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**2023 Bernadette J. Brooten
Award for Scholarship in
Gender, Sexuality, and
Embodiment**

The 2023 Bernadette J. Brooten Award for Scholarship in Gender, Sexuality, and Embodiment has been awarded to Jon-Paul Lapeña for his paper entitled “The Hemorrhaging Woman Embodies Violence: Reading Gendered Health Barriers in Mark 5:26.”

Jon-Paul Lapeña is a doctoral student in Religious Studies in the Early Mediterranean and West Asian Religions program at Yale University. He studies the New Testament and early Christianity, broadly on the topic of healing and health practices in the ancient Mediterranean. Jon-Paul is specifically interested in testing whether modern categories of addiction provide useful frameworks for critically engaging ancient medical, philosophical, and religious discourses around substance abuse.

The goal of the Bernadette J. Brooten Award is to support and encourage early career researchers developing innovative approaches to the critical study of gender, sexuality, and/or embodiment in relation to biblical texts and traditions (broadly cast), especially with projects that foreground feminist, womanist, queer, and, or, as trans approaches. The award is given to a SBL member who is current graduate student or has received a Ph.D. or Th.D. in biblical studies or a related field within the last ten years and includes a cash prize of \$1,000. Papers for this award are evaluated on the basis of three categories:

- Persuasive thesis that engages emerging methodologies and changing paradigms in relation to gender, sexuality, and/or embodiment, and demonstrates quality of scholarship and significance to the field;
- Clarity of expression and thought;
- Originality and creativity

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the numerous contributors for making this scholarship award possible.