THESIS DEFENSE AND SUBMISSION

Spring 2018

RICE GPS
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Deadline to submit Application for degree (ESTHER): **FEBRUARY 2**

Last day to submit a thesis defense announcement:
- Doctoral: **April 6**
- Master’s: **April 13**

Deadline to submit thesis to GPS: **FRIDAY, APRIL 20 AT NOON**

Submission of Thesis Defense Announcement:
- Doctoral: **April 6**
- Master’s: **April 13**

SPRING 2018
DEGREE CONFERRAL TIMELINE

January

February

March

April

May

June

Registration for Doctoral Convocation, Advanced Degrees’ Convocation, & Doctoral Luncheon: **March 1 – April 13**

- Doctoral Convocation, Advanced Degrees’ Convocation, & Doctoral Luncheon: **May 11 – 12**
DEGREE CONFERRAL DEADLINES

MAY 2018

Application for Degree due:
FEBRUARY 2, 2018

Submit Thesis to GPS by:
FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018 at NOON

AUGUST 2018

Application for degree due:
JUNE 29, 2018

Submit Thesis to GPS by:
FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2018 at NOON

DECEMBER 2018

Application for degree due:
OCTOBER 26, 2018

Submit thesis to GPS by:
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2018 at NOON
THESIS DEFENSE CHECKLIST

PRE-DEFENSE

6 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR DEFENSE
□ Confirm with advisor that you are ready to defend
□ International students: Contact OISS for OPT information

3 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR DEFENSE
□ Schedule a thesis defense date with your committee
□ Contact your graduate coordinator about your defense

1 MONTH BEFORE YOUR DEFENSE
□ Confirm that your Approval of Candidacy form is up-to-date
□ Reserve a room for your defense

2 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR DEFENSE
□ Send a copy of thesis to committee members and to your graduate coordinator
□ Submit your defense announcement at events.rice.edu/rgs/
Defend Your Thesis

1 Week After Your Defense

1. Create an account at thesis.rice.edu

2. Upload the following ONLINE:
   - Signed “Approval of Candidacy” form
   - Defended version of thesis

3. Complete ONLINE Thesis Submission:
   - Final version of thesis w/ signed title page
   - Signed “Approval of Candidacy” form
   - Certificate from Survey of Earned Doctorates (Doctoral only)

4. Submit the following hard copies to GPS:
   - Original signed “Approval of Candidacy” form
   - Two signed, original thesis title pages

Post-Defense

No More Than 6 Months After Your Defense

Please note, as of January 2, 2018 the Thesis Submission Process Fee has been eliminated and the ProQuest/UMI Agreement Form is no longer required.
THE SEMESTER OF YOUR DEFENSE…

• YOU ARE **REQUIRED** TO BE ENROLLED DURING THE SEMESTER IN WHICH YOU DEFEND
  – There is no academic requirement to register in the semester following your defense. However, some students may need to do so in order to maintain their stipend and/or visa status.
  – If you do not plan to enroll at any time following your defense, you must apply for your degree via Esther to maintain your library privileges until your degree is awarded.
  – If you would not otherwise be enrolled but need to maintain VPN (the Rice Computer Network from off campus) access between your defense and submitting your thesis, please contact the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies by e-mail to register for the zero credit hour DSRT 999 course.

• SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION FOR DEGREE TO THE REGISTRAR
  – Instructions can be found at [https://registrar.rice.edu/students/degree_apply/](https://registrar.rice.edu/students/degree_apply/)
  – **DEADLINES:**
    - May 2018 conferral: February 2, 2018
    - August 2018 conferral: June 29, 2018
    - December 2018 conferral: October 26, 2018

• INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: PLEASE, CONTACT OISS FOR OPT INFORMATION (OPT PROCESS TAKES ~3 MONTHS).
1. CONFIRM WITH ADVISOR THAT YOU ARE READY TO DEFEND
   - The defense should be scheduled by the student after consultation with the thesis advisor, who agrees that the thesis is completed and ready to be defended

2. SCHEDULE A THESIS DEFENSE DATE WITH YOUR COMMITTEE
   - Coordinating a date, time, and locations can be challenging. Contact your committee as soon as possible!
   - **All members of the thesis committee must be physically present** for the oral defense.
   - If a committee member cannot be physically present, a petition to video conference (Skype) a committee member must be approved by GPS prior to your defense. Advisors should make a request at [http://graduate.rice.edu/videoconference](http://graduate.rice.edu/videoconference).

