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Research interests

- Latin lexicography
- Latin pagan and Christian epics of Late Antiquity (Claudius Claudianus)
- Imperial and late antique Christian apologetics
- Early imperial Latin literature

Education and Academic Career

since September 2020	**Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities (GER), Thesaurus linguae Latinae:** postdoctoral fellow (Wölfflin-Müller-Stipend)
October 2019 – June 2020	**University of Göttingen (GER), Collaborative Research Centre 1136 "Education and Religion"**: research assistant
January 2016 – June 2019	**University of Göttingen** (GER)**, Institute for the Study of Religion:** research assistant
September 2018	**University of Göttingen** (GER), **doctoral examination** ***Ph.D. Thesis:*** Pagan Education, Religion, and Literary Culture in the 4th Century CE: A Study of the Underworld *Topos* in Claudian's *De raptu Proserpinae*. ***Supervisors:*** Prof. Dr. Ilinca Tanaseanu-Doebler Prof. Dr. Peter Kuhlmann Prof. Dr. Heinz-Günther Nesselrath
October 2010 – December 2015	**University of Göttingen** (GER)**, Courant Research Centre EDRIS:** research assistant, Ph.D. student in Latin Philology
September 2007 – June 2009	**University of Fribourg** (CH)**: Teaching Diploma (LDS II)** (equivalent to High School teaching diploma) ***Subjects:*** Latin, English
October 2000 – March 2006	**University of Fribourg** (CH)**: Master's Degree** ***Subjects:*** Latin Language and Literature English Philology and Linguistics Greek Language and Literature ***Title:*** *„aliud amico, aliud omnibus scribere"*? Ein sprachlich-stilistischer Vergleich typologisch verwandter Briefe aus den Büchern I-IX und Buch X von Plinius dem Jüngeren ***Supervisor:*** Prof. Dr. Margarethe Billerbeck
October 2000 – May 2005	**University of Fribourg** (CH): **Degree in English Literature** (equivalent to B.A.)

August 1996 – May 2000	**Gymnasium Burgdorf** (CH) (equivalent to A-levels) ***Core Subjects :*** Latin, English
August 1997 – July 1999	**Gymnasium Burgdorf** (CH): **Hebraicum** (Classical Hebrew language diploma)

Professional Experience

- **Research Experience**

October 2019 – June 2020	**Collaborative Research Centre 1136 "Education and Religion"**, University of Göttingen (GER). **Research assistant** to sub-project A 03 "Pagan Religion and Philosophy in 'Virtual Libraries': Late Antique Compendia and Encyclopaedic Works"
October 2010 – December 2015	**Courant Research Centre "Education and Religion from Early Imperial Roman Times to the Classical Period of Islam (EDRIS)"**, University of Göttingen (GER). **Research assistant** to Junior Research Group 2 "Education at the Crossroads: Pagan, Jewish, and Christian Discourses in Late Antiquity"

- **Teaching Experience**

April 2016 – July 2018	**Lecturer** in **Study of Religion**, seminars open to B.A. and M.A. students, University of Göttingen (GER)
Summer term 2018	"Mysterien der griechisch-römischen Antike"
Winter term 2017/18	"Rituale in literarischer Repräsentation"
Summer term 2017	"Mythos – zwischen Ammenmärchen und *hieros logos*"
Winter term 2016/17	"Orphismus - Mythos, Texte, Ritual"
Summer term 2016	"Jenseitsreisen in der graeco-römischen Literatur"

- **Administrative Experience**

May 2013 – April 2014 & May 2011 – April 2012	Member of the CRC EDRIS executive committee representing the Ph.D. students.
April 2011 – October 2011	Co-organisation of the international conference "Reading the Way to the Netherworld. Education and the Representations of the Beyond in Later Antiquity"; Göttingen; 14-16 October (together with Prof. Dr. Ilinca Tanaseanu-Döbler, Dr. Anna Lefteratou, and Konstantinos Stamatopoulos (M.A.))
October 2002 – October 2004	**Research Assistant** to the Institute of Classical Philology, Universtity of Fribourg (CH), prepare student material for lectures, co-organisation of excursions

- **Non-academic Professional Experience**

November 2008 – August 2010	**Tutor** (part-time) for Latin and English, at Learning Institute (CH), partly during teacher training

August 2007 – July 2008	**Teacher** for Latin, High School of Solothurn (CH), during teacher training
April 2006 – August 2007	**Tutor** (private) in Cork, Ireland; the stay in an English-speaking country was a prerequisite for the LDS II

Skills

- **Language Skills**

Latin	(very good)
Ancient Greek	(good)
German	(native speaker)
English	(almost native C2)
French	(good knowledge C1)
Spanish	(basic knowledge A1; academic reading)
Italian	(academic reading)

- **Computer Literacy**

Word	(very good)
Outlook	(good)
Power Point	(good)
Excel	(basic)

- **Communication Skills**

  Workshop "Cool, Calm, and Collected: Engaging the Audience in your Scientific Presentation", University of Göttingen (GER), 28-29 October 2011

  Certificate Course in Interpersonal Communication, University College of Cork (IRL), October 2006 – May 2007

Publications

- **Monograph**

Education, Religion, and Literary Culture in the 4th Century CE: A Study of the Underworld Topos in Claudian's De raptu Proserpinae (BERG 7), Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2020 (thesis).

