



Welcome, New PhD Students!

Congratulations to the following students who were accepted into the PhD program beginning in January 2017:

- Steve Adams (biblical interpretation)
- Heather Allen (psych/counseling)
- Andrew Baker (theology)
- Toby Brogden (evangelism)
- Fabio Castellanos (New Testament)
- Josh Johnson (biblical exposition)
- Ikhwan Kim (Old Testament)
- Ronnie McLellan (evangelism)
- Jacquelyn Middlecamp (Christian ed)
- Andy Nance (Old Testament)
- Justin Phillips (psych/counseling)
- Ryan Ralston (biblical exposition)
- Patrick Weaver (evangelism)
- Mark Whitt (Christian ed)
- Russell Zwerner (biblical exposition)

Welcome to the PhD family!

Research Proposals and Approvals Due by December 16

Friday, December 16 is the deadline for the ReDOC office to receive 2 copies of approved proposals and [Research Proposal Report](#) forms for students taking the January 2-6 Prospectus Development course. The course [syllabus](#) is available online.



Online Registration Closes Nov. 14

Online registration for January and spring 2017 will close at 4:00 p.m. CST on Monday, November 14. Students beginning the PhD program in January need to send registration forms electronically by that deadline or, if mailed, post-marked by November 14.

Students who are not taking a course do not need to register online. If you are on program proficiency, dissertation writing, or ReDOC-approved inactive status, the ReDOC office will work with the Registrar's office to register you under your advisor or guidance committee chair.

Students who submitted a research proposal by the November 1 deadline need to register through SelfServe for the January 2-6 RDOC9303 Prospectus Development course. Students whose proposals are not approved by the December 16 deadline will be dropped from the course at no charge.

Tuition for January courses is due by 4:00 PM on the last full business day prior to the first day of class. Fees for spring semester are due by 4:00 PM on Friday, January 20, 2017.

The [spring schedule](#) is available online. The ReDOC office links syllabi to the schedule as soon as they are received.

If you still need to register for a course, do it now—avoid the \$200 late registration fee!

Remember to thank God for every good and perfect gift!

—James 1:17

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **November 14:** Registration for January, Spring 2017 closes at 4:00 PM Central Time
- ◆ **November 21-25:** Thanksgiving break; no classes
- ◆ **December 16:** Graduation rehearsal (2:30 p.m.) and President's reception (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
- ◆ **December 17:** Graduation
- ◆ **January 2-6:** Prospectus Development
- ◆ **January 4-6:** Qual Exams
- ◆ **January 10-12:** Intro to Doctoral Research and Writing
- ◆ **January 23:** Spring semester begins



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PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **November 19:** LifeWay cap and gown [rental](#) deadline
- ◆ **December 2:** Final copies of dissertations due
- ◆ **December 16:** Research proposal approvals due
- ◆ **January 17:** Deadline for incoming students to submit proof of completion of prerequisites
- ◆ **January 23:** Spring semester begins

Charles A. Ray Scholarship for PhD Students

Following the passing of Dr. Charlie Ray’s father, Charles A. Ray, the Division of Biblical Studies started a scholarship for PhD students in honor of Dr. Charles A. Ray. Scholarships will become available when the fund reaches \$10,000.

Dr. Ray earned his doctorate in church history at NOBTS, and Dr. Charlie Ray received his doctorate here in New Testament, as did his son Charles Ray III. [The Rays were the first to have three generations earn doctoral degrees at NOBTS.](#) The

PhD scholarship will continue to honor Dr. Ray’s legacy by helping future students pursue this research degree. Contributions to the scholarship fund can be made by sending a check to the NOBTS Office of Institutional Advancement (put *Charles A. Ray Scholarship* on the memo line).



ReDOC Schedule for 2016-2017

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2016-2017.

December 14 (11/14 IRB)

January 25 (no prospectuses)

February 8 (1/9 IRB)

March 8 (2/8 IRB) (summer directed studies)

March 27—Doctoral Admissions

April 12 (3/13 IRB)

May 10 (4/10 IRB) (fall directed studies)

June 7 (5/8 IRB)

An IRB request and a pdf of a prospectus for research using human subjects must be **submitted to the guidance committee chair**, who must forward them to redocsec@nobts.edu, indicating permission to proceed, 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. Prospectuses 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.

