

Policy for New Book Celebrations at NBTS

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The book must relate to one of the disciplines taught at NBTS.

Responsibility for New Book Celebrations rests with the Theological Writing Committee and is administered by the Theological Writing Center.

New Book Celebrations will occur on the first Friday evening of each term when the Theological Writing Committee has been presented with works which seem worthy of being featured. Books by faculty will be featured at the beginning of the fall term, and books by alumni/ae at the beginning of the Spring term.

- NBTS, via its communications office, will publicize each New Book Celebration via means selected by the Vice President for Communications in consultation with the Director of the Theological Writing Center, inviting all members of the Seminary community and surrounding communities to the celebration.
- The author will make a presentation, which may or may not include a reading from the text, of the book and its primary thesis or theme. The author will meet with the staff of the Theological Writing Center prior to the presentation to review/rehearse said presentation.
- One or two respondents, recruited by the director of the Theological Writing Center, will speak to their impressions of the book and how it fulfills its intended purpose. The author will supply a free copy of the book for each respondent.
- Presenting authors may have books available for sale and signing. Such sales and signings will be the responsibility of the author.
- The number of new books presented at a New Book Celebration will be at the discretion of the Theological Writing Committee.
- New books by faculty are already displayed in Sage Library.
- New books by alumni/ae which are featured at New Book Celebrations will be displayed in Sage Library for at least one month following the celebration, provided that the author gives a copy of the book to the Library. This copy will then be accessioned and shelved in the collection of books by alumni/ae.
- When circumstances warrant, lodging may be provided for visiting authors, as arranged by the director of the Theological Writing Center. Travel to and from NBTS will be the responsibility of the author.
- When circumstances warrant, light refreshments may be provided in Sage Library, complements of the Theological Writing Center, in consultation with the Director of Sage Library.

Celebrations of New Books by authors who are neither faculty nor alumni/ae of NBTS but which are of particular significance may be scheduled as opportunities present themselves, at the discretion of the Theological Writing Committee. Faculty, alumni/ae, staff, or students may nominate such authors for consideration using the form to be provided on nbt.edu.