



December Graduation



Anticipating December graduation? See dates and links below regarding items to submit to the ReDOC office.

PhD alone: October 1 deadline to submit [ReDOC application](#), dissertation, and [dissertation fee form](#) plus \$55 diploma fee and \$240 in document fees

ThM and PhD: October 1 deadline to submit [ThM application](#), [ReDOC application](#), dissertation, and [dissertation fee form](#) plus \$110 in diploma fees and \$240 in document fees

Four plain-paper copies of the dissertation in separate boxes are due to the ReDOC office by the October 1 deadline. One of the four required final copies, due by December 4, will be returned to you bound. You can order additional bound copies for \$30 each. Ordering now is your only opportunity to get additional full-sized copies in the formal black binding.

Baptist Center Journal

The Spring 2015 *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* is [available online](#) at no charge. The theme of this issue is Bible translation as missions. Contributors include Dave Brunn, Bryan Harmelink, Larry B. Jones, and Perry Oakes as well as book reviewers Cory Barnes, Ben Hutchison, Dr. Steve Lemke, and Dustin Turner.

Also, *JBTM* has been selected for inclusion in the American Theological Library Association Religion Database (ATLA RDB). Congratulations!

Religious Liberty Event Sept. 29

The following participants will present their perspectives on religious liberty at the [Baptist Voices on Religious Liberty](#) event sponsored by the NOBTS Institute for Faith & the Public Square and the Baptist Center for Theology & Ministry on Tuesday, September 29:

William Brackney (Acadia Divinity College, Canada)

Mike Edens (NOBTS)

Gregory Komendant (plenary speaker, Kiev Theological Seminary)

Kenneth McDowell (Union Baptist College & Seminary, New Orleans)

Russell Moore (ELRC)

Suzi Paynter (CBF)

J. Brent Walker (Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty)

The afternoon session will begin at 1:00 pm in Leavell Chapel, and the evening plenary session will convene at 7:00 pm. This event is open to all at no charge, but registration is encouraged. Register for the conference at www.nobts.edu/events/BaptistVoices.html.



The Race before Us

Need some encouragement? Check out the [Race before Us](#) videos of PhD students for tips on how to persevere through the ups and downs of the program and finish the race well!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **September 29:** Baptist Voices event
- ◆ **October 1:** Dissertation and PhD graduation application deadline
- ◆ **October 19-23:** Fall Break
- ◆ **October 26- November 9:** Registration for January, Spring 2016



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PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **October 1:** Dissertations due; PhD graduation application deadline
- ◆ **October 19-23:** Fall Break
- ◆ **November 1:** LifeWay [cap and gown purchase](#) deadline
- ◆ **November 14:** LifeWay [cap and gown rental](#) deadline

Qualifying Exams

Congratulations to the following students who passed their Qualifying Examinations in August:

- Joseph Bird (preaching)
- Maggie Fredericks (Christian ed.)
- Justin Kelly (psych/counseling)
- Chris McElmurray (bib interp)
- Karla McGehee (Christian ed.)
- Jacob Milstead (theology)
- Steven Suluma (theology)
- Keith Taylor (preaching)



Oral Exams

Congratulations to the following students who passed their Oral Comprehensive Examinations:

- Amy Morgan (psych/counseling)
- Angela Scruggs (psych/counseling)
- Jared Thomas (psych/counseling)

Prospectus Approvals

Josh Carter (evangelism), “A Demographic Analysis of Mosaic Churches within the Southern Baptist Convention”

Charles Owusu (Christian education), “A Study of the Relationship between Discipleship Practices and Intercultural Competence and Their Impact on Numerical Church Growth”

Karla Ra (New Testament), “A Contextual Study of the Activities of Preaching, Teaching, and Prophesying in the Early Church”

ReDOC Schedule for 2015-2016

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2015-2016.

- October 14**
- November 2**—Doctoral Admissions
- November 11**
- December 9**
- January 20** (no prospectuses)
- February 10**
- March 9**
- April 13**
- May 11**
- June 1**

NEW: An IRB request and a pdf of a prospectus using human subjects must be received by redocsec@nobts.edu 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 **9 copies** submitted through your chairperson to the Office of Research Doctoral Programs no later than one week before the scheduled ReDOC 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 pro-

posal to phd@nobts.edu. Do submit a hard copy of the directed study approval page.

Please keep in mind that final approval of your prospectus is granted by your doctoral guidance committee after you make any revisions your committee deems appropriate in light of feedback from ReDOC.

If you are required to go through the Institutional Review Board approval process for research with human subjects, your committee cannot approve your prospectus until the IRB assesses the risk to and protection of the participants.

NOTE: If you think your guidance committee has approved your prospectus but you have not seen your approval in the *ReDOC News*, please let us know.

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ETS Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to New Testament students HaYoung Son and Courtney Veasey, who were awarded student scholarships from the Evangelical Theological Society. The purpose of these scholarships is to provide an opportunity for students to be actively involved in the academy. Scholarships include the following:

Year One

- Free Annual Meeting registration
- Free Annual Meeting Banquet ticket
- \$300 cash award for travel expenses and meals
- Free hotel accommodations at the annual meeting (four nights)
- Luncheon with the Executive Committee and invited guests
- 1 year free ETS membership
- Book vouchers and publications from scholarship sponsors

Year Two

- Free Regional Meeting registration
- Free Regional Meeting Banquet ticket (if applicable)
- \$150 cash award for regional meeting travel expenses and meals
- 1 year free ETS membership
- Free Annual Meeting registration
- Free Annual Meeting Banquet ticket

Students must be nominated by ETS members, and nominations close mid-March each year. More information is available on the [ETS website](#).

