

From the Editors

Dear Readers,

Many exciting things are happening at Birmingham Theological Seminary. These developments include the launch of the Reeder Center for Pastoral Studies, as well as significant growth in enrollment, with students in over 30 US states, more than 100 countries around the world, and the most ever in our prison ministry at the Bibb County Correctional Facility. We are pleased to contribute the 2024 issue of the *Birmingham Theological Journal* to this outstanding list.

This year's diversity of articles opens academic conversations on a variety of topics. These articles range from AI and theology, to conceptions of divinity in the Ancient Near East, and the government's role in the work of biblical counselors. Like last year, submissions went through an internal, double-blind review process, and this year, we started an external review process that we hope to expand further next year. Our articles are followed by two book reviews of particular interest. First, we are delighted to have a guest submission from Dalton Hicks, an NOBTS PhD student who, due to his upcoming dissertation, is uniquely qualified to review the *Editio Critica Maior VI: Revelation*. Pastors will be interested in how this volume of the Greek New Testament may impact future versions of the Bible. The second review marks the 100th anniversary edition of J. Gresham Machen's *Christianity and Liberalism*. As founder of Westminster Theological Seminary, Machen's thoughtful distinction between 20th-century German liberalism and orthodox Christianity is still relevant today.

Finally, we want to call your attention to our best article award from our 2023 issue of the *BTJ*. The 2023 faculty review board voted for the article "Christology and Trinitarianism in John 1:1 via Grammatico-Historical Exegesis Updated with Tools from Linguistics" by Russell T. Booth. Congratulations to Russell! The recommended citation for his award-winning article follows:

Booth, Russell T. "Christology and Trinitarianism in John 1:1 via Grammatico-Historical Exegesis Updated with Tools from Linguistics." *Birmingham Theological Journal* 1, no. 1 (Dec. 2023): 25-47.

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Sincerely,
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