



Dissertations Due March 1

If you are planning to submit your dissertation by March 1, please let the ReDOC office know, if you have not already done so (e-mail is fine). The [Program Materials page](#) has all the necessary information:

- Dissertation and Graduation Fees Form
- Copyright, abstract, vita formats
- Sample dissertation format
- Graduation Checklist
- Dissertation Processing Notebook
- ThM/PhD [Graduation Application](#)

All parts of the dissertation should be submitted by the deadline, including dedication and acknowledgments, if any.

Applications to receive the **ThM only** are due by **February 15**.

Links to rent or purchase regalia can be found on the [Registrar's Graduation](#) web page. PhD graduates also must complete the SED Survey and Ministry Survey.

Qualifying Exams

Congratulations to the following students for passing qualifying examinations:

- Landon Adams (church history)
- Andrew Chesteen (evangelism)
- Josh Hagans (theology)
- Colby Lambert (Christian ed.)
- Nick Maricle (theology)
- Joshua Payne (counselor ed. & supervision)
- Brandon Phillips (Christian leadership)
- Shannon Radosevich (Christian ed.)
- Corbin Smith (biblical interpretation)
- Sebastian Suma (biblical interpretation)
- Bobby Tinner (counselor ed. & supervision)
- DeeDee Williams (biblical interpretation)

Research Proposals Due April 1

In order to attend RDOC9303 Prospectus Development June 7-11, 2021, a student must submit 4 copies of the research proposal to the **guidance committee chairperson** on or before April 1, 2021. The guidance committee chairperson will enlist two division readers to provide feedback in addition to the second member of the guidance committee, and the student will need to work with the chairperson to make any required revisions before the guidance committee approves the document. A [Research Proposal Report](#) form indicating guidance committee approval and 2 copies of the finalized document must be received by the ReDOC office no later than May 14, 2021.

Students who submit proposals by the April 1 deadline must register for the June miniterm course RDOC9303 in the April 19-May 3 online registration. Students whose proposals are not approved by May 14 will be dropped from the course at no charge.

Change to Doctoral Manual

The Research Doctoral Oversight Committee recently approved the following policy regarding dissertation research methodologies as part of the qualification of the researcher. The new policy can be found on page III-23 of the [Doctoral Manual](#).

“Students must show academic proficiency in the methodologies that they will be using in their dissertation prior to the approval of their prospectus. This proficiency may include taking a course that covers the methodology if their committee and/or division so require.”

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **February 16:** Mardi Gras; offices closed, no classes
- ◆ **March 14:** Daylight Saving Time begins
- ◆ **March 15-19:** Spring break
- ◆ **March 29:** Doctoral Admissions
- ◆ **April 2:** Good Friday; offices closed, no classes
- ◆ **April 4:** Easter



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PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **February 1:** PhD application deadline
- ◆ **February 15:** ThM graduation application deadline
- ◆ **March 1:** Dissertations and PhD graduation applications due for May graduation
- ◆ **March 3:** Summer directed study proposal deadline
- ◆ **May 5:** Fall directed study proposal deadline

Presentations

Josh Hagans (theology), “Is Jesus Maleness Normative for Human Beings? A Thomistic Approach”

Ron Lindo (Old Testament), “Biblical Wisdom for Dealing With A History of BlackPain”

Defining Justice in an Age of Turmoil eConference, February 20, 2021
Presented by the University of Denver and Iliff Theology School

Oral Exam

Congratulations to Karen Roudkovski (counselor education and supervision) on passing the oral exam!

Library Acquisitions

Check out the recent acquisitions in the library:

- [October 2020](#)
- [December 2020](#)
- [January 2021](#)

ReDOC Schedule for 2020-2021

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2020–2021:

- 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. Do submit a hard copy of 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.

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.**

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





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



Mercersburg Society Roth

The [Mercersburg Society Roth Prize](#) is named for Jeffrey Roth, a founding member of the Mercersburg Society. The purpose of the prize is to promote the study of Mercersburg Theology from a variety of angles.

