



Congratulations, PhD Graduates!



Congratulations to the following students who will receive the PhD degree on December 15, 2018:

Ron Cook (counseling), “An Examination of God Image and Resilience Among U.S. Evangelical Missionaries”

Mark Cooper (New Testament), “The Inter-textual Link between Parazeloo and Leimma in Rom 11:1-15”

Jim Gant (counseling), “Relationships Between Self-Construal and Worship Attendance, Small-Group Attendance, and Small-Group Characteristics in American Churches”

Justin Kelly (counseling), “The Impact of God Representations, Worry, and Hope on Dispositional Gratitude in Evangelical Christians”

Josh Peeler (biblical exposition), “When Doctrine Dances: A Stylistic Analysis of African American Cultural Distinctions in the Preaching of Robert Smith Jr.”

Taylor Rutland (New Testament), “An Analysis of Space and Place in the Synoptic Gospels”

Research Proposal Approvals Due Dec. 14

Friday, December 14 is the deadline for the ReDOC office to receive 2 copies of approved research proposals and Research Proposal Report Forms for students taking the January 7-11 Prospectus Development course. The [course syllabus](#) is available online.

Congratulations, ThM Graduates!

Congratulations to the following students who will receive the Master of Theology degree on December 15, 2018:

Fabio Castellanos (New Testament)
Jessie Charpentier (biblical exposition)
Stephanie Cline (Christian education)
Anthony Daw (biblical interpretation)
Tommy Doughty (theology)
Shaun Grunblatt (New Testament)
Paul Keating (Christian education)
Derek Kitterlin (biblical exposition)
Yungmin Lee (New Testament)
Ron Lindo (Old Testament)
Matt Olson (biblical exposition)
Karen Roudkovski (counseling)
Jackie Taylor (biblical interpretation)

Prospectus Approvals

Mario Melendez (biblical interpretation), “Covenant Evocations in Habakkuk”

Pat Sanders (New Testament), “Using Decision Tree Analysis and Modeling in the Paleographical Dating of Ancient Greek Manuscripts”

Course Evaluations

Thank you, PhD residents and senior residents, for having the highest percentage of course evaluation completion of any program at NOBTS so far this semester! We are glad you understand how much we value your feedback and our desire to incorporate your ideas to make the program even more outstanding.

Way to go, PhDs! If you haven’t done yours yet, please join your colleagues and add your insights.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ◆ **December 14:** Graduation rehearsal (2:30 pm), reception at the President’s home (5:30-7:00 pm)
- ◆ **December 15:** Graduation
- ◆ **December 21-January 1:** Christmas break; no classes, offices closed (noon, Dec. 21)
- ◆ **January 7-11:** Prospectus Development
- ◆ **January 9-11:** Qualifying Exams
- ◆ **January 15-17:** Introduction to Doctoral Research and Writing
- ◆ **January 15-18:** Teaching in Higher Education
- ◆ **January 17:** Qualifying Exam results due to ReDOC office by noon
- ◆ **January 21:** Martin Luther King Day; offices closed, no classes
- ◆ **January 22:** Spring semester begins



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PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- ◆ **December 14:** Research proposal approval deadline for January Prospectus Development course
- ◆ **December 15:** Graduation
- ◆ **January 15:** Deadline for incoming students to submit proof of completion of prerequisites
- ◆ **January 22:** Spring semester begins

Paper Presentation

**Gateway Seminary Jonathan Edwards Center Inaugural Conference
January 15-16, 2019**

Obbie Todd (theology), “Lord of His Treasures: Regeneration as the Work of the Son in the Theology of Jonathan Edwards”

Library Acquisitions

Reference librarian Eric Benoy is keeping us informed of newly acquired library resources each month. Check out the latest additions in your area.

- [November 2018](#)
- [December 2018](#)



NEED \$25,000?

February 1, 2019 is the application deadline for the Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship. See details on p. 5!

