students majoring in Evangelism in the Doctor of Philosophy program in foundational readings related generally to the field of contemporary methods and models of evangelism.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of the colloquium, the students should be able to:

1. Communicate a broad understanding of materials related to contemporary methods and models of evangelism.
2. Develop a literature review for their oral exam in the area of contemporary methods and models of evangelism

Methodology

Guided by the professor, this colloquium is a resource-driven learning experience that involves the selection and reading of texts germane to selected issues in contemporary methods and models of evangelism. Also, the colloquium provides an opportunity for students to explore potential research projects for a dissertation.

During the **first meeting (February 4)**, the student will be assigned various books to review and to present at the subsequent meetings of the colloquium.

Session Two (March 10)

All students will read and be prepared to discuss the following book:

Malphurs, Aubrey. *A New Kind of Church: Understanding Models of Ministry for the 21st Century*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2007.

NOTE: Each student will submit a three to five page double-spaced review of the book. Students only need to provide one copy for the professor.

Each student will be assigned one other book and will submit a three to five page double spaced review of the book. The review will be distributed to all members of the class.

Sessions Three & Four (April 7 and May 5):

In sessions 3 & 4, students will discuss four assigned books. Each student will be responsible for reading the two books assigned to him per session. Each student will write a three to five page double spaced review of the assigned books that will be distributed to the entire class. The review should include the following components: data on the author, summary of the contents, the significance of the book and its contribution to the field on contemporary methods and models of evangelism, and an evaluation of the book. Each review should be three to five pages double spaced in length.

Grading Scale

This is a Pass/Fail course. Grading will be based upon text familiarity, dialogue participation and written work. The overall assessment of the work will be from a qualitative perspective.

Session Two – March 10

| Book | Student Assigned |
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| The American Church in Crisis | |
| Lost in America | |
| Surprising Insights from the Unchurched | |
| Grow Your Church from the Outside In | |
| How to Multiply Your Church | |
| Church Morph | |
| Deep Church | |
| Myths and Truths of the Cell Church: Key Principles that Make or Break Cell Ministry | |

Session Three – April 7

| Book | Student Assigned |
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| Growing God's Church | |
| Multi-Site Roadtrip or Multi-Site Churches | |
| Planting a New Church in a Postmodern Age | |
| The Color of Church | |
| Deliberate Simplicity | |
| Sticky Church | |
| Beyond Mega-Church Myths | |
| The Coffee Shop that Changed a Church | |

Session Four – May 5

| Book | Student Assigned |
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| Worship Evangelism | |
| Conspiracy of Kindness | |
| It's a God Thing | |
| Great Commission, Great Compassion | |
| Life on Mission | |
| Natural Church Development | |
| Evangelism Outside the Box | |
| Evangelism - Which Way Now? | |

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