



Rebecca Scharbach Wollenberg

2018 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that the 2018 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship has been awarded to Rebecca Scharbach Wollenberg for her paper entitled, “The Book That Changed: Narratives of Ezran Authorship as Late Antique Biblical Criticism.”

Rebecca Scharbach Wollenberg works on the reception history of the Hebrew Bible, with a specialization in early rabbinic tradition. In September 2018, she will become an assistant professor of Judaic Studies in the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, where she did her postdoctoral work as a fellow in the Michigan Society of Fellows from 2015–2018. She received her PhD from the University of Chicago in 2015. Her dissertation won the Society of Biblical Literature's De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History. She will deliver her paper at the SBL Annual Meeting in Denver, followed by panel responses and general discussion.

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 within the last ten years and includes a cash prize 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
- Originality and creativity

The members of the 2018 Freedman Award Committee are Gale Yee (Episcopal Divinity School), Alison Schofield (University of Denver), and John Pleins (Santa Clara University).

The call for papers for the 2019 David Noel Freedman Award will open by October 1, 2018.

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