PhD Reading Colloquium CESR9301  
(Adult Discipleship and Family)  
Division of Discipleship and Ministry Leadership  
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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.

Purpose of Course
This seminar is designed for doctoral students who are in the residency/candidacy stage of the PhD program. Students should read and discuss the assigned books and as a result be familiar with representative works in the field, thus making them better seminar participants. The purpose will be to enhance the student’s understanding of the literature, journals, websites, etc. which will potentially comprise the bibliography of the dissertation.

Our Core Values
Doctrinal Integrity – Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. The doctrinal statements used in our evaluations are our Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message Statement.

Spiritual Vitality – We are a worshiping community, with both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word.

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.

Characteristic Excellence – What we do, we do to the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Servant Leadership – We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us.

The Core Value for this academic year is Servant Leadership.
Curriculum Competencies Addressed
This course will address the following curriculum competencies:
1. Biblical exposition: Students will expand their familiarity and knowledge of biblical passages related to the field of Christian education.
2. Theological and historical perspective: Students will learn the historical context of disciplines within the field of Christian education and evaluate them within a biblical and Christian framework.
3. Interpersonal relationships: Students will increase the perceived value of appropriate and significant relationships within families, churches, and communities.
4. Spiritual and character formation: Students will learn the principles from the disciplines studies that encourage spiritual growth and promote Christ-like living.

Student Learning Outcomes
The student involved in this course should be able to accomplish the following:
Cognitive
- Be familiar with the wider body of resources related to the field of Adult and Family Ministry.
- Identify 10 resources in each specific discipline which will inform in the area of Adult Discipleship and Family Ministry

Affective
- Understand the importance of selected resources as they relate to the wider field.
- Associate titles with significant authors in the specific discipline

Psychomotor
- Become conversant in “annotated bibliography” form with the resources.
- Articulate the ideas in conversation with the professor and peers.

Course Teaching Methodology
This course will utilize a discussion and interactive discovery-learning format.

Teaching Method. This course will be taught through:
Independent reading and evaluation
1. On-campus (and CIV) discussion of texts led by students and facilitated by the professor.
2. Preparation of a critical review, executive summary or discussion presentation for each textbook.

Course Methodology
1. Discussion of texts led by students and facilitated by the professors.
2. Each student will prepare a book response for each textbook and a discussion guide for the assigned textbooks.

Colloquium Meetings
Fridays 8am – 11am on August 25, September 29, November 3, and December 8.
Assignments and Evaluation Criteria

Assignment Formatting
Unless otherwise noted, type all assignments according to Turabian format.

Pre-Colloquium Assignments

1. Text Reading
   Read the 8 required textbooks and 2 texts (one adult discipleship, one family) selected from the supplemental texts (See assignment #5). Texts will be assigned randomly (see course schedule below).

2. Critical Book Review (15%)   Due: See Course Schedule
   Students will be randomly assigned a required textbook (either adult discipleship or family) to write a 5-page critical book review following Guidelines for Writing a Critical Book Review which is posted on Blackboard in Course Documents and in Assignment Upload. Students must be prepared to lead the discussion of the book on the day your book is scheduled for discussion (see course schedule below). Submit your review to Assignment Upload and also to the Discussion Board on the day you present to class.

3. Executive Summaries (20%)   Due: See Course Schedule
   Students will be randomly assigned two supplemental textbooks (adult discipleship and family) to write an Executive Summary. Students must follow the guidelines of the Executive Summary Template which is available on Blackboard. Students must be prepared to lead the discussion of the book on the day your book is scheduled for discussion (see course schedule below). Your executive summary should be submitted to Assignment Upload and also posted in the Discussion Board.

4. Talking Points (25%)   Due: See Course Schedule
   Identify a minimum of ten talking points - key ideas, observations, insights, criticisms - from each of remaining (7) required texts - excluding the one you review. Include a complete bibliographic entry and submit a single page for each book. A header should include your name, assignment, date, course name. Be prepared to discuss in class. Talking points will be submitted to Assignment Upload.

5. Required Text summary with Study Guide Questions (15%)   Due: See Course Schedule
   From the required text list (four adult discipleship, four family), students are expected to write a summary with study guide questions for the assigned textbook (the text for the critical review). The summary will be submitted to Blackboard and the Discussion Board.

   For the randomly assigned required text, write a summary which includes the following:
   - A header including your name, date, colloquium title;
   - Bibliographic information at the top of the page;
   - Biographical information of the author;
   - Key ideas and principles, and significant quotes. Details of the book should be communicated in such a way that all students will have a familiarity with the text;
Applications relevant to developing a personal philosophy of ministry to children and youth should be incorporated. Use of bulleted lists, diagrams, pictures and other mnemonic devices is permitted.

