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Purpose: Attend a conference on the formation of the Pentateuch at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in May 2014

The funds I received through the TIJS Summer Travel Grant were used to attend a conference entitled “The Pentateuch within Biblical Literature: Formation and Interaction” at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May 25–29, 2014. This conference was directly relevant to my dissertation, which investigates the formation and reception of conquest traditions in the narrative books of the Hebrew Bible and addresses the compositional relationship between the Pentateuch and Former Prophets.

Although I did not present at the conference, several of the papers presented there dealt in detail with texts that are central to my dissertation research. Thus, attending the conference allowed me to stay up-to-date on the most recent analyses of biblical texts that are relevant to my dissertation topic.

A further advantage of the conference was its small size and collegial atmosphere, where attendees shared meals together and were able to continue conversations beyond the formal presentations. During the conference, I was able to interact with a number of experts from Europe, Israel, and North America in my area of specialization and discuss my dissertation research with them.