The 2023 A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship has been awarded to Sarah Parkhouse for her paper entitled, “Perpetua: Which Amphitheatre, and Why Does it Matter?”

Sarah Parkhouse is a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Manchester. Her current research focuses on the interaction between space, landscape, objects, and texts in early Christianity, and she is working on two long-term projects: (1) Coptic Literature, Lived Religion, and the Egyptian Landscape, and (2) Amphitheatres, Space, and Religious Practices. Her past research focused on the diversity of literature within early Christianity, and she has published a monograph on dialogue gospels, with a focus on the Gospel of Mary (Cambridge University Press 2019) and articles on the Gospel of John, the First Apocalypse of James, the Acts of Paul and Thecla, and the Pistis Sophia, among others. She received her PhD from the University of Durham in 2017.

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