



Congratulations, PhD Graduates!

Timothy Bray (theology), “A Comparative Analysis of the Correlation between the Destiny of the Unevangelized and Selected Core Doctrinal Beliefs of John E. Sanders and Terrance L. Tiessen”

Thomas Magers (biblical exposition), “A Critical Analysis of Style in Selected Sermons of John A. Broadus”

Luis Munoz Bueno (theology), “Counterfactuals of Creaturely Freedom: Gregory Boyd, William Lane Craig, and God’s Knowledge of the Future for the Freedom of the Creatures”

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



Congratulations, ThM Graduates!

Congratulations to the following students who will receive the Master of Theology degree on December 18, 2020:

- Laura Blalock (Christian education)
- Micah Chung (theology)
- Tyler Dean (theology)
- Robert Gaschler (Christian education)
- Jason Ingram (Christian education)
- Emily Jarrell (Christian education)
- Sara Robinson (Christian leadership)
- James Sanders (biblical interpretation)

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.

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.

Prospectus Approval

Clay Carter (Christian education), “The Relationship between Mentoring and Spiritual Formation in Adolescents”

Jerry Welch (Christian education), “A Collective Case Study of Multi-Ethnic Small-Group Discipleship in Selected Southern Baptist Churches”



UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **December 15:** Drop-add deadline for Spring 2021 courses
- ◆ **December 18:** Doctoral Graduation
- ◆ **December 21-January 1:** Christmas break; no classes, offices closed (noon, Dec. 23)
- ◆ **January 4-8:** Prospectus Development
- ◆ **January 6-8:** Qualifying Exams
- ◆ **January 12-14:** Introduction to Doctoral Research and Writing
- ◆ **January 12-15:** Teaching in Higher Education
- ◆ **January 14:** Qualifying Exam results due to ReDOC office by noon
- ◆ **January 18:** Martin Luther King Day; offices closed, no classes
- ◆ **January 19:** Spring semester begins



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PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **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 15:** Tuition deadline for spring 2021 semester
- ◆ **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:

- 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.

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

(504) 816-8010 or 1-800-NOBTS-01, ext. 8010
phd@nobts.edu or redocsec@nobts.edu

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.**

Presentation

Kendall Wolz (counselor education and supervision), “Brave Girl, Speak: Advocating for Forgotten Victims”

36th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment
January 23-29, 2021

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](#)
- [December 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](#)