

ANNOUNCING THE 2024

Doctoral Program in Romantic Theology of the Oxford Inklings

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**NORTHWIND
SEMINARY**

*"Reason is the natural organ of truth; but
imagination is the organ of meaning." ~ C.S. Lewis*

The *Doctor of Theology and Ministry (DThM)* degree is an academic and professional Doctorate requiring original research and practical application to ministry and service. An alternative to the Ph.D., the DThM is directed and examined in the same way as a Ph.D. course of study but without the language requirement. There are five courses and a dissertation with oral defense totaling 36 credit-hours of systematic study. www.northwindseminary.org/degrees

The degree concentration in Romantic Theology is designed as two-year Doctorate for those with an earned Master's degree in a related field. The course of study offers teachers, writers, and life-long learners a formative way to read or review the creative works of the Oxford Inklings, do original research in the field of Inklings Studies, and contribute to the future of Romantic Theology as a subclass of theological studies.

*"I'm ready
now."*

*~ Lucy to
Aslan*



KEY FEATURES



Online Program | 5 Courses | 36 Credits | Two Years

Personalization: Individual Oxford-Style Tutorials and Guided Online Education

Groundbreaking Innovation: First of Its Kind in Institutions of Higher Education

Optional Enrichment Opportunities: Group Discussions and In-Person Advances

WHY ENROLL?

Personal, Professional, & Practical Values

- Provides **resources, structure, guidance, and community support** for professional and academic research, teaching and writing
- Supports life-long learners in the cross-current field of **theology and literature**
- **Informs pastoral leadership**, narrative preaching, creative writing, and spiritual formation
- Reinforces the **classical vision of a loving Creator** in whose image humans find their creative source and ultimate fulfillment (possibly filling a gap in modern and postmodern theological education)
- Nurtures what C. S. Lewis identified as a **"baptized imagination"**

Doctoral Program Description

The ***Doctor of Theology and Ministry (DThM)*** at Northwind Seminary is a certified degree of advanced study, designed and delivered in an accelerated online format. A total of 36 credit hours are required, including a doctoral dissertation and defense. Cost of tuition for 2024 is a competitive \$600 per credit hour. With a previous Master's Degree in a related field, students can complete the requirements in *as little as two years*.

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Northwind's course of study in Romantic Theology features five "Oxford-style" online tutorials with a faculty mentor for whom you will write five topic essays per course for evaluation. Video-lectures, vetted digital resources, and course materials are accessed through the classroom portal on the Northwind Seminary website. Group Discussions via *Zoom* for student presentations, faculty engagement, and conversations with authors and guest lecturers are scheduled periodically.

Dr. Michael Christensen as Center Director directs the program. Featured Faculty and Distinguished Lecturers (noted Inklings scholars) serve as faculty mentors, expert resources, and doctoral committee members.

Join a community of pastors, priests, authors, missionaries, executives, teachers, and other professionals who are seeking their "extraordinary destiny."

FACULTY MENTORS



Dr. Michael J. Christensen (Ph.D., Theology)

- Professor of Theology and Program Director
- Author, *C. S. Lewis on Scripture*
- Contributor, *C.S. Lewis Bible* and *The Heart of Henri Nouwen*
- Former Senior Fellow and Resident Scholar, The Kilns, Oxford



Dr. Terry Glaspey (MA in History; DMin in Spiritual Formation)

- Associate Professor of Inklings Studies and Spiritual Formation
- Author, *Experiencing God Through the Arts* and *The Spiritual Legacy of C. S. Lewis*



Dr. Crystal Hurd (Ed.D., Educational Leadership)

- Visiting Faculty for Inklings Studies
- Recipient of the *Clyde S. Kilby Research Grant for Inklings Research* 2020
- Author, *The Leadership of C.S. Lewis*
- Reviews Editor, *Sehnsucht: The C.S. Lewis Journal*



Dr. Charlie Starr (Doctor of Arts, English)

- Professor of Inklings Studies and Romantic Theology
- Author, *The Faun's Bookshelf: C. S. Lewis on Why Myth Matters* and *The Lion's Country*
- Hailed as the **world's leading expert** on C. S. Lewis's handwriting

YEAR ONE

The Oxford Inklings

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Michael Christensen
Dr. Terry Glaspey

Distinguished Lecturer: Dr. Diana Pavlac Glyer

C.S. Lewis on Scripture and Romantic Theology

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Michael Christensen
Dr. Crystal Hurd

Distinguished Lecturers: Dr. Brenton Dickieson
Rev. Andrew Lazo

J.R.R. Tolkien on Truth in Story and Myth

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Charlie Starr
Dr. Crystal Hurd

Distinguished Lecturer: Dr. Brenton Dickieson

YEAR TWO

Charles Williams on Theology of Romantic Love

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Michael Christensen
Dr. Terry Glaspey

Distinguished Lecturer: Dr. Sørina Higgins

Owen Barfield on Creative Imagination and Consciousness

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Charlie Starr
Dr. Michael Christensen

Distinguished Lecturer: Owen A. Barfield

Dissertation & Defense