



## ***Congratulations, Graduates***



Congratulations to the following students who will receive the Doctor of Philosophy Degree at graduation on December 16, 2015:

Gary Blackwell (theology), "Return or Rereading: The Spirituality of Brian D. McLaren"

Josh Carter (evangelism), "An Investigation into a Relationship between Community Demographics and Baptisms in Mosaic Churches within the Southern Baptist Convention"

David Judd (Christian education), "Examining Online Learning Experiences in Christian Education through a Community of Inquiry Framework"

Wendy Leger (psych/counseling), "Hope, Religious Coping, and Voluntary Program Participation among Jail Offenders"

Bob Littlefield (theology), "Evaluating the Points of Congruence and Incongruence between the Doctrines of Justification of John Calvin and N. T. Wright"

Brooke Osborn (psych/counseling), "The Development and Validation of a Christian Counseling Supervision Instrument"

Josh Powell (evangelism), "A Comparative Analysis of the Salvation Theology of Joyce Meyer and the Baptist Faith and Message 2000"

HaYoung Son (New Testament), "The Background of Exodus 15 in Revelation 15: Focusing on the Song of Moses and the Song of the Lamb"



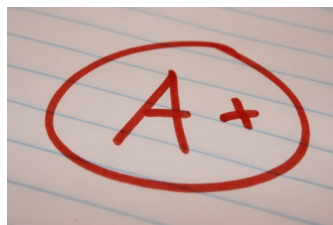
In addition, the following students will receive the Master of Theology degree:

Joseph Bird (preaching)  
Maggie Fredericks (Christian education)  
Justin Kelly (psych/counseling)  
Chris McElmurray (biblical interpretation)

Karla McGehee (Christian education)  
Kelley Ott (psych/counseling)  
Angela Scruggs (psych/counseling)  
Keith Taylor (preaching)

## ***Research Proposals and Approvals Due by December 18***

Friday, December 18 is the deadline for the ReDOC office to receive 2 copies of approved proposals and [Research Proposal Report](#) forms for students taking the January 4-8 Prospectus Development course. The course [syllabus](#) is available online.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

♦ **December 18:** Graduation rehearsal (2:30 PM) and President's reception (5:30-7:00 PM)

♦ **December 19:** Graduation

♦ **January 4-8:** Prospectus Development

♦ **January 6-8:** Qualifying Exams

♦ **January 12-14:** Intro to Research and Writing

♦ **January 19:** Spring semester begins



## **Have a Christ-filled Christmas!**

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## Prospectus Approval

### PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **December 18:** Research proposal approval deadline for January 2016 Prospectus Development
- ◆ **January 12:** Deadline for incoming students to submit proof of prerequisite completion
- ◆ **January 15:** Spring semester tuition due
- ◆ **January 19:** Spring semester begins
- ◆ **February 9:** Mardi Gras
- ◆ **March 2:** Summer directed study proposal deadline

Dustin Turner (theology), "Immersed into the Church? A Biblical-Historical Analysis of the Permissibility of Baptismal Modes for Membership in Southern Baptist Churches"

## Qualifying Exams

Qualifying Exams will be held January 6-8 in the ITC on the second floor of the Hardin Student Center. Testers should come at 12:45 PM on January 6 to receive instructions. The exam will last 3 hours each day.

To sit for the exam, students must have completed the PhD program psychometric testing and readout session. To schedule, contact Toni Collins in the Leeke Magee Counseling Center at ext. 8089.

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CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL  
ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER,  
PLEASE SEND YOUR UPDATED  
CONTACT INFORMATION TO  
THE REDOC OFFICE.

WE ARE NOT ON POWER  
CAMPUS, SO WE DO NOT GET  
AUTOMATIC UPDATES.

## ReDOC Schedule for 2015-2016

The following are the remaining ReDOC meetings for 2015-2016.

**January 20** (no prospectuses)  
**February 10** (1/11 IRB)  
**March 9** (2/9 IRB)  
**April 13** (3/14 IRB)  
**May 11** (4/11 IRB)  
**June 1** (5/2 IRB)

**NEW:** An IRB request and a pdf of a prospectus using human subjects must be received by redocsec@nobts.edu no later than one month prior to the meeting at which the prospectus will be considered. See the [Program Materials](#) page for the form and details.

A prospectus to be considered by ReDOC must be reviewed by your guidance committee and **9 copies** submitted through your chairperson to the Office of Research Doctoral Programs no later than one week before the scheduled ReDOC meeting. Proposals for research involving human subjects must be received one month before the meeting.

Likewise, matters such as directed study proposals and requests to take courses at other institutions must be submitted one week before the ReDOC meeting at which they will be considered.

Also e-mail a **pdf** of the prospectus or directed study proposal to phd@nobts.edu. Do

submit a hard copy of the directed study approval page.

Please keep in mind that final approval of your prospectus is granted by your doctoral guidance committee after you make any revisions your committee deems appropriate in light of feedback from ReDOC.

If you are required to go through the Institutional Review Board approval process for research with human subjects, your committee cannot approve your prospectus until the IRB assesses the risk to and protection of the participants.

