



Luis Menéndez-Antuña

2021 A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship

The 2021 A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship has been awarded to Luis Menéndez-Antuña for his paper entitled, “The Gospel of Torture: Mark 15 and the Body in Pain.”

Luis Menéndez-Antuña is Assistant Professor of New Testament at Boston University School of Theology. He is interested in liberation theologies, cultural studies, and critical theory. Previously, he was Assistant Professor at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and served as Core Doctoral Faculty at the Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley, CA). His current research explores the queer and postcolonial afterlives of the biblical texts. He has published his research on journals such as *Estudios Eclesiásticos*, *Ilu. Revista de Ciencias de las Religiones*, *Biblical Interpretation*, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, *Early Christianity*, *Critical Research on Religion*, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, and *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (forthcoming). His first monograph on Revelation, *Thinking Sex with the Great Whore: Deviant Sexualities and Empire in the Book of Revelation* (Routledge) offers an emancipatory reading of Revelation 17-18 using postcolonial and queer historiographies to explore paths for identity formation in Biblical texts. He is currently working on his second monograph (*New Testament Studies after the Cultural Studies Turn*) that focuses on theoretical and hermeneutical developments in New Testament Studies.

Previously to completing his doctoral studies at Vanderbilt University, Menéndez-Antuña received a Master in Biblical Studies from the Universidad Pontificia Comillas (Madrid), and a Master of Theology from the Universidad Pontificia in Salamanca. He is a Fulbright scholar, and has also received grants from the Hispanic Theological Initiative, the Luce Foundation, the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, and the Louisville Institute.

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 2021 A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship committee are Steed Davidson (McCormick Theological Seminary), Carolyn Sharp (Yale Divinity School), and Louis Stulman (University of Findlay).

The call for papers for the 2022 A.R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship will open by October 1, 2021. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the colleagues, friends and family of A. R. Pete Diamond for making this scholarship award possible.