



Alexander Chantziantoniou

2024 Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship Recipient

The 2024 Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship has been awarded to Alexander Chantziantoniou for his paper entitled, “The Politics of Paul's Image Parodies: Material Epiphany, Human-Divine Reciprocity, and Social Power.”

Alexander Chantziantoniou (PhD, Cambridge, 2024) is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Crandall University. His research explores the intersections between divinity, materiality, and ethnicity, especially as it relates to images of gods. His first book (under review) focuses on Jewish polemics against images of gentile gods (so-called "idols"), while his current project reexamines mythmaking about images of the Jewish god (so-called "icons"), such as gendered human bodies, iconic books, and the celestial materiality of Paul's messiah. He has forthcoming articles in the *Journal for the Study of Judaism* and the *Journal for the Study of the New Testament*, and he is co-editor (with Paula Fredriksen and Stephen L. Young) of a forthcoming volume, entitled *Paul within Paganism*, which contextualizes the Jewish apostle within the wider world of ancient Mediterranean religion.

The goal of the Achtemeier Award is to stimulate the finest and most penetrating work in New Testament studies and to foster the future of biblical scholarship. The award is given to a member who has completed her/his doctorate within the last ten years and includes a cash prize of \$1,000. Papers for this award are evaluated on the basis of three categories:

- Persuasive thesis that engages the New Testament and demonstrates quality of scholarship and significance in the field
- Clarity of expression and thought
- Originality and creativity

The call for papers for the 2025 Paul J. Achtemeier Award will open by April 1, 2025. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the numerous contributors for making this scholarship award possible.