Upcoming Meetings

<p><u>American Association of Christian Counselors</u></p> <p>World Conference</p> <p>“Be Strong”</p> <p>September 23-26, 2015</p> <p>Opryland Hotel Nashville, TN</p>	<p><u>Evangelical Homiletics Society</u></p> <p>Annual Meeting</p> <p>“Preaching and Biblical Literacy”</p> <p>October 15-17, 2015</p> <p>Southern Baptist Theological Seminary</p>	<p><u>Evangelical Theological Society</u></p> <p>Annual Meeting</p> <p>“Marriage and Family”</p> <p>November 17-19, 2015</p> <p>Atlanta Hilton Atlanta, GA</p>	<p><u>Society of Biblical Literature</u></p> <p>Annual Meeting</p> <p>November 21-24, 2015</p> <p>Atlanta, GA</p>
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Upcoming Presentations

AACC
September 23-26, 2015
Nashville, Tennessee

Bill DuVall (2014), “Faith Identity States: A Dynamic Theory of Faith Development”

Ian Jones, “Why Worry? Learning to Deal with Anxiety in a Biblical, Transformational Way”

Ian Jones and Ron Hawkins, “Possess Your Soul: A Biblical and Transformational Approach to Helping Others”

Kathy Steele, “The Role and Use of Scriptural Principles in Interventions in Counseling”



Calls for Papers

Paper proposals for the Southeast Commission for the Study of Religion regional meeting in Atlanta, GA March 4-6 should be submitted through the [SECSOR website](#) to the appropriate section chairs and include a 1-2 page description of a 20-minute presentation.

Deadline: *October 5*

The [Polanyi Society](#) has issued a [call for papers](#) for their June 8-11, 2016 conference Polanyi Studies: Past, Present, and Future to be held at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Nashotah, WI. Proposals should be no more than 250 words and can be sent to Andrew Grosso at agrosso@icloud.com.

Deadline: *November 30*



ETS Annual Meeting November 17-19 Atlanta, GA

Michael Polanyi



NOBTS alumni, students, and faculty will present the following 15 papers at the annual ETS Meeting in Atlanta, GA November 17-19:

Cory Barnes (Old Testament) and Archie England, “How Does a Kinsman Become a Brother? Tracing the Expansion of Levirate Marriage from Deuteronomy 25 to the Book of Ruth”; “The Startling Elevation of the Son of Man: The Use of Ancient Near Eastern Intertexts in Daniel 7”

Jesse Coyne (New Testament), “King of the Nations? Revelation, Harmonization and the New Testament Collections”

Lloyd Harsch, “The U.S. Supreme Court and Marriage: A Survey of Court Findings and Precedents”

Steve Lemke, “Who Decides? The Role of the Family in Bioethics Decisions”

Billy Puckett (theology, 2013), “A Consideration of the Relationship between Theology and Ethics: Questions Regarding the Moral Nature of God”

Rhyné Putman, “Epistemic Disagreement and Biblical Interpretation”; “The Role of Abductive Reasoning in Theological Method”

Jeff Riley, “Created Male and Female: How Sex in the Garden Should Inform Sex in the City”

Matt Solomon (New Testament, 2014), “The Order of the New Testament Epistles: Developing an Alternative Reading Strategy”

HaYoung Son (New Testament), “Reexamining Exodus 15 as the Allusive Source of the Song of Moses and the Lamb in Revelation 15”

Debbie Steele (psych/counseling, 2007; Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary), “Counseling Family Members Affected by Same-Sex Marriage”

Josh Stewart (Old Testament, 2014; Luther Rice College & Seminary), “A Wise Translation of Job 42:5–6”

Dustin Turner (theology), “Joining the Church according to Paul: An Investigation of Paul’s Understanding of the Relationship between Baptism and Church Membership”

Dan Warner, “How Deep Can It Go? Update on the Gezer Water System 5 Seasons of Excavations”

***SBL Annual Meeting
November 21-24,
Atlanta, GA***



NOBTS alumni, students, and faculty will present the following papers at the annual SBL Meeting in Atlanta, GA November 21-24:

Jeff Cate (NT, 1997; California Baptist University), [“Learning from the Scribes: Using Variant Readings and Marginal Comments as Interpretive Tools for John’s Apocalypse”](#)

Renate Hood (NT, 2002; University of Mary Hardin-Baylor), [“Journeying through Heaven, Hail, and Hell with Jimmy Hendrix and Hollywood: Engaging Students in Apocalyptic Texts with Music and Movies”](#)

Sylvie Raquel (NT, 2002; Trinity International University), [“What Kind of Text Critic Was Origen?”](#) and [“Acts and the Amazing Race: Developing Academic Responsibility in a Freshman Course”](#)

Viktor Roudkovski (NT, 2004; LeTourneau University), [“Travelocity, Biblical Literature, and Personal Formation: Study Tours Abroad as Part of Affective Domain Teaching in Bible Courses”](#)

Matt Solomon (NT, 2014), [“The Subordination of Apphia: An Orthoprax Corruption of Scripture”](#)

Gerald Stevens, [“Cognitive Dissonance as Pedagogical Strategy for John’s Apocalypse”](#)

Ronald van der Bergh (visiting NT student, 2008; University of Pretoria), [“Marcion’s Legacy and the Old Testament Quotations in Codex Bezae’s Luke”](#)

Bill Warren, Allyson Presswood Nance (NT), and Katie Unsworth Morgan (NT), [“Canon and Scripture Development in Light of the Infancy Gospels”](#)

Read to Succeed!



In addition to all the reading you do for seminars and colloquia, be sure to make time to read each issue of the *ReDOC News*! If you read this blurb and are among the first five to email “I want to win!” to phd@nobts.edu, you will be entered in a drawing for a free ten-page paper review. Ready, set, go!