



Courtney Friesen

2017 Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship Recipient

We are pleased to announce that the 2017 Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship has been awarded to Courtney Friesen (Assistant Professor of Classics, University of Arizona) for his paper entitled, “Gluttony and Drunkenness as Jewish and Christian Virtues: From the Comic Heracles to the Christ of the Gospels.”

Courtney, a member of SBL since 2010, has been teaching at the University of Arizona in Tucson since 2015, prior to which he was an Instructor of Greek at the University of Oxford. He completed his PhD from the University of Minnesota in 2013. In 2015, he published a book with Mohr Siebeck entitled, *“Reading Dionysus: Euripides’ Bacchae and the Cultural Contestations of Greeks, Jews, Romans, and Christians.”* He will deliver his paper at the SBL Annual Meeting in Boston, followed by panel responses and general discussion.

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. To that end, the award is given to a member who has completed her/his doctorate within the last ten years. There is a cash award 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, and
- originality and creativity.

The 2017 Achtemeier Award Committee consisted of Clare K. Rothschild (Lewis University), Laurence L. Welborn (Fordham University), and Kimberly Stratton (Carleton University).

The call for papers for the 2018 Paul J. Achtemeier Award will open by October 16, 2017.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the numerous contributors for making this scholarship award possible. [Please consider a gift today to the Paul J. Achtemeier Award Fund.](#)