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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2016 – present: tenured Associate Professor of Ancient History, University of Basel
2014 – 2016 tenure-track Assistant Professor of Ancient History, University of Basel
2010 – 2014 Privatdozentin (Adjunct Professor) of Ancient History at Freie Universität Berlin
2006 – 2009 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Ancient History at Columbia University, New York, USA
2005 Post-Doc at the University of California at Berkeley, CA, USA

EDUCATION

2010 Habilitation in Ancient History at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
2005 Dr. phil. in Ancient History at Friedrich-Schiller Universität Jena, Germany
2001 MA and First State Examination in Ancient History and Classical Philology at University of Münster, Germany

VISITING POSITIONS

02/ – 03/2020 R. D. Milns Visiting Professor, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia (declined)
01/ – 06/2018 Invited Full Professor, Department of Religion, Princeton University, NJ, USA
2012-2014 Research Fellowship at the British School at Rome and the Institutum Romanum Finlandiae, Rome, Italy
2011 – 2012 Membre élue de l'UMR 8167 "Orient et Méditerranée", Collège de France, Paris, France
2010 - 2011 Research Fellowship of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany
2010 Member at the Institute for Advanced Study, School for Historical Studies, Princeton, NJ, USA

2007 – 2008 Visiting Research Fellowship at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, NYU, USA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Greek & Roman Social History; Early Christianity; Papyrology; Ancient Demography; Climate Change in Antiquity

GRANTS AND THIRD PARTY FUNDING

Since starting in Basel in fall 2014 I raised **2.5 Mio CHF (2.3 Mio EUR)** in third party funds mainly from the Swiss National Science Foundation, but also the Princeton Humanities Council, EUCOR, the FAG and Max Geldner Foundation. In addition, my PhD students and Postdocs at Basel independently raised between 2014 to 2020 another **1.25 Mio CHF (1.15 Mio. EUR)**. Before 2014, I raised another roughly **0.9 Mio EUR (1 Mio. CHF)** from the European Research Council, the German Research Foundation, the German Academic Exchange Service, the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World at NYU, and the Princeton Institute for Advanced Study.

PI OF RESEARCH PROJECTS (2014 – present)

2021 – 2025 SNSF-Project: „The Roman Egypt Laboratory: Climate Change, Societal Transformations, and the Transition to Late Antiquity“ 994'063.-CHF

2021 SNSF Scientific Exchange Project “Fiscal Institutions in Ptolemaic and Roman Egypt” 19'200.- CHF

2019 – 2020 EUCOR – Seed Money Project: “Connecting – Editing – Programming – Learning: Sowing the Seeds for Joint Teaching and Research in Digital Papyrology, Philology and Ancient History in the European Campus” 80'000.-CHF

2018 Stewart Fellowship of the Princeton Humanities Council, Department of Religion, Princeton University 90'000.-USD

2017 – 2018 Basel University Research Fund Seed Money “A Re-Evaluation of Late Antiquity” Forschungsfonds 23'636.- CHF

2015 – 2018 SNSF-Project “Change and Continuities from a Christian to a Muslim Society – Egyptian Society and Economy in the 6th to 8th Centuries“ (01/2016–12/2018) 700'000.– CHF

2015 – 2018 SNSF-Forschungsprojekt “Von frühen Christen, wilhelminischen Gelehrten und Nanotechnologen – Neue Herangehensweisen an Basler Zeugnisse aus der ägyptischen Wüste“ 319'219. – CHF

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

2020 R. D. Milns Visiting Professorship, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia (declined)

2018 Visiting Full Professorship in the Humanities Council at Princeton University, NJ, USA

2011 – 2014(/16) Heisenberg-Fellowship of the German Research Foundation (DFG)

2012 – 2013 Honorary Visiting fellowship at the British School at Rome and the Institutum Romanum Finlandiae, Rome, Italy

2011 – 2012 Membre élue de l'UMR 8167 “Orient et Méditerranée”, Collège de France, Paris, France

2010 - 2011 Research Fellowship of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany

2010 Herodotus Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Study, School for Historical Studies, Princeton, NJ, USA

2007 - 2010 Marie-Curie International Outgoing Fellowship of the European Research Council (ERC) at Columbia University, New York, USA

2007 - 2008 Visiting Fellowship at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World (ISAW), NYU, USA

2006 - 2007 Research Fellowship of the German Research Foundation (DFG) at Columbia University, New York, USA

2006 - 2007 Research Fellowship of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Columbia University, New York, USA (declined)

2005 – 2006 Post-Doc Fellowship at the University of California at Berkeley, CA, USA

2003 Research fellow of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) at University College London, UK

2002 – 2005 PhD-scholarship of the German Research Foundation (DFG) at the University of Jena, Germany

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Around 50 different graduate and undergraduate courses taught on the social, cultural, economic, and religious history of the Greek and Roman Worlds:

- at the Department of Religion, Princeton University, NJ, USA as Visiting Professor from 01/2018 - 06/2018
- at University of Basel, Switzerland as Professor of Ancient History, 2014 – present
- at the Central European University (CEU) in Budapest, Hungary as Visiting Professor in summer 2015
- at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany as Adjunct Professor from 2010 – 2014