ReDOC Schedule for 2018-2019

The following are the ReDOC meetings for 2018–2019:

- January 23** (no prospectuses)
- February 13 (1/14 IRB)**
- March 13 (2/13 IRB;** summer directed studies)
- March 25**—Doctoral Admissions (DeMent Room, 9:00 a.m.)
- April 10 (3/11 IRB)**
- May 8 (4/8 IRB;** fall directed studies)
- June 5 (5/6 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 **11** copies (double-sided printed 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.

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 has approved your prospectus but you have not seen your approval in the *ReDOC News*, please contact the ReDOC office.

FTE DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR 2019-2020

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. 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 religious, theological, or biblical studies
- Finished with coursework by the beginning of the awarded fellowship year (September 1, 2019)
- 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.

[Click here](#) for more information and to apply online.

All online applications are due by February 1, 2019.

Questions? Contact the Director of Strategic Partnerships for Doctoral Initiatives, [Patrick B. Reyes](#).

Mercersburg Society Roth Prize

The Mercersburg Society is offering a Roth Prize for the best student paper on any historical or contemporary topic related to Mercersburg theology. The winner of the \$750 award will be invited to present the paper at the June 2019 Mercersburg Society Convocation, and the paper may be published in the *New Mercersburg Review*.

According to Anne T. Thayer, Diefenderfer Professor of Mercersburg and Ecumenical Theology and Church History at Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, PA, "Mercersburg Theology developed in the German Reformed Church in the mid-19th century under the leadership of John Williamson Nevin and Philip Schaff. They took the incarnation as their theological starting point and went on to stress the importance of the universal Church as the body of Christ organically developing through history. . . . Students taking courses in Theology, Church History, American Christianity, or Worship might well find the Mercersburg tradition a fruitful topic for in-depth study."



Papers should be submitted to Dr. Thayer at athayer@lancasterseminary.edu by May 20, 2019.

Calls for Papers

<p><u>SW Regional ETS Meeting</u></p> <p>March 8-9, 2019</p> <p>NOBTS</p> <p>Deadline: January 4</p>	<p><u>Baptist History and Heritage Society</u></p> <p>May 20-22, 2019</p> <p>Campbell University School of Law</p> <p>First Baptist Church Raleigh, NC</p> <p>Deadline: January 15</p>
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The [call for papers](#) for the 2019 annual meeting of the International SBL is open now through **January 30, 2019**. The July 1-5 sessions will be held in Rome, Italy.




2018 Meetings

<p><u>Evangelical Philosophical Society Apologetics Conference</u></p> <p>November 17-18, 2018</p> <p>New Life Church Smithfield, RI</p>	<p><u>AAR Annual Meeting Conference</u></p> <p>November 17-20, 2018</p> <p>Colorado Convention Center Denver, CO</p>
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2019 Meetings

