



NATHAN MACDONALD

2011 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship Recipient

We are pleased to announce that the 2011 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship has been awarded to Nathan MacDonald (Theologische Fakultät, Georg-August Universität; and School of Divinity, St. Mary's College). His paper is entitled, "Ritual Innovation: The Feast of Weeks from the Covenant Code to the Temple Scroll."

Nathan has published numerous books and articles and has received several prestigious academic awards. He has been a member of SBL since 2005, and he currently serves as an Annual Meeting Program Unit Chair. Please join us in congratulating Nathan 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 completed their doctorate and been in a teaching and/or research position for at least two years and normally no more than ten years. There is a cash 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,
- originality and creativity.

The 2011 award committee is Susan Ackerman (Dartmouth College), Carol Meyers (Duke University), and William H. C. Propp (University of California San Diego).

The call for papers for the 2012 David Noel Freedman Award will open in the Fall 2011.