



Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

- 2024 – University of Zurich: Habilitation Project in Hebrew Bible and Ancient Judaism as part of the SNSF Project “Towards an Integrated Methodology of Dating Biblical Texts”
- 2020 – 2024 University of Zurich: Doctorate in Hebrew Bible and Ancient Judaism. Dissertation Topic: “On Time and Tradition. Temporal Thinking in Ecclesiastes in the Context of Emerging Apocalypticism and the History of Ideas in the Hellenistic Period” (submitted April 2024)
- 2018 – 2020 University of Oxford, Keble College: M.Phil. Theology, with Distinction
- 2015 – 2018 University of Oxford, Mansfield College: M.A. Theology and Religion: First Class
- 2021 – 2023 University of Zurich, Faculty of Philosophy: Certificate of Advanced Study in Higher Education Didactics, with a focus in “Inquiry Based Learning”

Employment:

- 2024 – 2028 Postdoc in the SNSF-Project “Towards an Integrated Methodology of Dating Biblical Texts”
- 2022 – 2023 *Assistant* at the Chair for Old Testament, Faculty of Theology Universität Basel
- 2022 Visiting Research Fellow, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2020 – 2024 *Assistant* at the Chair for Hebrew Bible and Ancient Judaism, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Zurich
- 2019 – 2020 *Assistant Editor*, Book List of the Society for Old Testament Study, Oxford, UK

Teaching:

- Spring 2022 “Advanced Hebrew Reading Seminar: The Book of Ecclesiastes”, Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich
- Autumn 2022 “Hebrew Bible / Old Testament Research Seminar”, Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich
- “Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls”, Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich
- “Introduction to the Hebrew Bible”, Faculty of Theology, University of Basel
- Spring 2023 “Apocalyptic Thinking in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity”, Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich
- Summer 2023 Supervision of an Excursion to Jerusalem and the Dead Sea, Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich
- Autumn 2023 “The Wisdom Literature of the Hebrew Bible”, Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich



Spring 2024 “The History of Literature and Religion of Second Temple Judaism“, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Zurich

forthcoming:

Autumn 2024: “The Bible and Literature – the Bible as Literature“ Die Bibel und Literatur – die Bibel als Literatur“, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Zurich

Summer 2025: Main Organiser of the International Summer School “500 Years of Theology in Zurich – 500th Anniversary of the Prophezezy“, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Zurich

Responsibilities in University Administration:

2024 – Elected Member of the Ethics Commission of the University of Zurich

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

2022 – Elected Member of the Departmental Assembly of the Department of Theology, University of Zurich

2022 – 2023 Elected Member of the Faculty Assembly of the Faculty of Theology, University of Basel

Publications:

Edited Volume:

- Adam, Moritz F., Daniel Maier and Jörg Frey (eds.), *(Anti-)Apocalypticism throughout Antiquity* (WUNT I, Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen, *forthcoming*)

Articles:

forthcoming:

- “‘All Is Transient’: Qoheleth’s Polemic against Contemporary Notions of Paideia”, in: Gelardini, Gabriella (ed.), in: *Virtus et Humanitas. Virtues and Values in Greco-Roman, Jewish and Christian Paideia at the Turn of the Common Era* (Religions in the Graeco-Roman World, Brill, Leiden, *forthcoming*).
- “Participation, Tradition, and Transformation. On the Ethics and Hermeneutics of Engaging in Jewish Wisdom Thinking and Practice”, in: Hogeterp, Albert (ed.), *Spiritual Transformation in the New Testament and Related Texts* (Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen, *forthcoming*).
- “Apocalyptic Discourses in Hellenistic Judaism”, in: Adam, Moritz F., Daniel Maier und Jörg Frey (eds.), *(Anti-)Apocalypticism throughout Antiquity* (WUNT I, Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen, *forthcoming*).
- “Über Offenheit, Kollaboration und die Ausformulierung des Vorläufigen. Oder: Eine Apologie für das ‚Oxford Essay‘”, in: *Forum Exegese und Hochschuldidaktik: Verstehen von Anfang an*, *forthcoming*.

Lexicon Articles:

forthcoming:

- “Paradise in Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism”, in: *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, vol. 22 (De Gruyter, Berlin, *forthcoming*)
- “Peace and Peacemaking in Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism”, in: *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, vol. 22 (De Gruyter, Berlin, *forthcoming*)



Reviews:

- Dell, K.; Kynes, W. (Hrsg.): Reading Proverbs Intertextually (T&T Clark, London 2019), in: Journal for the Study of the Old Testament, vol. 43,5 (SAGE Publishing, 2019)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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, vol. 45,5 (SAGE Publishing, 2021)
- 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)
- 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)

im Erscheinen:

- Collins, John J. / Geysler-Fouché, Ananda: Emerging Sectarianism in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Continuity, Separation, and Conflict (STDJ 141, Brill, Leiden 2022), in: *Dead Sea Discoveries* (forthcoming)

Invited Lectures:

