



Travis Proctor

2020 A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship

The 2020 A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship has been awarded to Travis Proctor for his paper entitled, “A Cartography of Kinship: Domestic Space, Tomb Cult, and the Re-Mapping of Ephesus in the Acts of John.”

Travis Proctor is an Assistant Professor of Religion at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. His research and teaching explore religions of the ancient Mediterranean, with a focus on histories of Christian cultures in the ancient world (ca. 50-500 CE). His current research explores early Christian theorizations of nonhuman bodies and environments, with a focus on how ancient conceptions of nonhuman space or embodiment impacted ancient Christian thought and practice. These include a monograph project on how early Christian theorizations of demonic bodies informed the performance of early Christian embodiment and construction of ancient cosmic “ecosystems,” as well as several article-length explorations of concepts of space and environment in the apocryphal acts. His other research interests include topics in ancient environmental history, space & material culture, ecocriticism, posthumanism, and ritual studies. He received his B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship supports junior scholars demonstrating innovative approaches in biblical studies that advance methodological work at the intersection of historical criticism, critical theory, and cultural studies. The award is given to a member who has received a Ph.D. or Th.D. in biblical studies or related field within the last ten years and includes \$1,000 award. Papers for this award are evaluated on the basis of three categories:

- A persuasive thesis that engages emerging methodologies and changing paradigms, and demonstrates quality of scholarship and significance to the field
- Clarity of expression and thought
- Originality and creativity

The members of the 2020 A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship committee are Kathleen O’Connor (Columbia Theological Seminary), Carolyn Sharp (Yale Divinity School), and Louis Stulman (University of Findlay).

The call for papers for the 2021 A.R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship will open by October 1, 2020. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the colleagues, friends, and family of A. R. Diamond for making this scholarly award possible.