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

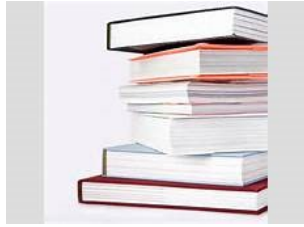
WE ARE NOT ON POWER CAMPUS, SO WE DO NOT GET AUTOMATIC UPDATES.



Library Acquisitions

Reference librarian Eric Benoy is keeping us informed of newly acquired library resources each month. Check out the latest additions in your area.

- [April 2016](#)
- [May 2016](#)
- [June 2016](#)
- [July 2016](#)
- [August 2016](#)
- [September 2016](#)
- [October 2016](#)



Thanks, Eric!

Newcombe Fellowship: November 15 Deadline

The [Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships](#) support the final year of dissertation research for PhD candidates in the humanities and social sciences. Proposals should have religious or ethical values as a central concern and be relevant to the solution of contemporary religious, cultural, or human rights questions. The stipend is \$25,000 for a 12-month period of dissertation writing, with the expectation the dissertation will be completed between April 1 and August 31, 2018.

Proposal submission deadline: **November 15, 2016**, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

EHS Emerging Scholars Grant

In keeping with a commitment to cultivate scholars in the field of homiletics, the [Evangelical Homiletics Society](#) has established an Emerging Scholars Grant of \$2,000 plus registration fees and meals to attend the annual EHS conference. The grant competition is open to all PhD students who are Associate Members of EHS (fee: \$25/year).

- • To enter, submit a paper of 15,000 to 20,000 words focusing on a relevant issue in homiletics.
- • Papers must follow the [EHS style guide](#).
- • The EHS jury will evaluate papers based on relevance to the teaching of biblical preaching and the [EHS confessional statement](#).
- • The winner will be recognized at the annual conference and may present the research at the conference and/or have the article published in *JEHS*.

Submission deadline: May 31

Keep this competition in mind in the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters as you write major papers for your seminars!

For details, see the [EHS website](#).



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HOMILETICS
SOCIETY

Teaching Certificate Course Postponed

We apologize to you who came to the November 7 Teaching in the 21st Century certificate course Excellence in the Classroom. It unexpectedly had to be postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Certificate courses are being made available through Blackboard as well. Contact Karla McGehee at kmcgehee@nobts.edu to request enrollment in the BB shell if you would like to complete these courses online.

Oral Exam Passes

Congratulations to Tim Bray (theology) and Mark Cooper (New Testament) for passing the Oral Comprehensive Examination!



2017

- **January 30, February 6, February 13:** Creating Online Courses with Excellence: CEEF 6351 – *Advanced Online Course Development**
Location ITC, Lab G
- **April 10:** Ministering to Students with Excellence (Dr. Hal Stewart) The purpose of this session is to investigate how the teacher in Christian higher education ministers to the student by aiming to engage in spiritual formation development.
Location HSC 211

*This course is required for the *Teaching in the 21st Century* certificate.

** All sessions held from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **

\$25,000 FTE Doctoral Fellowships

The Forum for Theological Exploration is offering fellowships of up to \$25,000 for doctoral students who meet the following qualifications:

- African, Latino/a, Asian-Pacific Islander, or First Nations descent
- Enrolled in a ThD or PhD program in religious, theological, or biblical studies
- Course work completed by January 1, 2017
- In a position to write full time during 2017

Students who have completed course work but not passed orals may apply.

[Applications are available online.](#)

Due date: February 1, 2017

\$1,500 Doctoral Award for Alumni in Education

Emerald Group Publishing and the Higher Education Teaching and Learning Association (HETL) are offering a \$1,500 award, free registration to an HETL conference at which the winner may present the paper, and a free copy of an Emerald or HETL book. Up to two Highly Commended Doctoral Research Awards also will be given.

- Doctoral research must be in the field of education.
- The doctoral degree must have been conferred between October 1, 2013 and October 1, 2016.

