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Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

- 2020 – : University of Zurich: PhD in Old Testament Studies and Ancient Jewish History of Religion, Dissertation topic: *“Time and Theology in the Book of Ecclesiastes: The Thought of Qoheleth and the Emerging Jewish Apocalypticism in the Hellenistic Period”* (until 2023)
- 2018 – 2020: University of Oxford, Keble College: M.Phil. Theology, with Distinction
- 2015 – 2018: University of Oxford, Mansfield College: B.A. Theology and Religion: First Class
- 2007 – 2015: Herbartgymnasium Oldenburg: Abitur, average grade: 1,0.

Professional Training:

- 2021 – : Universität Zürich: Certificate of Advanced Study: Didactics in Higher Education

Academic Posts and Further Employment:

- 2022 – 2023: *Assistant* at the Chair of Old Testament and Semitic Languages, University of Basel, with responsibilities in research and teaching
- 2022: Visiting Research Fellow, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (06-08/2022)
- 2020 – : *Assistant* at the Chair of Hebrew Bible and Ancient Judaism, University of Zurich, with responsibilities in research and teaching
- 2019 – 2020: Assistant Editor, Book List of the Society for Old Testament Study, Oxford, UK



2018: Translator for the “Historical and Theological Lexicon of the Septuagint”

Teaching:

Spring 2022: Class “OT: The Book of Ecclesiastes” Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich

Autumn 2022: “Class OT/NT: Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls”, Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich

Autumn 2022: “Class OT: Introduction to the Old Testament”, Faculty of Theology, University of Basel

Spring 2023: “Seminar OT/NT: Apocalyptic Thinking in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity”, Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich

Tasks in University Administration:

2022 – : Elected Member of the Senate of the University of Zurich

2022 – : Elected Member of the Board of the Theological *Seminar*, University of Zurich

Publications:

Review: Dell, K.; Kynes, W. (eds.): Reading Proverbs Intertextually (T&T Clark, London 2019), in: *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*, vol. 43,5 (SAGE Publishing, 2019)

Rev.: Cargill, R.: Melchizedek, King of Sodom. How Scribes Invented the Biblical Priest-King (Oxford University Press, New York 2019), in: *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*, vol. 44,5 (SAGE Publishing, 2020)

Rev.: Doedens, J.: The Sons of God in Genesis 6:1-4. Analysis and History of Exegesis (Brill, Leiden 2019), in: *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*, vol. 44,5 (SAGE Publishing, 2020)

Rev.: Michel, A.; Rüttgers, N.K. (eds.): Jeremia, Deuteronomismus und Priesterschrift. Beiträge zur Literatur- und Theologiegeschichte des Alten Testaments (EOS, Sankt Ottilien 2019), in: *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*, vol. 44,5 (SAGE Publishing, 2020)

Rev.: Takeuchi, K.: Death and Divine Judgment in Ecclesiastes (Eisenbrauns, University Park, PA 2019), in: *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*, vol. 44,5 (SAGE Publishing, 2020)

Rev.: Bundvad, M. et al.: Vision, Narrative, and Wisdom in the Aramaic Texts from Qumran. Essays from the Copenhagen Symposium 14-15 August 2017 (Brill,



Leiden 2020), in: Journal for the Study of the Old Testament, vol 45,5 (SAGE Publishing, 2021)

Rev.: Drawnel, H.: The Aramaic Books of Enoch. 4Q201, 4Q202, 4Q204, 4Q205, 4Q206, 4Q207, 4Q212 (Oxford University Press, Oxford 2019), in: Journal for the Study of the Old Testament, Band 45,5 (SAGE Publishing, 2021)

Rev.: Sigvartsen, J.A.: Afterlife and Resurrection Beliefs in the Apocrypha and Apocalyptic Literature (T&T Clark, London 2019), in: Journal for the Study of the Old Testament, vol. 45,5 (SAGE Publishing, 2021)

Rev.: Sigvartsen, J.A.: Afterlife and Resurrection Beliefs in the Pseudepigrapha, (T&T Clark, London 2019), in: Journal for the Study of the Old Testament, vol. 45,5 (SAGE Publishing, 2021)

in preparation:

Rev.: Marksches, Ch.: God's Body: Jewish, Christian, and Pagan Images of God (transl.; Baylor University Press, Waco, TX), in: Journal for the Study of the Old Testament, vol. 46,5 (SAGE Publishing, vsl. 2022)

