



New CNS Student Portal



Our new student information system, CampusNexus Student, went live on June 1, replacing PowerCampus. You can access your academic records, register, and handle your account through the [Student Portal](#).

Summer registrations migrated from the old system to the new, and you will be able to see the courses you indicated on our fall registration Google doc in April as soon as we finish entering your course choices into the new system.

Oral Exams

Congratulations to the following students for passing their oral comprehensive examinations:

- Andy Baker (theology)
- Paul Richey (evangelism)
- Jerry Welch (Christian education)

Summer Hours



NOBTS offices opened to the public on May 25 with limited hours of 8 am to 1 pm Central Time. Through July 31, staff will be able to respond by phone and e-mail until the close of the summer work day at 4 pm.

We will be wearing our masks. Please remember yours.

New Drop-Add Deadlines

Because PhD seminars and colloquia require a great deal of preparation on the part of students and professors alike, new deadlines have been set for adding and dropping PhD courses.

The PhD drop-add deadline for fall courses is July 15 and for spring courses is December 15. January courses must be dropped by December 1 and August courses by July 1. Drop-add fees will apply after these deadlines.

Requests for exceptions to drop would go to the ReDOC office for approval. Requests for exceptions to add would go to the professor and then to the ReDOC office.

Academic Appointments

Congratulations to the following graduates for being named to the following positions beginning in the Fall 2020 semester.

Mario Melendez (biblical interpretation, December 2019), Auguie Henry Chair of Bible, Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Studies, Oklahoma Baptist University

Michael Reed (Christian education, December 2019), Director of Admissions, NOBTS

Chris Shaffer (theology, May 2020), Associate Vice President for Institutional Strategy, NOBTS

Michael Steinmetz (theology, May 2020), Assistant Professor of Christian Studies, Brewton-Parker College

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **June 8:** Summer German or Latin individual sessions begin. E-mail [registration form](mailto:travel@nobts.edu) to travel@nobts.edu
- ◆ **July 4:** Independence Day; offices will be closed **July 3.**
- ◆ **August 5-7:** Qualifying Exams
- ◆ **August 21:** Tuition deadline for fall semester
- ◆ **August 24:** Fall semester begins



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PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **August 7:** Nonbiblical language exams deadline for Fall 2020 semester
- ◆ **August 20:** Qualifying Exam results due to ReDOC by 12:00 noon Central Time

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 before you submit a pdf 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 SELFSERVE.



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

Brooks Beike (evangelism), “The Effectiveness of Conversational Evangelism and Other Methods in the Conversion of Young Adults in Southern Baptist Churches”

Fabio Castellanos (New Testament), “Codex Petropolitanus”

Chris Gates (biblical interpretation), “The Psalmic Subtext in the Conclusion of Mark’s Gospel”

Lisa Kellogg (counseling), “Self-Esteem, God Image, and Their Effect on the Relationship Between Attachment to Significant Persons and Attachment to God ”

Derek Kitterlin (biblical exposition), “An Investigation into Schemes and Tropes in Selected Sermons of Gardner Taylor”

Ron Lindo (Old Testament), “Bringing Peace to the Nations: An Exploration of the Editorial Design of the Book of Esther”

Ju Heun Park (New Testament), “Codex Monacensis”

Jackie Taylor (biblical interpretation), “Reconsidering the Greek Symposium as a Model for the Last Supper: A Social-Scientific Analysis”

Evangelical Homiletical Society

“Preaching in an Age of Idols”

October 15-17, 2020

Baylor University

Waco, TX

Fall 2020 Meetings



Evangelical Philosophical Society

“Christianity and Islam”

November 17-19, 2020

Omni Hotel

Providence, RI

Evangelical Theological Society

“Christianity and Islam”

November 17-19, 2020

Omni Hotel

Providence, RI

AAR/SBL

November 21-24, 2020

Hynes Convention Center

Boston, MA



Torbet Prize
for the
Best Essay
in any area of
Baptist History

\$500 Award & Publication
in the American Baptist Quarterly

This prize was established in honor of Robert G. Torbet to encourage development of young scholars in the field of Baptist history studies.

RULES:

Author has not already published a major scholarly work; Entries should be no more than 25 pages (excluding notes); Manuscript must be double-spaced; Citations must follow the Chicago Manual of Style

Entries should be sent to:
American Baptist Historical Society
3001 Mercer U. Drive
Atlanta GA 30341

Electronic submissions:
ABHS@ABHSarchives.org

Deadline for Entries is September 1, 2020

Sponsored by the American Baptist Historical Society
Winner is selected by the Research and Publication Committee of the ABHS Board of Managers