[Applications are available online.](#)

Due date: March 1, 2017

Presentations

ETS Annual Meeting, November 15-17, 2016, San Antonio, TX

- Rex Butler**, “The Father, the Son, and the Lord Montanus”: The New Prophecy and the Development of Trinitarian Doctrine”
- Dennis Cole**, “From Jabez to Josiah: The Rhetorical Function of Prayer in the Chronicler’s History”
- Jesse Coyne** (NT, 2015), “Exodus, New Exodus, and Final Exodus: The Wilderness Motif in the OT, STL, & Hebrews”
- Adam Harwood**, “Did the Incarnation Introduce Change among the Persons of the Trinity?”
- Andrew Hollingsworth** (theology), “Ecos of Meaning: Umberto Eco’s Semiotic Theory for Theological Hermeneutics”
- Billy Puckett** (theology, 2013), “The Ethical Trinity: Aseity as Moral Activity”
- Rhyné Putman**, “Confirmation Bias in Theological Methodology”
- Jeff Rankin** (OT, 2006), “Three Prohibitions and One Prescription: Deuteronomy 17, Psalm 1, and the Idealized King”
- Andrea Robinson** (biblical interpretation), “Heaven on Earth? An Exegesis of John 14:1-3”
- Matt Rose** (NT), “The Origins of Montanism and the Orthodox Response to the ‘Heresy’”
- Matt Solomon** (NT, 2014), “Ancient Paragraph Divisions and the Text of Philemon”
- Debbie Steele** (psych/counseling, 2007) and Rodrick Durst, “Utilizing Emotionally Focused Counseling to Know and Love God and Others: Hosea as a Case Study”
- Robert Stewart**, “Who’s Afraid of ‘God of the Gaps’ Arguments?”
- Dustin Turner** (theology), “Baptized into Christ according to Balthasar Hubmaier and John Calvin”

ASOR Annual Meeting, November, 18 2016, San Antonio, TX

- Dennis Cole**, “Is It Just Water? Six Seasons of Excavations at Tel Gezer Water System”

SBL Annual Meeting, November 19-22, 2016, San Antonio, TX

- Jesse Coyne** (NT, 2015), “[Resurrection and the Logic of New Creation in the Epistle to the Hebrews](#)”
- Renate Hood** (NT, 2002; VP of SWCRS), “[Using Meditation to Help Us Teach the Bhagavad-Gita](#)”
- Matt Rose** (NT), “[Orthodoxy and Heresy: The Orthodox Response to Montanism and Its Implications on the Bauer Thesis](#)”
- Viktor Roudkovski** (NT, 2004), “[By the Hand of a Woman?: The Pedagogy of Violence in the Book of Judith](#)”
- Gerald Stevens**, “[Technology Twist on the Visiting Professor](#)”
- Bill Warren, Allyson Nance** (NT), and **Katie Morgan** (NT), “[Early Infancy Gospels as Witnesses for the New Testament Text](#)”

2016 Meetings

Evangelical Theological Society

Annual Meeting
“The Trinity”

November 15-17, 2016

Grand Hyatt and the
Marriott Rivercenter
San Antonio, TX

Society of Biblical Literature

Annual Meeting

November 19-22, 2016

San Antonio, TX



2017 Meetings

American Society of Church History

Annual Meeting
“Reformations”

January 5-8, 2017

Colorado Convention
Center
Denver, CO

SE Commission for the Study of Religion

Regional Meeting
“Utopia and Dystopia”

March 3-5, 2017

Marriott Raleigh Crabtree
Valley
Raleigh, NC

SW Commission on Religious Studies

Regional Meeting
“Religion Matters”

March 10-12, 2017

Marriott Hotel DFW
Airport
Irving, TX

Baptist Association of Christian Educators

Annual Meeting
“Indispensable: Becoming an MVP in Disciplemaking”

March 30-31, 2017

NOBTS Campus

Baptist History & Heritage Society

Annual Meeting
“Biographies and Narratives: Baptist Experiences and Convictions”

June 1-3, 2017

FBC Augusta, GA

Can You Dig It? The Gezer Water System Expedition 2017

May 20-June 9, 2017
\$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 20-June 9, 2017. Volunteers should plan to arrive no later than May 20, and those working all three weeks should plan departures for June 9.

Cost: \$1,950 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. For details, contact Cory Barnes (cbarnes@nobts.edu).

**\$650/week
+ airfare**

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Research website at
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