- Study guide questions suitable for preparation for a doctoral program oral exam.

Colloquium Assignments

6. Facilitation of Discussion (15%)
   You will lead a 20 minute discussion on the book for which you wrote a critical book review and a 10-minute presentation for each of the two supplemental texts that you read. The discussion schedule is included in this syllabus.

   Formulate several questions pertaining to the book on which you will lead discussion. The questions should challenge the class to deepen their understanding of the issue the author is discussing, to clarify and complete their understanding of the author’s central argument, to critically assess the adequacy of that argument, or to compare the author’s position with that of another author we will have read. The questions should be clearly and concisely formulated. You should have a good reason for asking the question.

7. Participation in Discussion (10%)
   Participation in colloquium discussion is paramount to the learning experience. You should engage in critical discussions of texts by cooperating with the discussion leader, listening to peer statements and thoughtfully analyzing and responding to those statements.

Course Evaluation

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Required Texts

Prior to this reading colloquium, students should have already read and be familiar with texts utilized in related Master’s level classes. A recommended reading list will be provided if you do not have one.

The following texts and resources are required reading for class discussions and are to be read in their entirety unless otherwise specified.

Required (Adult Discipleship)


**Required (Family Ministry)**


**Supplemental Texts**

Students will not be expected to read all books from the supplemental textbook list.

**Adult Discipleship**


**Family Ministry**


**Instructions for enrolling in NOBTS Blackboard**

(Note: you must be on a computer with Internet access and be connected to the Internet to access NOBTS – Blackboard.)

**Step 1:** Open your web browser to the seminary home page at [http://www.nobts.edu](http://www.nobts.edu)

**Step 2:** Click on the Blackboard tab.

**Step 3:** a. When the new page opens, log in on your account proceed to Step 6. If you do not have an account choose the Create Account button on the left.

**Step 4:** Enter in your information. (Note: Fields with a red asterisk are required fields). When finished entering your information, click Submit.
Step 5: When the next page loads, confirming your registration, click OK. (Note: You only need to create one account on NOBTS Blackboard. You do not need a new account for each class.)

Step 6: Now, your personal NOBTS – Blackboard home page should appear. To enroll in a class, click on the Courses tab at the top of the page.

Step 7: Click on Browse Catalog Section, then click on NOBTS Main Campus and Extension Center. Choose and click Doctoral. Click on Research Doctoral.

Step 8: When you find your course, click on the Enroll button on the right hand side of the screen. You’re course is CESR9301.

Step 9: Click Submit.

Step 10: Click OK when the confirmation page appears.

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- LALINC for Louisiana students
- Florida Virtual Library ([http://www.flelibrary.org/](http://www.flelibrary.org/)) for Florida students
- Interact with us online at –

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A Theology for Family Ministries  
Adult Discipleship Supplemental Text: Conversion and Discipleship  
The Master Plan of Evangelism  
Family Supplemental Text: Family Ministry Desk Reference  
Raising Kids to Extraordinary Faith | Brad Delaughter  
Nolan Helder  
Paul Keating  
Mark Whitt  
Stephanie Cline  
Jerry Welch |
| 9/29 | Becoming Adult, Becoming Christian: Adult Development and Christian Faith  
The Family: A Christian Perspective on the Contemporary Home  
Adult Discipleship Supplemental Text: Becoming a Disciple Making Church  
Adult Christian Education  
Family Supplemental Text: Building Faith at Home  
Think Orange | Paul Keating  
Eboni Johnson  
Melisa Wiedman  
Brad Delaughter  
Nolan Helder  
Mark Whitt |
| 11/3 | The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God  
Family Ministry: A Comprehensive Guide  
Adult Discipleship Supplemental Text: Shaping the Journey for Emerging Adults  
Transforming Discipleship: Making Disciples a Few at a Time  
Family Supplemental Text: Why They Stay  
Growing Young | Jerry Welch  
Melisa Wiedman  
Eboni Johnson  
Stephanie Cline  
Paul Keating  
Brad Delaughter |
| 12/8 | A Model for Making Disciples: John Wesley’s Class Meeting Perspectives on Family Ministry: Three Views.  
Adult Discipleship Supplemental Text: Among Wolves: Disciple Making in the City  
Brave New Discipleship  
Family Supplemental Text: Family Ministry (by Charles M. Sell)  
Parenting Children for a Life of Faith | Mark Whitt  
Stephanie Cline  
Jerry Welch  
Nolan Helder  
Eboni Johnson  
Melisa Wiedman |