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Dr. Jennifer Strawbridge Announced as the Winner of the 2014 SBL– De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History

In partnership with the [Society of Biblical Literature](#), De Gruyter is delighted to announce Dr. Jennifer Strawbridge as the winner of the first SBL–De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History. Dr. Strawbridge's manuscript, "According to the Wisdom Given to Him": The Use of the Pauline Epistles by Early Christian Writers, was selected as the 2014 winner by the seven-member prize committee. The prize includes publication of the manuscript and a prize of \$1500. The award will be officially presented at the De Gruyter Reception at the upcoming SBL/AAR Annual Meeting in San Diego.

"This award is a source of great encouragement to all involved in research on the reception history of the Bible, especially those of us at the start of our academic careers," said Dr. **Strawbridge**, "and it motivates me to continue to explore this avenue in biblical studies research. Furthermore, this prize increases the visibility of reception history within the wider academic community."

Dr. **Anke Beck**, Managing Director of De Gruyter, notes that De Gruyter has supported publishing in the field of reception history from the start and has played a major role in the current visibility of this rapidly growing research area: "The SBL – De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History encourages scholars to present their world-class results to the research community. Monographs in the field of reception history fit perfectly into this vital program area at De Gruyter, which also includes the internationally recognized, multi-volume reference work [Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception](#). We congratulate Dr. Strawbridge and also thank the judges for their indispensable efforts throughout the time-consuming process of reviewing the submitted manuscripts."

Dr. Strawbridge currently works as a research lecturer and chaplain at Keble College, Oxford. She plans to pursue future research on apocalyptic thought in early Christianity, with a focus on themes of vision and blindness.

The 2015 Call for Papers for the SBL—De Gruyter Prize is currently open. More information on deadlines and eligibility can be found on the [SBL website](#).