	<p><u>SW Regional ETS Meeting</u></p> <p>“Middle Knowledge”</p> <p>March 8-9, 2019</p> <p>NOBTS</p> <p>New Orleans, LA</p>	<p><u>SW Regional SBL Meeting</u></p> <p>March 8-10, 2019</p> <p>Marriott Hotel DFW Airport Irving, TX</p>	<p><u>Baptist History and Heritage Society</u></p> <p>May 20-22, 2019</p> <p>Campbell University School of Law</p> <p>First Baptist Church Raleigh, NC</p>
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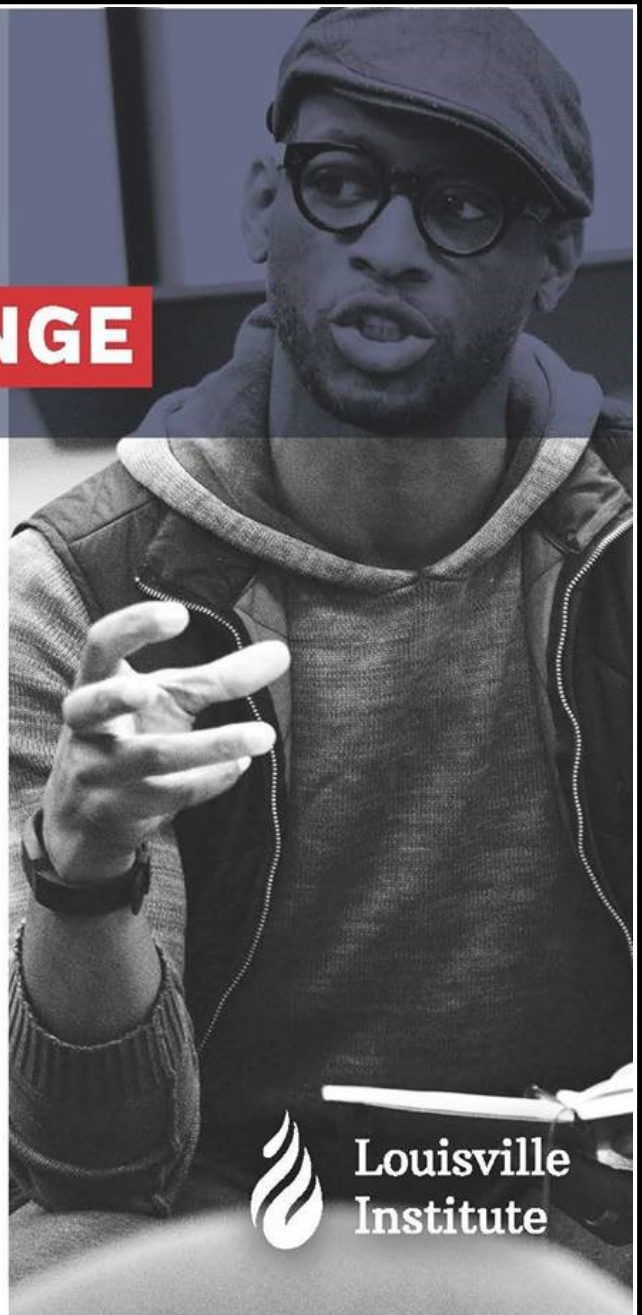
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Louisville Institute supports the study of religious practices and institutions in North America. If you are a pastoral leader, a doctoral student, or an academic researcher, apply for the grant or fellowship program that's the best fit for you.

Accepting 2019 Applications

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Grant Deadlines

- September 1, 2018:** Pastoral Study Project (Up to \$15,000)
- October 1, 2018:** Project Grant (Up to \$30,000)
- November 1, 2018:** Sabbatical Grant (Up to \$40,000)
- January 15, 2019:** First Book Grant for Minority Scholars (Up to \$40,000)

Fellowship Deadlines

- December 1, 2018:** Post-Doctoral Fellowship (\$25,000/year for 2 years plus additional benefits)
- February 1, 2019:** Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)
- March 1, 2019:** Doctoral Fellowship (\$2,000/year for 2 years)

[See Louisville Institute Grants and Fellowships](http://www.louisville-institute.org)

Can You Dig It? Tel Hadid Expedition 2019

June 2-27, 2019
\$750* per week + Airfare
 *Extra days: \$100/day

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 a hill overlooking Tel Aviv that was occupied in Persian, Hellenistic, and early Roman periods.

Dates: June 2-27, 2019. Volunteers should plan to arrive no later than May 31, and those working all four weeks should plan departures for June 28.

Cost: \$2,400 for the 4-week season, or \$750 per week (extra days: \$100/day) + airfare. Costs cover room and board. Weekend travel fee is \$50/person/day. Preference will be given to four-week participants. 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 6 semester hours is available. Additional tuition fees apply. For details, contact Shaun Grunblatt (sgrunblatt@nobts.edu).

**\$750/week
 + airfare**

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