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Main research fields

Patristics, apocrypha, papyrology, asceticism and monasticism, Coptic studies,
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Education

Docent in Early Christian Literature and Coptic Christianity, University of Helsinki
PhD in Religious Studies, Laval University, Québec, Canada
MA in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania
BA Philosophy, University of Oradea, Romania

Professional experience

Jan 2015–present: Senior researcher, Göttingen Academy of Sciences and
Humanities
Aug 2013–Dec 2014: Researcher, Hiob Ludolf Centre for Ethiopian Studies, Asien-
Afrika-Institut, Hamburg University
2009–2011: Visiting scholar, Department of Biblical Studies, University of Helsinki
2006–2012: Auxiliaire de recherche, Faculté de théologie et de sciences religieuses,
Université Laval, Québec

Fellowships

Feb 15–March 15, 2008: Research scholarship offered by the *Institut Français
d'Archéologie Orientale* (IFAO), Cairo, for research requiring the collections
of Coptic manuscripts in Cairo
Sept 2010: *Corpus dei Manoscritti Copti Letterari* (Rome) visiting fellowship
Sept 17–22, 2012: Travel grant offered by the *Comparative Oriental Manuscript
Studies* (COMSt) project (Hamburg University) for attending the *Tenth
International Congress of Coptic Studies*, Rome
Aug 2013–Dec 2014: Nachwuchsinitiative der Universität Hamburg, fellowship
offered by Hamburg University
April 7-21, 2014: *Swenson Family Fellowship in Eastern Christian Manuscript
Studies*, offered by the *Hill Museum & Manuscript Library* (Collegeville,
Minnesota) for research requiring digital and microfilm manuscript collections
at HMML

Professional service (membership)

Association pour l'étude de la littérature apocryphe chrétienne
International Association for Coptic Studies
Association Internationale de Papyrologues
Association Internationale des études arméniennes
North American Society for the Study of Christian Apocryphal Literature
Society of Biblical Literature
Romanian Society for Byzantine Studies

Member of the steering committee of the Christianity in the Middle East Group,
International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA)

Publications:

Books (monograph)

The Berlin-Strasbourg Apocryphon: A Coptic Apostolic Memoir. Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament I, 370; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2017.

Articles in journals

“The Sahidic Tripartite Isaiah: Origins and Transmission within the Coptic Manuscript Culture,” *Archiv für Papyrusforschung* 66 (2020) 377-406.

“The Ethiopic Version of Stephen the Theban’s *Sermo asceticus*,” *Le Muséon* 132 (2019) 475-507 (co-authored with Amsalu Tefera).

“Coptic Vestiges of Basil of Caesarea’s *Asceticon Magnum* (CPG 2875),” *Vigiliae Christianae* 73 (2019) 359-384.

“A Coptic Text Attributed to John of Jerusalem: The Authorship of the *Encomium in Stephanum Protomartyris* (BHO 1093; CANT 302; *Clavis Coptica* 0985) Revisited,” *Analecta Bollandiana* 137 (2019) 58-62.

“A Quotation from 6 Ezra in the *Sermo asceticus* of Stephen the Theban,” *Apocrypha* 29 (2018) 59-67.

“A Bohairic Fragment of the *Acts of Matthew in the City of the Priests* and other Coptic Fragments from the Genizah of the Umayyad Mosque in Damascus,” *Le Muséon* 131 (2018) 251-277.

“The *Sermo asceticus* of Stephen the Theban in Sahidic Coptic,” *Journal of Theological Studies* n.s. 69 (2018) 628-673.

“Note on the Alleged Arabic Manuscript of the *Life of Adam*,” *Journal of Theological Studies* n.s. 69 (2018) 96-100.

“The Coptic Versions of *De ascetica disciplina* attributed to Basil of Caesarea (CPG 2890). With an Appendix Containing the Armenian Version,” *Revue des études byzantines* 75 (2017) 65-100.

“Remarks on a Coptic Sahidic Fragment of 3 Kingdoms, Previously Described as an Apocryphon of Solomon,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 136 (2017) 57-62 (co-authored with Felix Albrecht).

“Sitting in the Cell: The Literary Development of an Ascetic Praxis in Paul of Tamma’s Writings. With an Edition of Some Hitherto Unknown Fragments of *De Cella*,” *Journal of Theological Studies* n.s. 68 (2017) 141-171.

