



Welcome, New PhD Students

Congratulations to the following students who were accepted into the PhD program beginning in January 2021:

- Casey Evans (theology)
- Stephen Halstead (Old Testament)
- Jonathan Jenkins (theology)
- Heather Johnson (Christian education)
- Caleb Lewis (biblical exposition)
- Cameron Mohajerin (theology)
- Gary Myers (biblical interpretation)
- Shapwung Valui (New Testament)



Qualifying Exams

Qualifying Exams will be held Wednesday, January 6 through Friday, January 8, 2021, 1-4 pm for students who applied by the November 1, 2020 deadline.

On Wednesday, January 6 students should arrive at the ITC by 12:45 pm to receive instructions and set up their computers for the exam.

Exam results are due to the ReDOC office by noon on Thursday, January 14.

Research Proposal Approvals Due Dec. 18

Friday, December 18 is the deadline for the ReDOC office to receive 2 copies of an approved research proposal and a [Research Proposal Report Form](#) for each student taking the January 4-8, 2021 Prospectus Development course. The course [syllabus](#) is available online.

Oral Exam

Congratulations to the following students for passing the Oral Comprehensive Examination.

- Jessie Charpentier (biblical exposition)
- Brandon Jenkins (New Testament)

Prospectus Approval

Keith Taylor (biblical exposition), "Preaching to Men: An Analysis of Functional Elements in Selected Sermons Preached at Promise Keepers Meetings from 1994-1996"

Jay Adkins (theology), "God, Time and Divine Interaction: An Exploration into God's Extra-Dimensionality"

Derrick Wilson (biblical interpretation), "Love of God and Love of Neighbor in James: An Intertextual Analysis"

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **November 23-27:** Thanksgiving break—no classes; offices close at noon on November 25
- ◆ **December 1:** Drop-add deadline for January 2021 workshops
- ◆ **December 15:** Drop-add deadline for Spring 2021 courses
- ◆ **December 18:** Doctoral Graduation



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PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **December 4:** Dissertation final pdf due
- ◆ **December 18:** Research proposal approval deadline for January Prospectus Development course
- ◆ **January 12:** Deadline for incoming students to submit proof of completion of prerequisites
- ◆ **January 19:** Spring semester begins

New Prospectus Approval Deadline

After observing the time period between prospectuses being reviewed by ReDOC and subsequently receiving guidance committee approval, ReDOC established a new deadline designed to address the gap.

A student must have a prospectus approved by the guidance committee no later than the beginning of the fourth active semester following ReDOC review.

After the allotted time, a student must submit a report to the guidance committee and ReDOC detailing reasons for the delay. Upon the recommendation of the guidance committee, students may be required to retake Prospectus Development.

The prospectus also must be approved by the end of the sixth year in the program.

ReDOC Schedule for 2020-2021

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2020–2021 and the IRB request deadlines:

- August 26** (no prospectuses)
- September 9 (8/10 IRB)**
- October 14 (9/14 IRB;** spring directed studies)
- October 26** (Doctoral Admissions)
- November 11 (10/12 IRB)**
- December 9 (11/9 IRB)**

- January 20** (no prospectuses)
- February 10 (1/11 IRB)**
- March 10 (2/10 IRB;** summer directed studies)
- March 29** (Doctoral Admissions)
- April 7 (3/8 IRB)**
- May 12 (4/12 IRB;** fall directed studies)
- June 2 (5/3 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 **7 copies** (double-sided printing is allowed) 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. Indicate the appropriate professors on the directed study approval page.

If your research involves human subjects, you must go through the Institutional Review Board approval process.

Your guidance committee cannot approve your prospectus until (1) the IRB assesses the risk to and protection of the participants; (2) you submit your revised prospectus, consent form, and IRB request; and (3) the IRB approves your treatment of human subjects as reflected in these documents. You cannot contact study participants before approval of both the IRB and your guidance committee. IRB approval is valid for two years.

The maximum length for the prospectus is 30 pages of text plus the selected bibliography. Documents with text longer than 30 pages will not be accepted.

IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER, PLEASE NOTIFY THE REDOC OFFICE AND UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION IN CAMPUSNEXUS.



