We are pleased to announce that the 2017 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship has been awarded to Carly Crouch (Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible, University of Nottingham, UK) for her paper entitled, “Playing Favorites: Israel and Judah in the Marriage Metaphor of Jeremiah 3.”

Crouch is Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at the University of Nottingham (UK) and author of *War and Ethics in the Ancient Near East* (de Gruyter, 2009), *The Making of Israel* (Brill, 2014), *Israel and the Assyrians* (SBL, 2014), and *An Introduction to the Study of Jeremiah* (Bloomsbury, 2017). She is writing a monograph on Israelite and Judahite identities on the cusp of and in the aftermath of the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BCE, as well as an introduction to Isaiah for T&T Clark’s Study Guides to the Old Testament. She will deliver her paper at the SBL Annual Meeting in Boston, followed by panel responses and general discussion.

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- persuasive thesis that engages the Hebrew Bible,
- clarity of expression and thought, and
- originality and creativity.

The 2017 award committee is comprised of Cynthia Chapman (Oberlin College), Gale Yee (Episcopal Divinity School), and Alison Schofield (University of Denver).

The call for papers for the 2018 David Noel Freedman Award will open by October 16, 2017.

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