- “Reflections upon History in Ecclesiastes and its Context in the Hellenistic Period”, Society for Old Testament Studies, Sheffield, UK 2023
- “Erfahrung, Offenbarung, und Zeitkonzeptionen im antiken Judentum. Über das Verhältnis zwischen weisheitlichem Denken in der Hebräischen Bibel und in den Schriftrollen vom Toten Meer”, Schweizer Sozietät Altes Testament, Chur, Schweiz 2023
- “On the Misconstruction of a Genre. Problematising Friedrich Lücke, the History of the Study of Apocalypticism, and Scholarly Assumptions on the Relationship between Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity”, European Association of Biblical Studies, Syrakus, Italien 2023

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
- “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
- “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, Zurich, 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
- “The Word of God amongst the Poetic Speeches of the Book of Job. On Job 38-42 and Theological Hermeneutics”, Protestant Faculty of Theology, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic 2023
- “Apocalyptic Discourses in Hellenistic Judaism”, Conference “(Anti)-Apocalypticism in Antiquity”, Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland 2023
- “‘Who is like the wise man? And who knows the interpretation of a thing?’ The Dead Sea Scrolls as a Hermeneutical Prism for the Study of the Book of Ecclesiastes”, Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX 2023
- “(Anti-)Apocalypticism throughout Antiquity as an Interpretative Key for Modern End Time Narratives and the Reception History of Apocalyptic Thinking”, Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX 2023
- “(Anti-)Apocalypticism beyond Antiquity, and its Origins in the Reception of the Book of Revelation”, Conference “Problems in the Book of Revelation and Aspects of its Reception”, Zurich, Switzerland 2024
- “Literature, Ethics, and Normativity in Reading Biblical Texts. Deconstructing Gender in Ancient Judaism”, Conference “Ethics in the Old Testament”, Tutzing, Germany 2024
- “Israel in the Dead Sea Scrolls”, Zurich-St Andrews Conference “Who is Israel in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity?”, St Andrews, Scotland 2024
- “Hermeneutics, Rhetoric, and the Agency of the Intended Reader: Spiritual Transformation in Proverbs, Job, and the Song of Songs”, IIAC “The Bible and Its World”, World Union of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel 2024
- “Paraphrase as Interpretation: Gregory Thaumaturgos and the Early Reception History of Ecclesiastes as a Case Study”, Conference “Exegesis and Reception”, Tartu, Estonia 2024
- “Time, History, and Rhetoric. Innovations to Temporal Thinking in the Hellenistic Period and Their Impact on Apocalyptic Thinking in Antiquity and Beyond”, Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA 2024
- “‘For what is hidden is not your concern’ (Sir 3:22): (Anti-)Apocalypticism between Ecclesiastes and Ben Sira”, Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA 2024



Lectures in the Field of Public Scholarship:

- Lecture “Religion and Politics in Germany and the United Kingdom”, Seminar for Scholarship Recipients of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, Oxford, UK 2021
- Lecture “Zeitvorstellungen im antiken Judentum”, Open Day, Zurich Center for the Study of Antiquity, Zurich, Switzerland 2022
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Grants, Prizes, and Other Academic Activities:

- 2025 Program Unit Chair “Apocalyptic Thinking in Antiquity”, IOSOT Congress, Berlin
- 2025 Organisation of the international Summer School “500 Years of Theology in Zurich – 500th Anniversary of the Prophezezy”, University of Zurich
- 2021 – 2023 Organisation of a Conference on the Topic of “(Anti-)Apocalypticism throughout Antiquity”, as part of the interdisciplinary conference “Congresso Stefano Franscini” on Monte Verità
- 2022 – External Examiner for the German Academic Scholarship Foundation
- 2022 Grant from the Israel Council for Higher Education for a Visiting Research Fellowship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (06-09/2022)
- 2021 – 2023 PhD Scholarship of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)
- 2021 Chair, European Association of Biblical Studies Graduate Symposium
- 2021 – 2023 Grant for the Project Group “The Bible and Antiquity”, Graduate Campus, University of Zurich
- 2020 Research Grant, University of Zurich
- 2018 College Prize for the Final Honour School in Theology and Religion, Mansfield College, University of Oxford
- 2015 – 2020 Academic Scholarship, Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, Germany

Membership in Academic Societies:

- 2022 – World Union of Jewish Studies
- 2022 – Schweizerische Gesellschaft für orientalische Altertumswissenschaft
- 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, Classical Greek, Biblical Aramaic, as well as basic competency in Classical Ethiopic (Ge'ez)

Research Focuses:

Wisdom Literature, especially the Book of Ecclesiastes, and Wisdom in the Dead Sea Scrolls
Jewish Apocalypticism in the Hebrew Bible and the Dead Sea Scrolls
The History of Ideas in the Hellenistic Period
Questions of Genre in Ancient Literature
Literary-theoretical Approaches to Ancient Jewish Literature
The History of Scholarship in Biblical Studies, with a focus on antisemitism in 19th century Germany
The History of Religion of Judaism and Christianity