



# THE PHD POST

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## Welcome Back!

We're kicking off a new academic year with an updated name! ReDoc News will now be referred to as The PhD Post. The PhD Post exists to provide important content such as deadlines, celebrations, resources, and more. Also, we're launching a Facebook page to help promote community among our current students! You can find this by searching for PhD Studies under groups on our main page (NOBTS).

## RDOC MEETINGS 2022-2023

The following are the Research Doctoral Committee (RDOC) meetings for 2022-2023 and the IRB request deadlines:

August 17 (no prospectuses)  
September 14 (8/15 IRB)  
October 19 (9/19 IRB)  
October 24 (Doctoral Admissions)  
November 9 (10/10 IRB)  
December 5 (11/7 IRB)  
January 18 (no prospectuses)  
February 8 (1/9 IRB)  
March 8 (2/8 IRB)  
April 3 (Doctoral Admissions)  
April 5 (3/6 IRB)  
May 10 (4/10 IRB)  
June 7 (5/8 IRB)

Students researching human subjects will submit an IRB request with a PDF of their prospectus to their supervisor, who will oversee prospectus approval before submitting both documents to [phd@nobts.edu](mailto:phd@nobts.edu) no later than one month prior to the next RDOC meeting, at which time the IRB for the prospectus will be considered. For more information regarding the IRB, please visit our manual located on our website: [nobts.edu/research/program-materials.html](http://nobts.edu/research/program-materials.html)

## PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES

- **September 30:** Financial Aid application deadline for Spring 2023
- **October 3:** PhD graduation application deadline; Dissertation submission deadline
- **November 1:** Research proposal submission deadline
- **October 31- November 14:** ThM and PhD registration for January and Spring 2023
- **December 1:** Drop-add deadline for January 2023 workshops

## Be sure to look for:

1. Our team--We've got some new faces in our office!
2. Celebration Reports
3. A Focus on the Manual
4. Graduation Information



# MEET THE TEAM

## **Dr. Alan Bandy – Director**

Dr. Bandy also serves as Professor of New Testament and Greek. His research interests are the book of Revelation, Pauline studies, and Asia Minor and its importance in early Christianity. His email is [abandy@nobts.edu](mailto:abandy@nobts.edu).

## **Laura Hui – Assistant Director & Student Liaison**

Laura is a current New Testament PhD student with us. She is excited to help roll out the new PhD revisions and act as a liaison for current PhD students. Her email is [asstdirphd@nobts.edu](mailto:asstdirphd@nobts.edu).

## **Hannah Smith – Program Coordinator**

Hannah has a great deal of experience working with teams, organizing events, and loves details. She will be a great addition to our office. Please welcome Hannah to the team! Her email is [phd@nobts.edu](mailto:phd@nobts.edu).

## **Cortney Bruketta – Admissions & Administration**

Cortney has her Masters in Christian Education. She enjoys meeting new people, talking, and creating spaces for people to succeed. Her email is [redocsec@nobts.edu](mailto:redocsec@nobts.edu)





## QUALIFYING EXAMS

Congratulations to the following students who passed the Qualifying Examination:

**Alex Wendel** (counselor education & supervision)

**Katie Majeste** (counselor education & supervision)

**Joshua Craig** (counselor education & supervision)

**Carey Hudson** (biblical interpretation)

**Heather Johnson** (christian education)



## A FOCUS ON THE MANUAL

Our PhD manual is currently going through revisions, however, please be sure to note that the current manual is located on our website:

[www.nobts.edu/\\_resources/pdf/redoc/Manual.S2021Web.pdf](http://www.nobts.edu/_resources/pdf/redoc/Manual.S2021Web.pdf)

This is a helpful resource when considering things such as:

- Program Proficiency Status
- Writing Candidacy Status
- Fees/Charges
- Active/Inactive Status



Congrats

## HAVEN'T TAKEN QUALS?

Moving forward, qualifying exams are being replaced with a ThM portfolio (Quals and Orals will be combined into a Comprehensive Exam at the end of your entire residency stage). After 25 hours of coursework, you will compile all papers, book reviews, and other written work from your four seminars into a ThM portfolio. You'll also include a self-evaluation of your progress and reflections of what you've learned in the seminars or courses. These files should be uploaded as PDFs in a Google Drive folder to be shared with the ReDoc office before scheduling a Portfolio Interview. All the details are in our new manual (coming soon!) but if you have questions now feel free to email Laura at [asstdirphd@nobts.edu](mailto:asstdirphd@nobts.edu).



We want to serve you well and communicate clearly, so if you ever have suggestions on how we can improve our communication, please reach out to us:

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# GRADUATION GUIDE FALL 2022

**Rehearsal:** We will be having a mandatory Graduation Rehearsal on Thursday, Dec 8 at 11:30am. Attendance is required to participate in the commencement ceremony. If you do not come to Rehearsal, you will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

**Reception:** The President will be hosting a graduation reception for the graduates immediately following rehearsal on Thursday, Dec 8.

- The Reception will be at the President's Home on campus.
- Each graduate can bring three guests.
- Please RSVP here by Monday, November 28.

**Ceremony:** The PhD Graduation ceremony will be held on **Friday, Dec 9 at 2:00pm** at Leavell Chapel. Graduates will need to arrive no later than 1:00pm. Doors will open for guests one hour prior to start time.

- Tickets: At this time, we are not limiting the number of guests that graduates can bring.
- Dress Code:
  - Graduates must order their regalia no later than November 1.
    - Orders can be made here through Oak Hall.
  - Male graduates must wear a collared button down shirt and tie.
  - Graduates are not permitted to wear the following: jeans, shorts, leggings, or any unapproved additions to academic regalia including stoles, cords, etc. If a graduate is wearing any of these items they will be asked to step out of line and not participate in the graduation ceremony.

At this time, masks will not be required, but this is subject to change due to city and state ordinances.

Notify the Registrar's Office immediately if your plans change for attending the graduation ceremony. Unless you notify us in writing, we will count on you to be present for the commencement service.

**\*\*Please note, all graduation plans are subject to change due to state and local governmental restrictions on public events due to COVID-19.\*\***

\*For more information concerning graduation please contact [phd@nobts.edu](mailto:phd@nobts.edu)