3. CONTACT YOUR GRADUATE COORDINATOR REGARDING YOUR PLANS TO DEFEND

4. RESERVE A ROOM FOR YOUR DEFENSE
 BEFORE YOU DEFEND…

5. PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR THESIS TO YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND YOUR GRADUATE COORDINATOR
   - **Doctoral students**: Submit a minimum of 2 weeks (14 calendar days) before your thesis defense
   - **Master’s students**: Submit a minimum of 1 week (7 calendar days) before your thesis defense

6. SUBMIT YOUR DEFENSE ANNOUNCEMENT AT [EVENTS.RICE.EDU/RGS/](EVENTS.RICE.EDU/RGS/)
   - Remember that it is *mandatory* for you to post your defense
   - **Doctoral students**: *minimum 2 weeks before defense* (14 calendar days)
   - **Master’s students**: *minimum 1 week before defense* (7 calendar days)

7. CONFIRM THAT YOUR APPROVAL OF CANDIDACY FORM IS UP-TO-DATE
   - The [Original Approval of Candidacy Form](https://example.com) (initials in the top right corner in red) will be sent to the department office as soon as GPS receives the defense announcement.
   - If your thesis committee has changed since you achieved candidacy, the candidacy form must be revised *prior* to your defense.
   - Contact your graduate coordinator for help making corrections to your Approval of Candidacy form.
The thesis committee which hears the oral defense must be the same as the committee on the Candidacy Approval form. If a change to your thesis committee is needed, please contact your department coordinator prior to your defense.

All changes must be approved by the department chair and Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies prior to the oral defense.

If the student requires a change in the thesis committee:
• take a copy of OR the original candidacy form and make the changes desired or write a memo with the student's name, degree of candidacy, and new committee.
• have the Chair of the department, the Chair of the graduate committee, or the Director of Graduate Studies sign the candidacy form (this signature indicates approval of the department for this change).
• the graduate coordinator will then submit the revision to Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
• Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies will revise the thesis committee and send you back the revision.
On the day of your defense, bring the following pages for your committee members to sign.

**ORIGINAL APPROVAL OF CANDIDACY FORM**

**APPROVAL OF CANDIDACY FOR THE DOCTORAL DEGREE**

Date: July 19, 2014

The candidacy of Bridgitt Dickey (ID # 581234567) Department of Liberal Arts, for the Doctor of Philosophy degree, is hereby approved. A timeline for defense of thesis is located in the General Announcements.

The Thesis Committee hereby appointed is:

a) Kate Cross (Chair)
b) Kiri Kilpatrick
c) Sherry Vanderslice

The student’s responsibilities relating to the oral defense are:

1. Submit the defense to the chair of the committee at least two weeks prior to the defense date.
2. The defense will be held in the allowing of 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on the third floor of the library.
3. The defense will be in the presence of the committee members.
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**Thesis Title Page – 2 copies**

Rice University

Liturgy for the Magdalene

by

**Bridgitt Coleyno Dickey**

A Thesis Submitted in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree

Doctor of Philosophy

Approved, Thesis Committee:

Kate Cross, Professor, Chair
Liberal Arts

Kiri Kilpatrick, Associate Professor
Liberal Arts

Sherry Vanderslice, Professor
Scientific Studies
DEFENSE DAY

On the day of your defense, bring the following pages for your committee members to sign.

ORIGINAL APPROVAL OF CANDIDACY FORM

- Members of your committee must sign the form signifying that you have passed the oral portion of the defense.
- The Original Approval of Candidacy Form (initials in the top right corner in red) will be sent to the department office as soon as GPS receives the defense announcement.
- If your thesis committee has changed since you achieved candidacy, the candidacy form must be revised prior to your defense.
- Contact your graduate coordinator for help regarding to your Approval of Candidacy form.
DEFENSE DAY

On the day of your defense, bring the following pages for your committee members to sign.