Rev.: Zundler, D.: Dekalog und Tefillin im Ijobbuch? Eine sprach- und literaturwissenschaftliche Studie zu Ij 31 (EOS, Sankt Ottilien 2020), in: Journal for the Study of the Old Testament, vol. 46,5 (SAGE Publishing, vsl. 2022)

Conference Papers:

"All is transience, says Qoheleth' (Eccl 1:2): Reading the Book of Ecclesiastes as Beyond Absolute Moral Categories", British Association for Jewish Studies, Oxford, UK 2019

"The tree was to be desired to give insight' (Gen 3:6): Perspectives on Ideas of Knowledge in the Paradise Narrative and the Influence of Wisdom Thought on them", Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA 2019

"Perspectives on God in the Book of Job", Oxford-Groningen-Leuven Network for Research on the Dead Sea Scrolls, Oxford, UK 2020 ("accepted paper", Conference cancelled due to Covid-19)

"Theology between Determinism and Human Ignorance in the Book of Ecclesiastes", European Association for Biblical Studies, Wuppertal, Germany / online 2021

"On Dreams and Angels: A Discussion of References to Motifs of Jewish Apocalypticism in the Book of Qoheleth", Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX 2021



“Old Testament Theology as a Jewish, Christian, or Critical Exercise: Perspectives in History and Method”, Conference ‘Old Testament Theology. Current Concepts, Issues, and Methods’, Protestant Faculty of Theology, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic 2022

“All Is Transient’: Qoheleth’s Polemic against Contemporary Notions of Paideia”, 13th Enoch Seminar Nangeroni Meeting, Bodø, Norway 2022

forthcoming:

“Jüdische Apokalyptik in Qumran? Überlegungen zu prototype theory und dem Problem der Konstruktion von Genres”, Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense, Leuven, Belgium 2022

“Hermeneutics and Internal Dialogue: Qoheleth, Bakhtin, and the Rhetoric of Critical Wisdom“, 24th Congress of the International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament, Zürich, Switzerland 2022

“Rhetoric and Discourse in Qoheleth and 4QInstruction”, 18th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel 2022

“... and there is nothing new under the sun’ (Eccl 1:9): Time as a Global Category in the Book of Ecclesiastes”, Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO 2022

“Old Testament Theology’, Considered Retrospectively in Light of Post-biblical Evidence“, Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO 2022

“Reflections upon History in Ecclesiastes and its Context in the Hellenistic Period“, Society for Old Testament Studies, Sheffield, UK 2023

“Dimensions of Apocalyptic Thinking in 4QInstruction“, Conference “(Anti-)Apocalypticism in Antiquity“, Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland 2023

Grants, Prizes, and Further Academic Activities:

2021 – 2023: Organisation of a Conference on “(Anti-)Apocalypticism in Antiquity”, a part of the Congressi Stefano Franscini events series on Monte Verità with a grant of currently CHF 10.200,00

2022: Scholarship from the Israel Council for Higher Education for a Visiting Research Fellowship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (06-08/2022)

2021 – : PhD Scholarship of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)



- 2020 – : Grant for the Project Group “The Bible and Antiquity”, Graduate Campus, University of Zurich
- 2020: Research Grant, University of Zurich, CHF 28.048,00
- 2015 – 2020: Academic Scholarship, Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, Germany
- 2019: Travel Grant to the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford / Keble Association, GBP 1,000.00
- 2018: Prize for Extraordinary Achievement in the Final Examinations for the B.A. Theology and Religion, Mansfield College, University of Oxford
- 2018: Participation “Berlin Oxford Summer School in Biblical Studies” on the topic: “A New Perspective on the Book of Proverbs”, Humboldt-Universität Berlin, Germany

Membership in Academic Societies:

- 2022 – : World Union of Jewish Studies
- 2020 – : European Association of Biblical Studies
- 2019 – : Society for Old Testament Study, United Kingdom
- 2018 – : Society of Biblical Literature

Languages:

English, German, Latin, Biblical Hebrew, Ancient Greek, as well as basic competency in Biblical Aramaic and Ancient Ethiopic (Ge'ez)

Areas of Focus in Research:

Wisdom Literature, especially the Book of Ecclesiastes, as well as Wisdom Thought in the Dead Sea Scrolls
Jewish Apocalypticism in the Hebrew Bible, as well as the Dead Sea Scrolls and other post-biblical Jewish Literature
History of Thought in the Hellenistic Period
Questions of Genre in Biblical Studies
Literary Approaches to the Hebrew Bible
Theology of the Old Testament