NOTE: If you think your guidance committee approved your prospectus but you have not seen it in the *ReDOC News*, contact the ReDOC office. **You cannot contact human subjects before approval.**

Presentations

Evangelical Theological Society November 16-20, Virtual



Alan Bandy, “Should Revelation Be in the Canon?”

Jonathan Borland (New Testament), “Tertullian’s Text of John”

Page Brooks (theology, 2008), “Who Says This War is Just? Just War Theory in Christian and Islamic Traditions”

Benjamin Browning (New Testament, 2020), “Intentional Inaction or Unremarkable Unrest? Examining Hubbard’s View of Acts 18:17”

Rex Butler, “‘Love is Life’: Raymond Lull and the Franciscan Mission to Muslims”

Tommy Doughty (theology), “Where the New Conflict Really Lies: Analytic Theological Method”

Casey Hough (biblical interpretation, 2019), “The Hem of the Jew—Zechariah 8:20-23 as a Prophetic Background to Matthew 9:18-26 and 14:34-36”

Ben Hutchison (Old Testament, 2017), “A Memorial in the House of God: The Ethiopian Eunuch of Acts 8 and the Promise of Isaiah 56”

Mario Melendez (biblical interpretation, 2019), “‘Go and do Likewise’: A Minority—Biblical Interpretation of Luke 10:25-37”

Sylvie Raquel (New Testament, 2002), “The Role of Forgiveness in Sanctification”

Charlie Ray III (New Testament, 2008), “A Lawful Use of the Law: The Use of Law in 1 Timothy 1 and Its Implications for the Church”

Michael Steinmetz (theology, 2020), “Rhetorical Digression: Ephesians 3:1-13 as Hermeneutical Key to the Book of Ephesians”

Daniel Warner, “Gezer, Water at the end of the Tunnel!”

Fall 2020 Meetings



Evangelical Philosophical Society

“Christianity and Islam”

November 17-19, 2020

Virtual

Evangelical Theological Society

“Christianity and Islam”

November 16-20, 2020

Virtual

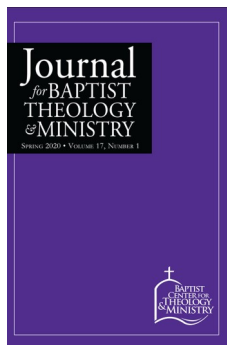
AAR/SBL

November 29-December 10,
2020

Virtual

Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry

The journal has books that are available for PhD students to read and write a review. Anyone who writes a review on a book gets to keep the book for free! If you are interested in reviewing a book for the journal, email harwoodsec@nobts.edu.



Library Acquisitions

Check out the recent acquisitions in the library:

- [October 2020](#)

Call for Papers

American Historical Association

“The Past is Always Present”

August 11-13, 2021

Portland State University
Portland, Oregon

Deadline: January 15, 2021



FTE DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR 2020-2021

The Fund for Theological Education offers the Fellowship for Doctoral Students of African Descent and the Fellowship for Latino/a, Asian-Pacific Islander, and First Nations Doctoral Students. Each fellowship recipient receives an award up to \$25,000. Qualified candidates must be

- Students of African, Latino/a, Asian, Pacific Islands or First Nations descent who are citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or Canada
- Enrolled full time in a ThD or PhD program in religion, theological studies, or biblical studies
- Finished with coursework by the beginning of the awarded fellowship year (September 1, 2021)
- In a position to write full time during the fellowship year if applicant is at the dissertation stage

The applicant’s dissertation committee must have approved the dissertation research proposal and writing plan and given the student full approval to proceed (ABD) before submission of an application.



Louisville Institute supports the study of religious practices and institutions in North America. If you are a pastoral leader, doctoral student, or academic researcher, apply for the grant or fellowship program that is the best fit for you.

Grant Deadlines

- September 1, 2020:** Pastoral Study Project (Up to \$15,000)
- October 1, 2020:** Project Grant (Up to \$30,000)
- November 1, 2020:** Sabbatical Grant (Up to \$40,000)
- January 15, 2021:** First Book Grant for Minority

Fellowship Deadlines

- December 1, 2020:** Post-Doctoral Fellowship (\$25,000/year for 2 years plus additional benefits)
- February 1, 2021:** Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

[See Louisville Institute Grants and Fellowships](#)