This annual prize of \$750 is given for the best student paper on any topic, historical or contemporary, pertaining to Mercersburg Theology. Undergraduate, graduate, and seminary students are welcome to submit papers written in their courses or arising from independent study. Papers should be approximately 15-20 pages in length, complete with appropriate documentation.

The recipient of the prize will be invited to present the winning essay at a Mercersburg Society Convocation (held annually in June). At the decision of the editors, the paper may then be published in the *New Mercersburg Review*. Inquiries may be sent to Dr. Anne Thayer: athayer@lanasterseminary.edu

Submissions for 2021 must be received by **May 20, 2021**.

Acton Institute Novak Award

The Acton Institute is now accepting applications for the 2021 Novak Award.

Who: Current doctoral candidates or those who have received a doctorate in the past five academic years are eligible. Applicants should have studied theology, religion, philosophy, history, law, politics, economics, or related fields.

What: \$15,000 award

Why: To reward new outstanding scholarly research concerning the relationship between religion, economic freedom, and the free and virtuous society.

When: Applications must be mailed to the Acton Institute and postmarked by April 15, 2021.

Click [here](#) to apply.



Lynn E. May, Jr

SBHLA Lynn E. May Jr. Study Grant

The Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Council of Seminary Presidents, sponsors a program whereby funds are made available periodically for partial support of research in the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives. The grants provide a maximum of \$750. The grants are in memory of Lynn E. May Jr., who served as Executive Director of the Historical Commission from 1971 to 1995 and who has been instrumental in the establishment of the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.

Graduate students, college and seminary professors, historians, and other writers may apply for the grants. Apply online on the [SBHLA Web site](#). Applications should be submitted to Taffey Hall, Director of the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, 901 Commerce Street, Suite 400, Nashville, Tennessee 37203-3630 by **April 1, 2021**.

Spring 2021 Meetings

<p><u>Society of Biblical Literature</u></p> <p>Southeast Regional Meeting</p> <p>March 12-14, 2021</p> <p>Florida State University</p> <p>Virtual Meeting</p>	<p><u>Society of Biblical Literature</u></p> <p>Southwest Regional Meeting</p> <p>March 6, 2021</p> <p>9:00 AM-12:00 PM</p> <p>Virtual Meeting</p>	<p><u>SE Evangelical Theological Society</u></p> <p>“The Doctrine of God”</p> <p>March 19-20, 2021</p> <p>Charleston Southern University Charleston, SC</p> <p>Virtual Meeting</p>	
	<p><u>American Association of Christian Counselors</u></p> <p>“The Church and Mental Health”</p> <p>March 19-20, 2021</p> <p>Prestonwood Baptist Church Plano, TX</p>	<p><u>Baptist Association of Christian Educators</u></p> <p>“Transitions: What’s Next for the Church?”</p> <p>March 25-26, 2021</p> <p>Virtual Meeting</p>	<p><u>ETS Annual Meeting</u></p> <p>“Wealth and Poverty”</p> <p>Fort Worth, TX</p> <p>Omni Hotel</p>

Tel Hadid 2021

June 13-July 8
\$1400/two weeks + Airfare

Sponsored by The Moskau Institute of Archaeology/Center for Archaeological Research of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Tel Aviv University

The Project: Participate in the excavation of an ancient city that was resettled by the Assyrians after the fall of Jerusalem in 722 BC. The site also was home to the Hebrew people who returned to Israel after the exile (Ezra 2:33; Nehemiah 7:37, 11:34).

Dates: June 13-July 8, 2021. Volunteers should plan to arrive no later than June 11, and those working all four weeks should plan departures for July 8 or after.

Cost: \$1,400 for first two weeks, \$650 for each additional week + airfare. Costs cover room and board. Weekend travel fee is \$50/person/day, and participants are responsible for meals during the tours. 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. The weekend travel cost is \$50/person/day.

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 9 semester hours is available. Standard tuition and fees apply. For details, contact Dr. Dennis Cole (rdcole@nobts.edu).

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