Appendix A: ThM Major Research Paper Registration Form

Calvin Theological Seminary
ThM Major Research Paper Registration Form
(Course number 899T)

This form is for the major research paper course required at the end of the ThM program (non-thesis route). This form must be submitted for registration by the publicized deadline date for the semester in which it is registered. The paper is due at the end of the semester in which it is registered.

Name of student: _______________________________ Term registered: _______________

Title (maximum 45 characters; to appear on your transcript): __________________________
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Supervising professor __________________________________________

Student’s signature __________________________________________ Date: ___________

Supervising professor’s signature _______________________________ Date: ___________

Submit this form to the ThM Program Adviser & Registrar by January 20 if you intend to graduate in May or by August 15 if you intend to graduate in December.

Date of submission to the ThM Program Adviser: ___________________

Attach the completed "ThM Major Research Paper Proposal" to this form.
Appendix B: Format for ThM Major Research Paper Proposal

THM MAJOR RESEARCH PAPER PROPOSAL
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TITLE (of the proposed paper; maximum 45 characters, including spaces)

Student’s Name
Date (Month and Year)

Include the following elements:

I. Question
What is the main question you will be addressing in your paper?

II. The Present State of the Question
Provide a brief survey of the pertinent literature in the area and state why it does answer the question you have identified.

III. Tentative Thesis and Outline
A. State briefly, in the form of a thesis statement, what your paper proposes to demonstrate.
B. Give an outline of the paper, by sections, with a short statement about how each section will contribute to developing and defending the major thesis of your study.

IV. Preliminary Bibliography
Provide a select bibliography of primary and secondary sources to be used in your paper. This bibliography should reflect the latest scholarship.

The proposal should be approximately 1-2 double-spaced pages (not including preliminary bibliography), with footnotes in the correct format (Turabian/SBL Handbook).