

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 (Jack Middleton was Commissioner of Police in Jamaica, from 1970 until 1973, the first non-expatriate to hold the post).
- The award is given for the best essay by a theological student, post-doc, or non-tenured faculty.
- 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 Bible and theology in some way, 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.
 - Special consideration will be given to essays that engage Scripture in a significant way, bringing informed analysis of Scripture 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 August 15, 2017.
- The award will be granted only when there is an essay of sufficient excellence.