



## **Pauline Paris Buisch**

### **2024 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship**

We are pleased to announce that the 2024 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship has been awarded to Pauline Buisch for her paper entitled, “From Childless Heroes to Barren Women: The Biblical Transformation of an Ancient Near Eastern Motif.”

Pauline Paris Buisch (PhD, Notre Dame 2021) is Assistant Professor of Old Testament at United Theological Seminary. Her research focuses on the literary intersections between the Hebrew Bible and the ancient Near East, inner-biblical allusion, and early Jewish interpretation. Her first book (under review) analyzes the literary and theological development of the biblical motif of the woman facing the threat of childlessness. Her second project will examine the development of the relationship between the David and Joseph traditions in the Hebrew Bible and Early Jewish texts.

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 call for papers for the 2025 David Noel Freedman Award will open by April 1, 2025. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Freedman family and the numerous contributors for making this scholarship award possible.