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**Rebecca Wollenberg (University of Michigan) Announced as the Winner of the 2016 SBL– De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History**

In partnership with the Society of Biblical Literature, De Gruyter is delighted to announce Rebecca Wollenberg as the winner of this year's SBL–De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History. Wollenberg's manuscript, "The People of the Book Without the Book: Jewish Ambivalence Towards the Biblical Text After the Rise of Christianity," was selected as the 2016 winner by the prize committee.

"It is very exciting to see the field of biblical reception history embrace topics as wide-ranging as early rabbinic practices of engaging with written scripture," Wollenberg said. "The field has been growing," she added, "and changing so quickly in recent years--in no small part thanks to the Society of Biblical Literature and De Gruyter. I am extremely grateful for their support in refining my own work in the field."

Dr. Anke Beck, Managing Director of De Gruyter, notes that De Gruyter has supported publishing in the field of reception history from the start and has played a major role in the current visibility of this rapidly growing research area. "Now in its third year," she said, "the SBL–De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History continues to grow, and Dr. Wollenberg's work further expands the themes considered in our [Studies of the Bible and Its Reception](#) book series. This year will also see the publication of two [Handbooks](#) on the reception of the Bible as well as the continuation of our [Journal](#), which offers a 70% discount to SBL members. We congratulate Dr. Wollenberg and also thank the prize committee for the invaluable time and effort spent reviewing the submissions."

Rebecca Scharbach Wollenberg is an assistant professor of Judaic Studies at the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan and a fellow in the Michigan Society of Fellows. When she concludes her postdoctoral fellowship in 2018 she will continue at the University of Michigan as a tenure-track assistant professor of Judaic Studies with a specialization in Jewish biblical interpretation.

The De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History promotes the study of the reception history of the Bible and aims to highlight the broad impact of the Bible in a wide variety of historical contexts and cultural settings. SBL is grateful to De Gruyter for investing in this growing area of research and teaching, one that also cultivates interdisciplinary studies in the humanities. It is a service to SBL and its members, and we congratulate Rebecca on receiving the award.

The 2016 Call for Papers for the SBL—De Gruyter Prize will open October 1, 2016. More information on deadlines and eligibility can be found on the [SBL website](#).