**NOTE:** If you think your guidance committee has approved your prospectus but you have not seen your approval in the *ReDOC News*, please let us know.





### *2016 Christian Leadership Forum Doctoral Cohort*

The [Christian Leadership Forum](#) sponsored by the Forum for Theological Exploration is an annual summer event that provides students opportunities for networking, professional development, vocational exploration and mentoring. Doctoral students are gathered within a cohort among other leaders of the church and the academy. Eligible applicants must be

- Students of African, Latino/a, Asian, or First Nations descent
- PhD or ThD students of color in religious, theological, or biblical studies within the first two years of their studies
- Prepared to be present for the entire gathering (June 1-4, 2016) in Decatur, GA

FTE provides travel stipends to current FTE Doctoral Fellows to attend meetings of professional societies and organizations related to their scholarship.

[Online applications](#) are due by **February 15, 2016**.

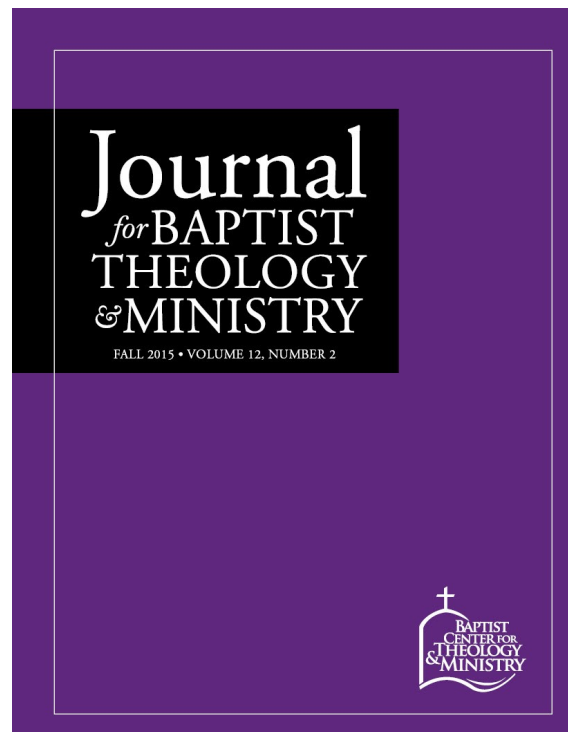
Questions? Contact the Director of Grants and Fellowships, [Darlene Hutto](#).



*Fall 2015 Issue of the Journal for  
Baptist Theology & Ministry*

*and*

*Call for Papers for the Centennial  
Issue Commemorating the  
Founding of NOBTS*



The Fall 2015 issue of the [Journal for Baptist Theology & Ministry](#) is available free online.

The editor of JBTM is accepting paper proposals for a 2017 issue of the journal to commemorate the centennial of the founding of NOBTS.

**Sample paper topics might include the following:**

- The Evangelistic Impact of W. W. Hamilton
- Episodes of Providence and Prayer at NOBTS
- A Brief History of NOBTS Presidents
- The Contribution of Frank Stagg for New Testament Theology
- Christian Counseling in the Big Easy
- The Future of Christian Education through NOBTS

**Paper Submission Guidelines:**

- Authors must hold a PhD in a relevant field of study.
- The target audience for the journal is the pastor-scholar.
- The word count for articles is typically 3,000-5,000 words.
- Please format in Turabian, use footnotes, and transliterate biblical words.
- Content should be consistent with the *Baptist Faith and Message*.

Please submit a title and 100-150 word description of a proposed article by **April 1, 2016**, to [baptistcenter@nobts.edu](mailto:baptistcenter@nobts.edu). Submissions will be reviewed by the Editorial Advisory Board within 30 days of the deadline. Notification will be made to all who submit proposals by May 1; completed articles will be due by November 1, 2016.

## *Can You Dig It? The Gezer Water System Expedition 2016*

May 22-June 10, 2016  
\$650\* per week + Airfare

\*Extra days: \$100/day

Sponsored by The Moskau Institute of Archaeology/Center for Archaeological Research of  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and the Israel Nature and Parks Authority

**The Project:** Participate in the excavation of an ancient Canaanite water system at Tel Gezer in Israel.

**Dates:** May 22-June 10, 2016. Volunteers should plan to arrive no later than May 21, and those working all three weeks should plan departures for June 11 or 12.

**Cost:** \$1,905 for the 3-week season, or \$650 per week (extra days: \$100/day) + airfare. Costs cover room, board, and weekend travel. Preference will be given to three-week participants. Participants are responsible for their own flights to and from Israel. The dig will arrange airport pickup.

**Weekend Travel:** The expedition will arrange several field trips covering key areas of Israel. Weekend travel costs are included in the excavation pricing.

**Accommodations:** Volunteers will be housed in air-conditioned rooms at the Neve Shalom Guest House, with three to four persons per room.

**Academic Credit:** Undergraduate or graduate course credit for up to 6 semester hours is available. Additional tuition fees apply.

**\$650/week  
+ airfare**

**For More Information Contact**

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