

## **McDonald Agape Foundation Gifts Will Further Research in American Religious History**

The Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA) is pleased to announce the continued support of the [McDonald Agape Foundation](#) in the form of two recent gifts this spring.

This first grant supports the publication and outreach of the [Biblia Americana project](#), which makes available for the first time the oldest comprehensive commentary on the Bible composed in British North America. With this generous support, the final three volumes (of ten) will appear in the next two years, followed up by an international conference at the HCA that will bring together leading experts in early modern religious and intellectual history.

The second grant funds the appointment of [Theodore \(Teddy\) R. Delwiche](#) as a three-year McDonald Post-Doctoral Fellow in American Church History. Teddy is a recent PhD recipient in American History at Yale University, where he wrote his dissertation on classical education in the early American colonies. During his time at the HCA, Teddy will be supporting the *Biblia Americana* project, while also pursuing his next book-length project on the culture of pious learning among colonial New England students.

Jan Stievermann, Professor of the History of Christianity in the USA and executive director of the *Biblia Americana* project, called the set of gifts “transformational.”

“With these grants, the HCA will maintain its long-standing reputation as a leading center for the study of American religion. We are delighted at the continued support of the McDonald Agape Foundation and look forward to sharing the fruits of the center’s research in the years to come.”