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The Doctoral Program in Religion at Baylor University is now more than 50 years old. The program ranks high in national assessments, especially in the research productivity of its faculty and its graduate students. Baylor’s Doctoral Program in Religion offers competitive stipends and full tuition scholarships.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

The Department of Religion provides the context for a flourishing doctoral program with concentrations offered in Old Testament, New Testament, Historical Studies and Theological Studies.

- New Testament and Old Testament scholars produce significant research and provide extensive mentoring in Biblical Studies.
- Historical Studies faculty focus upon significant figures, institutions and movements in the history of global Christianity and its relation to cultures, especially from the Reformation forward.
- Theological Studies faculty reflect upon the Christian tradition, with emphases in Early Christianity, contemporary theology and theological ethics.

OUTSTANDING TEACHERS AND SCHOLARS

Baylor’s Graduate Faculty forms a distinctive community among American graduate education in religion. Our faculty extends the Baylor tradition of great teaching and includes scholars listed among the nation’s top researchers. The faculty produces scholarship that helps the department and the University garner recognition among the top universities while maintaining and deepening our faith commitment to the church.

*See back for list of faculty

PROGRAM STRENGTHS

- Full tuition and stipend available
- Broad-based teaching opportunities
- Support from the department and the Graduate School for publication and presentation of research
- Faculty who take seriously the need to engage the academy and the church
- Faculty who publish in their discipline
- Small seminars
- Hands-on faculty interested in mentoring students
- Teaching colloquy in which doctoral students gain experience in teaching and instructional pedagogy

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# Religion Graduate Faculty & Research Expertise

## Old Testament

**W.H. Bellinger, Jr.**  
Department Chair  
PhD, University of Cambridge  
Old Testament worship texts including Psalms, Leviticus and prophetic texts, as well as Old Testament theology

**Joel Burnett**  
PhD, Johns Hopkins University  
Ancient Near East; history of Israelite religion; the book of Psalms; biblical Elohim; the history and religion of Iron Age Transjordan; divine presence and absence in the Hebrew Bible

**Deirdre Fulton**  
PhD, Pennsylvania State University  
Exilic and Post-Exilic literature, specifically Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah; Levantine archaeology, specifically issues connected to diet, economy and sacrifice (Zooarchaeology)

**James Nogalski**  
Director of Graduate Studies  
ThD, University of Zürich  
Book of the Twelve (Minor Prophets); prophetic books; exegetical methodology

## New Testament

**Beverly Roberts Gaventa**  
PhD, Duke University  

**Kelly Iverson**  
PhD, The Catholic University of America  
Dynamics of biblical interpretation, including narrative and performance criticisms; orality studies; Gospels of Matthew and Mark

**Bruce Longenecker**  
PhD, University of Durham, England  
Jesus-devotion in the Vesuvian towns (Pompeii and Herculaneum); Early Christianity in its Greco-Roman context; Pauline theology and chronology; early Christian care for the needy; the first urban Christians

**Lidia Novakovic**  
PhD, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Gospels of Matthew and John; the Old Testament in the New; the Dead Sea Scrolls and other Jewish writings from the Second Temple period; resurrection belief in Judaism and Christianity

**Michael Parsons**  
PhD, Southern Seminary  
New Testament Gospels and Acts; ancient rhetoric and literary criticism

## Historical Studies

**Elizabeth H. Flowers**  
PhD, Duke University American  
Religious History with an emphasis on evangelical movements and issues involving women and gender

**Carlos F. Cardoza Orlandi**  
PhD, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Historical and missiological research in world Christianity with emphasis in cross-cultural and interreligious methodologies

**Doug Weaver**  
Director of Undergraduate Studies  
PhD, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Baptist history; Pentecostalism

**David Whitford**  
PhD, Boston University  
The social, cultural and political impact of the European Reformations of the 16th century; history of the Bible and its interpretation

## Theological Studies

**Natalie Carnes**  
PhD, Duke University  
Systematic, feminist and patristic theology; Christology; theological anthropology, knowledge and aesthetics; images; iconoclasms; childhood

**Barry Harvey**  
PhD, Duke University  
Systematic, philosophical, ecumenical and ressourcement theology; Dietrich Bonhoeffer; Herbert McCabe

**Paul Martens**  
PhD, University of Notre Dame  
Christian ethics; Søren Kierkegaard; Anabaptist theology and ethics; issues surrounding Christian articulations of pacifism and just war

**Jonathan Tran**  
PhD, Duke University  
Theological ethics; linguistic philosophy; political, race and critical theory; bioethics

**D.H. Williams**  
PhD, University of Toronto  
Early Christian literature; ancient Greek and Roman religions; fourth century Trinitarian controversies; tradition and scripture in the Church’s history; orthodoxy and heresy in Christian antiquity; beginning of Syriac Christianity (“Nestorianism”)

**Ralph Wood**  
PhD, University of Chicago  
Theology and literature, mainly 19th and 20th centuries, especially Karl Barth, Henri de Lubac, Flannery O’Connor, J.R.R. Tolkien, G. K. Chesterton, C.S. Lewis and Walker Percy