

## Jack and Phyllis Middleton Memorial Award for Excellence in Bible & Theology

- The award is given in memory of Jack and Phyllis Middleton, parents of J. Richard Middleton, president of the Canadian Evangelical Theological Association (CETA), 2011-2014.
- The award is given annually for the best essay by a theological student or non-tenured faculty at each Fall theology conference of the Canadian-American Theological Association (CATA).
- Combination of cash award and publication of the winning essay in the *Canadian-American Theological Review*.
- If there is a close runner up, a second award may be given, consisting in a lesser cash award and publication of the essay in the *Canadian-American Theological Review*.
- Essays considered for the award must address the intersection of the Bible and theology, though the essay may be located in any theological sub-discipline (biblical studies, systematic theology, historical theology, pastoral theology, theology and culture, philosophical theology, etc.) or the essay may be interdisciplinary (engaging more than one theological sub-discipline or connecting theology and other disciplines).
- Criteria for excellence that will be evaluated:
  - The essay should be well written and have a clear, coherently argued point of view.
  - The essay should be academically rigorous, with evidence of significant research and nuanced understanding of the relevant issues.
  - The essay should engage Scripture in a significant way, bringing informed analysis of the Bible into conversation with other theological disciplines and/or the theological topic at hand.
  - Special consideration will be given to essays that have relevance to life outside the academy.
  - Citations should conform to the formatting guidelines of the *SBL Handbook of Style*.
  - The essay must be of publishable quality.
- Essays to be considered for this award should be submitted in digital format (as a PDF file).
- The deadline for submitting the full essay is usually one month before the Fall conference.
- The award will be granted only when there is an essay of sufficient excellence.