



**James W. Barker**

**2014 Paul J. Achtemeier Award  
for New Testament Scholarship Recipient**

We are pleased to announce that the 2014 Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship has been awarded to James W. Barker, Assistant Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at Rhodes College. His paper is entitled, “Ancient Compositional Practices and the Gospels: A Reassessment.” Please join us in congratulating him for this honor.

James, a member of SBL since 2003, received his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in 2011. His dissertation, *John’s Use of Matthew*, is under contract with Fortress Press. James also received the 2014 SBL Regional Scholar Award for the Midwest Region.

The goal of the Achtemeier Award is to stimulate the finest and most penetrating work in New Testament studies and to foster the future of biblical scholarship. To that end, the award is given to a member who has completed her/his doctorate within the last ten years. There is a cash award of \$1,000. Papers for this award are evaluated on the basis of three categories:

- persuasive thesis that engages the New Testament and demonstrates quality of scholarship and significance in the field,
- clarity of expression and thought, and
- originality and creativity.

The 2014 Achtemeier Award Committee consisted of Clifton Black (Princeton Theological Seminary), Warren Carter (Brite Divinity School), and Adela Yarbro Collins (Yale Divinity School).

The call for papers for the 2015 Paul J. Achtemeier Award will appear in the Fall 2014.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the numerous contributors for making this scholarship award possible. Please consider a gift today to the Paul J. Achtemeier Award Fund.