



Rachel Wilkowsky

2023 Society of Biblical Literature – De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History

The Society of Biblical Literature and De Gruyter are delighted to announce the 2023 De Gruyter Prize recipient is Rachel Wilkowsky. Rachel was awarded in the category of Material and Visual Culture and Reception of the Bible for her paper entitled “Snakes on a Page: Visual Receptions of the Eden Serpent Throughout the History of Western Art and Their Survivals in Modern Children’s Bibles.”

Rachel K Wilkowsky is a PhD candidate at Trinity College Dublin in the School of Religion and Loyola Institute under the supervision of Dr. David Shepherd. Her PhD thesis analyzes adaptations of Genesis 1–3 in select Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish children's Bibles from 1980 to present, with an emphasis on the correspondence of the children's Bibles to their respective interpretive traditions. Her PhD research is supported in part by funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Rachel's main research interests include Old Testament/Hebrew Bible (Heptateuch), reception history (particularly in formal interpretive traditions and visual arts), hermeneutics/interpretation, children's Bibles, and geography as a literary-interpretive feature. Rachel holds MATS ('18) and ThM ('20) degrees from Regent College as well as a GDST ('21) degree from the Vancouver School of Theology.

The prize includes a cash prize of \$750. The awarded papers will be published in the *Journal of the Bible and its Reception*. In addition to being published, the awarded papers will be delivered at the SBL Annual Meeting followed by a panel discussion. The subject of the paper is open, but it must advance some dimension of reception history scholarship. The papers are evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:

- Quality, originality and creativity.
- Promises an important and original contribution.
- Persuasive thesis with clarity of expression and thought, engaging and well written.

The call for papers for the 2024 De Gruyter Award will open by April 1, 2024.