



**Matthew S. Rindge**

**2011 Paul J. Achtemeier Award  
for New Testament Scholarship Recipient**

We are pleased to announce that the 2011 Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship has been awarded to Matthew S. Rindge, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Gonzaga University. His paper is entitled, “Reconfiguring the Akedah and Lamenting God: Mark’s Theological Narrative of Divine Abandonment.”

Matthew, a member of SBL since 2002, has been teaching at Gonzaga University since 2008, has a strong publishing record, and has received several prestigious academic awards. He currently serves on two SBL Annual Meeting program unit steering committees. Please join us in congratulating him for this honor.

The primary goal of the Achtemeier Award is to stimulate the finest and most penetrating work in New Testament studies. 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 New Testament,
- clarity of expression and thought,
- originality and creativity.

The 2011 Achtemeier Award Committee consisted of Harold W. Attridge (Yale University), Steven J. Friesen (University of Texas at Austin), and Marianne Meye Thompson (Fuller Theological Seminary).

The call for papers for the 2012 Paul J. Achtemeier Award will appear in the Fall 2011.