



Jonathan Kaplan

2015 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that the 2015 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship has been awarded to Jonathan Kaplan (Assistant Professor, Department of Middle Eastern Studies faculty affiliate, Department of Religious Studies, Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies, and Medieval Studies Program, The University of Texas at Austin) for his paper entitled, “Sefer Mosheh or Sefer Morashah? Reconsidering ‘the Torah’ in 4QMMT.”

Jonathan is the author of the forthcoming monograph *My Perfect One: Typology and Early Rabbinic Interpretation of Song of Songs* (Oxford University Press, 2015). He has published articles in *JBL*, *HUCA*, *HTR*, and *JNES*. He has been a member of SBL since 1999 and will attend the 2015 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Please join us in congratulating Jonathan for this honor.

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 2003. 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 2015 award committee is comprised of John Huddlestun (College of Charleston), Mark Wade Hamilton (Abilene Christian University), and Cynthia Chapman (Oberlin College).

The call for papers for the 2016 David Noel Freedman Award will open by October 15, 2015.

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