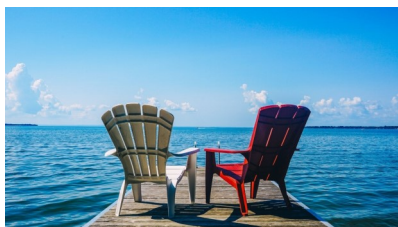




Happy Retirement, Mrs. Pam!



Let me extend the warmest greeting to you from your ReDOC office. We are excited to be entering a new academic year. I am confident that the work you are doing at the highest academic level will help to prepare you to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission. To that end, the ReDOC office exists to come alongside and serve you on this pilgrimage. Challenges will meet all of us along the way, but we serve a sovereign Lord who will neither leave nor forsake us.

Changes are also a part of our journey. For over 22 years, Pam Cole served in the Office of Research Doctoral Programs. On July 31, Pam officially retired from ReDOC. We are certainly going to miss her. She radiated a servant's attitude, met everyone with a friendly smile, and displayed an unmatched depth of knowledge about our program. Thanks, Pam, for serving the Lord with us! I do, however, have good news for those who are left behind, particularly for those who fear Kate Turabian, SBL, and APA. Pam will continue to serve as your Doctoral Form and Style Consultant. Moreover, ReDOC remains in very capable and helpful hands. Beth Terrill (phd@nobts.edu) now serves as the Research Doctoral Programs Coordinator and Savannah Kirkpatrick (redocsec@nobts.edu) joined the staff as the Administrative Assistant. When you get a chance, express appreciation for Pam, Beth, and Savannah. I thank God for them every day!

Qualifying Exams

Congratulations to the following students who passed the Qualifying Examination:

- Laura Blalock (Christian education)
- Micah Chung (Theology)
- Tyler Dean (Theology)
- Rob Gaschler (Christian education)
- Jason Ingram (Christian education)
- Emily Jarrell (Christian education)
- Della Lago (Christian education)
- Andy Nance (Old Testament)
- Sara Robinson (Christian leadership)
- James Sanders (Biblical Interpretation)

Doctoral Manual Updated



The latest version of the [Doctoral Manual](#) can be found on our webpage under Program Materials. As a reminder, this document is a good place to look for answers to all your program questions. If you still have a question after reading the manual, please contact the ReDOC Office. We would be glad to assist you!

Problems or concerns? Contact the ReDOC Office **first**. We are here to help! (No question too small.)

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **September 7:** Labor Day; offices closed, no classes
- ◆ **October 19-23:** Fall Break
- ◆ **November 2-16:** ThM and PhD registration for January and Spring 2021
- ◆ **December 15:** Drop-add deadline for January and Spring 2021 courses



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PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **September 30:** Financial Aid application deadline for Spring 2021
- ◆ **October 1:** ThM and PhD graduation application deadline; dissertation submission deadline

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)**
- 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)**
- March 29** (Doctoral Admissions)
- April 7 (3/8 IRB)**
- May 12 (4/12 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.**

Prospectus Approvals

Anthony Daw (biblical interpretation), “Solidarity with Christ: A Study in Corporate Solidarity and Its Implications for Participation in Christ”

Paul Richey (evangelism), “The Use of Pauline Evangelism Principles for the Development of a Strategy of Evangelism to a Culture of Intersectionality”

Brantley Scott (Great Commission studies), “Diaspora Mission and Scripture: Toward an Understanding of the Biblical and Hermeneutical Case for Diaspora Mission in the Local Church”

Ryan Wade (evangelism), “William Booth’s Theory and Practice of Evangelism”

Evangelical Homiletical Society
 “Preaching in an Age of Idols”
October 15, 2020
 Virtual

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