



Alice Mandell

2016 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that the 2016 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship has been awarded to Alice Mandell (Lecturer, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, University of California, Los Angeles) for her paper entitled, “The Adoption of the ‘Adoption’ Formula in Inner-biblical Discourse.”

Mandell, a member of SBL since 2006, will begin a new position in the fall, in the department of Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, as an Assistant Professor. Her book *Cuneiform Culture and the Ancestors of Hebrew* is planned for publication in Routledge's The Ancient World series. She is co-authoring *Reconstructing Israelite and Judean Religions: Religion as Performance and Materiality* (London: Routledge, 2017), as well as a translation of the Amarna Letters for SBL's Writings from the Ancient World series. She will deliver her paper at the SBL Annual Meeting in San Antonio, followed by panel responses and general discussion.

We are also pleased to acknowledge the superior work of Jennie Grillo, (Assistant Professor, Duke Divinity School), and give honorable mention for her paper entitled “Afterlives and Otherworlds in the Tales of Daniel.”

The goal of the Freedman Award is to promote excellence and creativity in Hebrew Bible scholarship. The award is given to a member who has received a Ph.D. or Th.D. in biblical studies or related field since 2005. There is an award of \$1,000.00. Papers for this award are evaluated on the basis of three categories:

- persuasive thesis that engages the Hebrew Bible,
- clarity of expression and thought, and
- originality and creativity.

The 2016 award committee is comprised of Cynthia Chapman (Oberlin College), Mark Wade Hamilton (Abilene Christian University), and Gale Yee (Episcopal Divinity School).

The call for papers for the 2017 David Noel Freedman Award will open by October 14, 2016.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Freedman family and the numerous contributors for making this scholarship award possible. [Please consider a gift today to the David Noel Freedman Award Fund.](#)