“The Question of the Authorship of the *Historia Stephani Protomartyris* (BHO 1093; CANT 302; *clavis coptica* 0491): Theodosius of Jerusalem, Abba Isaiah, the Monk Romanus and Peter the Iberian,” *Analecta Bollandiana* 134 (2016) 279-292.

“An Armenian Fragment of the Gospel of Mark in the *Erkat‘agir* Script: With a Note on Its Codicological Reconstruction” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 135 (2016) 849-857.

“An Addition to the Christian-Palestinian Aramaic Literary Corpus: *Logos XV* of Abba Isaiah of Scetis,” *Journal of Semitic Studies* 61 (2016) 449-461.

“The Recovery of the Lost Fragment Preserving the Title of the Coptic *Book of Bartholomew*: Edition and Translation of Cornell University Library, Misc. Bd. Ms. 683,” *Apocrypha* 26 (2015) 239-259.

- “The *Book of Bartholomew*: A Coptic Apostolic Memoir,” *Apocrypha* 26 (2015) 211-237.
- “Revisiting the Literary *Dossier* of Stephen of Thebes: With Preliminary Editions of the Greek Redactions of the *Ascetic Commandments*,” *Adamantius* 21 (2015) 301-325.
- “On a Bilingual Copto-Arabic Manuscript of *4 Ezra* and the Reception of this Pseudepigraphon in Coptic Literature,” *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 25.1 (2015) 3-22.
- “The Sahidic Version of Jacob of Serugh’s *Memrā* on the Ascension of Christ,” *Le Muséon* 128 (2015) 49-83.
- “Note on the Dating of the British Library Sahidic Fragment of Ps.-Cyriacus of Behnesa’s *Lament of Mary*,” *Journal of Coptic Studies* 16 (2014) 217-218.
- “Coptic Scribes and Manuscripts. Dated and Datable Codices from the Monastery of Apa Shenoute. I: The Codices of the Scribe Victor, the Son of Shenoute (First Half of the 12th Century),” *Journal of Coptic Studies* 16 (2014) 195-215.
- “More Sahidic Fragments from the Life of Shenoute Attributed to Besa,” *Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum – Journal of Ancient Christianity* 17 (2013) 424-427.
- “‘Me, This Wretched Sinner’: A Coptic Fragment from the Vision of Theophilus Concerning the Flight of the Holy Family to Egypt,” *Vigiliae Christianae* 67 (2013) 436-450.
- “A Coptic Fragment from the *History of Joseph the Carpenter* in the Collection of Duke University Library,” *Harvard Theological Review* 106:1 (2013) 93-104.
- “Three Fragments from a Coptic Codex of the Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles,” *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists* 49 (2012) 241-250.
- “A Coptic Fragment from John Chrysostom, *Quod nemo laeditur nisi a seipso* (CPG 4400; BHG 488d),” *Analecta Bollandiana* 130 (2012) 283-293.
- “Ps.-Theophili Alexandrini *Sermo de Cruce et Latrone*. Edition of Pierpont Morgan M595 with Parallels and Translation,” *Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum – Journal of Ancient Christianity* 16 (2012) 181-225.
- “Coptic Biblical Fragments in the Possession of the Trinity College in Dublin,” *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 183 (2012) 101-107.
- “A British Library Fragment from a Homily on the Lament of Mary and the So-Called Gospel of Gamaliel,” *Aethiopica. International Journal of Ethiopian and Eritrean Studies* 15 (2012) 53-71.
- “Further Leaves from a White Monastery Codex Containing Texts Attributed to Athanasius of Alexandria,” *Orientalia* 81 (2012) 87-90 + tab. XXII-XXVII.
- “Notes Concerning Some Coptic Fragments Related to Mary the Mother of Jesus,” *Teologinen Aikakauskirja – Teologisk Tidskrift* 117 (2012) 102-105.
- “The Borgian Coptic Manuscripts in Naples: Supplementary Identifications and Notes to a Recently Published Catalogue,” *Orientalia Christiana Periodica* 77 (2011) 299-325.
- “À propos de la datation du manuscrit contenant le Grand Euchologe du Monastère Blanc,” *Vigiliae Christianae* 65 (2011) 189-198.
- “New Fragments from the Sahidic Version of the *Historia Josephi Fabri Lignarii*,” *Le Muséon* 122 (2009) 279-289.

