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Dr. Edwina Murphy (Morling College, Sydney) Announced as the Winner of the 2017 SBL– De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History

In partnership with the Society of Biblical Literature, De Gruyter is delighted to announce Dr. Edwina Murphy as the winner of this year's SBL–De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History. Murphy's manuscript, "Cyprian's Use of Paul," was selected as the 2017 winner by the prize committee.

"The growing interest in reception history has been accompanied by a recognition that biblical interpretation is not restricted to the writing of commentaries," Murphy said. "Treatises, letters, and homilies (not to mention material remains) also reveal the interplay of text, context and theology in exegesis, shaping belief and practice. The field is ripe for harvest and I would like to thank SBL and De Gruyter for encouraging scholarly laborers to enter it."

Dr. Anke Beck, Managing Director of Publishing at De Gruyter, emphasizes that De Gruyter has been pursuing publishing in the field of reception history for many years. "With the publication of volume 15 this autumn, one of our major reference works, the Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception will be reaching its halfway mark of the 30 volumes planned. This achievement documents the tremendous growth this rapidly developing area of research has had in recent years. Now in its fourth year," she said, "the SBL–De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History acknowledges the continued excellence of research and publishing in this field, and Dr. Murphy's work provides scholars with further knowledge on topics addressed in our Studies of the Bible and Its Reception book series. We at De Gruyter would like to congratulate Dr. Murphy and thank the prize committee for the invaluable time and effort spent reviewing the many top-notch submissions."

Edwina Murphy is Lecturer in Church History at Morling College, Sydney (affiliated with the Australian College of Theology and the University of Divinity). Her research interests revolve around Cyprian of Carthage and the early Christian interpretation of Scripture.

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 Dr. Murphy on receiving the award.

The 2017 Call for Papers for the SBL—De Gruyter Prize will open October 1, 2017. More information on deadlines and eligibility can be found on the [SBL website](#).