• 2 title pages with original signatures must be submitted with the final thesis.

• Bring 2 copies of your title page for committee signatures to your defense to avoid tracking down your committee for signatures at the time of submission.

• **TIP: If extensive corrections are needed,** you can often get most of the signatures at the defense and your advisor can sign after the corrections are made. Alternatively, your graduate coordinator can hold the signed title sheets until you are ready to submit your thesis to GPS.

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Rice University
Liturgy for the Magdalene

by
Bridgett Coleyne Dickey

A THESIS SUBMITTED IN PARTIAL FULFILLMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE

Doctor of Philosophy

APPROVED, THESIS COMMITTEE:

Kate Cross, Professor, Chair
Liberal Arts

Kari Kilpatrick, Associate Professor
Liberal Arts

Sherry Vickers, Professor
Scientific Studies
AFTER YOU HAVE PASSED YOUR DEFENSE…

WITHIN 1 WEEK (7 CALENDAR DAYS):

1. CREATE AN ACCOUNT ON **THESIS.RICE.EDU**
   - See slides 14-23 for how to use the online thesis submission website.

2. UPLOAD THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS **ONLINE**:
   - Defended version of your thesis
     - *This is the version of your thesis prior to committee revisions*
     - *This is your “Primary Document”*
   - Approval of Candidacy form
     - *Must be *signed and dated* by the thesis committee (scanned PDF)*
     - *Upload as an “Administrative File”*
   - At this point, you do not need to turn anything in person to GPS
WITHIN 6 MONTHS:

3. UPLOAD AND SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ONLINE:
   
   – PRIMARY DOCUMENT: Final version of your thesis w/ signed title page
     • You must include your *signed* title page.
     • For assistance combining the signed and scanned title page to the PDF of your thesis, please see this site or contact the Digital Media Center.
   
   – SUPPLEMENTAL FILES:
     • These are optional and may include non-PDF materials that complement your thesis. These files will be made public once your thesis is published.
   
   – ADMINISTRATIVE FILES:
     • Original Approval of Candidacy – signed and dated by thesis committee
     • Survey of Earned Doctorates Certificate [DOCTORAL ONLY]
     • PLEASE NOTE, AS OF JANUARY 2, 2018 the Thesis Submission Process Fee has been eliminated and the scanned copy of the ProQuest/UMI Agreement Form is no longer required.

***All files must be uploaded before the final submission of documents to GPS***
SUBMIT YOUR THESIS

WITHIN 6 MONTHS:

4. TURN IN THE FOLLOWING HARD COPIES DIRECTLY TO GPS:
   - Original signed Approval of Candidacy form
   - Two signed, original copies of thesis title page

***All files must be uploaded before the final submission of documents to GPS***
1. All files must be PDFs

2. Within a week of your defense, log onto http://thesis.rice.edu and click “Start your submission”

3. Log-in with your Rice NetID and password

4. If this is your first time logging in, click “Start a new submission”. If you have already uploaded your defended thesis and Original Candidacy Form click “Continue”
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**Degree Date:** May 2015

**Defense Date:** 04/17/2015

**Abstract:**
Provide the abstract of your document. You can use Unicode characters, if your computer supports them.

**Keywords:** Keyword 1; Keyword 2;
You can enter multiple keywords. Use a semicolon to separate the entries.

**Subjects:**
- Primary: Engineering, Chemical
- Additional: Engineering, Biomedical

**Language:** English

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Add Additional Members

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Same committee members as on your signed Approval of Candidacy form
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If you require an embargo on the publishing of your thesis, have your advisor fill out an Embargo Request at [http://graduate.rice.edu/embargo](http://graduate.rice.edu/embargo) and check the appropriate box.

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c) Sherry Vanderford

c) [Signatures]

Certificate of Completion

of the Survey of Earned Doctorates Questionnaire

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Confirmation Code: 8576 5g8n

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