Articles in books

- “The End of the Library of the Monastery of Atripe,” in P. Buzi – A. Camplani – F. Contardi (eds.), *Coptic Society, Literature and Religion from Late Antiquity to Modern Times. Proceedings of the Tenth International Congress of Coptic*

- Studies, Rome, September 17th-22nd, 2012, and Plenary Reports of the Ninth International Congress of Coptic Studies, Cairo, September 15th-19th, 2008* vol. 2 (Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta, 247; Louvain: Peeters, 2016) 891-918 (co-authored with Tito Orlandi).
- “The *Berlin-Strasbourg Apocryphon*. Introduction and Translation from Coptic,” in T. Burke – B. Landau (eds.), *New Testament Apocrypha: More Noncanonical Scriptures* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2016) 165-183.
- “The Investiture of Abbaton, the Angel of Death. A New Translation and Introduction,” in T. Burke – B. Landau (eds.), *New Testament Apocrypha: More Noncanonical Scriptures* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2016) 526-554 (with a contribution by Ibrahim Saweros).
- “O *Evangelho do Salvador* (P. Berol. 22220) no seu contexto: Jesus e os apóstolos na literatura copta,” in J.C. Dias Chaves – V. Dobroruka (eds.), *Espectadores do Sagrado: Literatura apocalíptica, apócrifos do Novo Testamento e experiência visionária* (Brasília: Editora Universidade de Brasília, 2015) 221-258.
- “Quotations from the *Physiologus* in a Homily of the Coptic Holy Week Lectionary,” in D. Atanassova – T. Chronz (eds.), *ΣΥΝΑΞΙΣ ΚΑΘΟΛΙΚΗ. Beiträge zu Gottesdienst und Geschichte der fünf altkirchlichen Patriarchate für Heinzgerd Brakmann zum 70. Geburtstag* (Orientalia – Patristica – Oecumenica, 6,1; Vienna – Berlin: Lit Verlag, 2014) 677-689.
- “An Unknown ‘Apocryphal’ Text from the White Monastery,” in P. Buzi – A. Camplani (eds.), *Christianity in Egypt: Literary Production and Intellectual Trends. Studies in Honor of Tito Orlandi* (Studia Ephemeridis ‘Augustinianum,’ 125; Rome: Istituto Patristico Augustinianum, 2011) 477-499 (co-authored with Einar Thomassen).
- “Coptic,” in D.M. Gurtner – L.T. Stuckenbruck (eds.), *T&T Clark Encyclopedia of Second Temple Judaism* vol. 2 (London: T&T Clark, 2020) 164-167.
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- “2.5.3 (Coptic Version of) *Jeremiah’s Prophecy to Pashur*,” in F. Feder – M. Henze (eds.), *Textual History of the Bible* vol. 2B: *Deuterocanonical Scriptures* (Leiden – Boston: Brill, 2019) 117a-119b.
- “2.6.1 Textual History of the *History of the Captivity in Babylon*,” in F. Feder – M. Henze (eds.), *Textual History of the Bible* vol. 2B: *Deuterocanonical Scriptures* (Leiden – Boston: Brill, 2019) 122a-124a.
- “2.6.2 (Coptic Version of) the *History of the Captivity in Babylon*,” in F. Feder – M. Henze (eds.), *Textual History of the Bible* vol. 2B: *Deuterocanonical Scriptures* (Leiden – Boston: Brill, 2019) 124b-127a.
- “13-17.2.2 (Coptic Translations of the) Five Scrolls (Ruth, Canticles, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, Esther),” in A. Lange (ed.), *The Textual History of the Bible. The Hebrew Bible* vol. 1C: *Writings* (Leiden – Boston: Brill, 2017) 461-466.
- “3-5.2.2 (Coptic Translations of the) Former Prophets (Joshua, Judges, Samuel-Kings),” in A. Lange – E. Tov (eds.), *Textual History of the Bible. The Hebrew Bible* vol. 1B: *Pentateuch, Former and Latter Prophets* (Leiden – Boston: Brill, 2016) 403b-409a.