- at Columbia University, New York, USA as Adjunct Assistant Professor from 2006 – 2009
- at Friedrich-Schiller Universität Jena in 2003/4

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Since coming to Basel in 2014 I gave around 45 invited lectures and conference presentations in Switzerland, Europe, and the USA at Stanford University, Princeton, Cornell University, Geneva, Vienna, Budapest, Lecce, Potsdam, Jena, Leiden, Zürich, Neuchâtel, Bonn, Giessen, Strasbourg, Berlin, and Rome.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSABILITIES IN BASEL

- Head of Institute of Ancient History, University of Basel (2014 – present)
- Head of the Doctoral Program of the Department of Classical Civilizations, Basel (2016 – present; Vice-head since 2014)
- Vice-Head of the Department of Classical Civilizations (2020 – present)
- Member of the Senate of the University of Basel (2019 – present)
- Member of the Faculty of Philosophy and History, University of Basel (2014 – present)
- Board Member of the Library Commission, Department of Classical Civilizations, Basel (2015 – present)

Member in refereeing bodies:

- Member of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) evaluation committee of PRIMA aimed at excellent women researchers who show a high potential for obtaining a professorship (2019 – present)
- Member of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) evaluation committees of Postdoc.Mobility grants aimed at excellent researchers who have done a doctorate in Switzerland (2018 – present)
- In addition: I have served as referee for ERC StG and CO Grants, for SNSF Ambizione grants, for Cambridge University Press, for the Fritz Thyssen Foundation, for the Polish National Science Centre and for Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS)

Positions as Scientific Editor:

- Member of the Advisory Panel of the Liverpool Studies in Ancient History (Liverpool University Press)

- General Editor of the ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ANCIENT HISTORY (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell)
- Scientific Advisory Board member of the journal *Ktèma*
- Review Editor of the *Journal of Late Antiquity*
- Editorial Advisory Board Member of the *Studies in Premodern History and Environment* (ed. CCHRI). Oxford University Press

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- General Secretary of the International Federation of Associations of Classical Studies (FIEC), 2019 – present
- Board member of the Swiss Society for Classical Studies (SVAW/SAGW), 2014 – 2020
- Board member of the International Digital Papyrology Initiative (supportpapyri.info), 2019 – present
- Scientific Advisory Board member of the XXXth International Congress in Papyrology, Paris 2022 (2020 – present)
- Scientific advisory board member of the Flemish Research Council project “Zooming in on climatic and social change in Central Italy, 1st – 6th century” (Brussels), 2020 – present

MAIN ORGANIZER OF INTL.CONFERENCES

- 2022 Intl. Conference “Climate Change and Societal Transformations in the Ancient World”, Swiss Institute in Cairo, Egypt
- 2021 Intl. Conference “Studying Graeco-Roman Egypt IV,” Basel, Switzerland
- 2021 Interdisciplinary Workshop “[Building & Managing Historical Climate Databases for the Ancient World: Prospects and Pitfalls](#)”, Basel, Switzerland
- 2020 Intl. Conference “[Climate Change in the Breadbasket of the Roman Empire: Reconstructing Nile Floods for the Roman Period](#),” Swiss Institute in Rome, Italy
- 2019 Intl. Conference “[Studying Graeco-Roman Egypt III](#),” Basel, Switzerland
- 2018 Intl. Conference “[Climate Science & Ancient History: Decoding «Natural» and «Human» Archives](#),” Basel, Switzerland
- 2018 Intl. Conference “[Studying Graeco-Roman Egypt II](#),” Basel, Switzerland
- 2017 Intl. Conference “[Studying Graeco-Roman Egypt](#),” Basel, Switzerland
- 2017 Intl. Conference “[Living the End of Antiquity](#),” Basel, Switzerland
- 2017 “First Swiss Papyrology Meeting,” Basel, Switzerland

- 2016 Intl. Conference “[Growing up Motherless in Antiquity](#),” Basel, Switzerland
- 2015 Workshop: “Characterizing the Age of Ancient Egyptian Manuscripts through micro-Raman Spectroscopy”, by Ancient Ink Laboratory, Columbia University - Columbia Nano Initiative at Columbia University, 11. December 2015, Basel, Switzerland
- 2015 “[Singles and the Single Life in the Roman and later Roman World](#)”, Academia Belgica, Rome, Italy
- 2013 Intl. Conference “[The Material Sides of Marriage: Female Goods and Women’s Economic Role in the Domestic Sphere in Greek, Roman and Byzantine Times](#)”, Rome, Italy
- 2013 Intl. Conference “[Family, Religion and Inheritance in the Ancient and Mediaeval World](#),” Paris, France
- 2012 Intl. Conference “The Mediterranean Family from Antiquity to the 19th Century”, Rostock, Germany
- 2008 Intl. Conference “Cross-Cultural Approaches to Household Structures in the Ancient World,” New York, NY, USA

MAIN ORGANIZER OF PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 (together with Victoria Landau, BA) Virtual exhibition on a Nubia expedition from spring 1900 “Reise in eine versunkene Welt - Eine Nubienexpedition im Frühjahr 1900”, January – April 2021
- 2017 Public exhibition in the Basel University Library on the Basel papyrus collection and its history «[Ein Jahrtausend am Nil – Die Geschichte der Basler Papyrussammlung](#)», February – April 2017