- **Editorial Boards**

Ilinca Tanaseanu-Döbler, Anna Lefteratou, Gabriela Ryser, and Konstantinos Stamatopoulos (eds.), *Reading the Way to the Netherworld. Education and the Representations of the Beyond in Later Antiquity*. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2017.

- **Articles**

"*Hinc prima diabolo fides aedificatur ab initiis eruditionis*. Some Remarks on Literary Education and the Non-/Religious in Tertullian's *De idololatria*". In: Ilinca Tanaseanu-Döbler *et al*. (eds.): *Repositories of Learning and Religion? Religious and Non-Religious Aspects of Ancient and Medieval Material and Virtual Libraries*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck (forthcoming).

"'*Dabitur coniunx*': A Wedding in the Underworld of Claudian's *De raptu Proserpinae*". In: Ilinca Tanaseanu-Döbler *et al.* (eds.): *Reading the Way to the Netherworld. Education and the Representations of the Beyond in Later Antiquity*. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2017, 282-300.

"'Bitte gehen Sie rechts!' Jenseitsreisen in spätantiken Bibelgedichten". In: Reinhard Feldmeier, Monika Winet & Isabel Toral-Niehoff (eds.), *Gottesgedanken. Erkenntnis, Eschatologie und Ethik in Religionen der Spätantike und des frühen Mittelalters*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2016,99-104.

"The Hidden Model? Influences from Oppian in Claudian's Latin Oeuvre". *Hermes* 143, 4 (2015), 472-490.

- **Lexcion Entries**

Lemmata "restis", "retempto" "retento", "retorridus", "retrogradus", "retro(ve)rsus", "retrudo", "rhinoceros", "rhinoceroticus", "rivalis", "rivalitas", "rixa", "rixator", "rixatorius", "rix(i)osus", "rixor", "rixula". In: *Thesaurus linguae Latinae*. Berlin: De Gruyter (under review).

Art. "Netherworld: Christianity". In: *Encyclopaedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Berlin: De Gruyter (forthcoming).

- **Reviews**

Daniel Deerberg, Der Sturz des Judas. Kommentar (5,1-163) und Studien zur poetischen Erbauung bei Sedulius. Münster: Aschendorff Verlag 2011, (= Orbis Antiquus, 43). *Zeitschrift für antikes Christentum* 18 (2014), 159-162.

Papers

What the Hell! Underworld Depictions in Claudian and Dracontius
(Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich: Latin philology research seminar; Munich; 29 November 2022)

Von Lampen und Liebesleid: Unepisches in Claudians De raptu Proserpinae?
(Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg: Workshop „Philologica Erlangenisa Claudianea"; online conferenz; 13 Januar 2021)

Qua lampade Ditem flexit Amor: The Transformation of the Epic Underworld in Claudian's *De raptu Proserpinae*
(University of Vienna: 2nd CENTRAL-Workshop „Kommunikation mit den Toten"; Vienna; 28-29 November 2019)

Know Thy Gnosis? The Ουροβόρος in Claudian's Poetry
(University of Bremen: Graduate School "Gnosis als praktizierte Religion"; Bremen; 9-12 September 2015)

'A theologian, a philosopher, and a poet walk into a bar'. Religion and Education in Claudian's *De raptu Proserpinae*
(University of Bremen: Graduate School "Religious Education in Late Antiquity"; Bremen; 1-4 December 2014)

Impia Tartara: Receptions of *Aeneid* 6 in Late Antique Epic Poems
(Symposium of the Vergilian Society of America: "*Aeneid* Six and its Cultural Reception"; Cumae, Naples; 25-27 June 2013)

Christian teachings, pagan genre: the incarnation in the Latin biblical epics of Late Antiquity

(SBL Annual Meeting: EDRIS-Panel "Exegeses of the Incarnation"; Chicago; 17-20 November 2012)

Pieriis pollet studiis: Claudian's Education between Literary Culture and Religion
(University College London: "Educating the future generation: Teaching, learning, and antiquity"; London; 13-14 September 2012)

Dio: *Chryseis*
(Ratio Religionis / Area 2 CRC EDRIS: Sommerwerkstatt; Thun; 23-25 August 2012)

Burning the Bridges? The Poet Claudian between East and West
(Universities of Ghent, Göttingen, Groningen, und Uppsala: "U4 Winter School"; Istanbul; 14-17 March 2012)

'Beim Ursprung der Finsternis und den unberührten Flächen des grausigen Sumpfes': die Unterwelt beim lateinischen Dichter Claudian
(GSGG: "Tag der GSGG"; Göttingen; October 26, 2011)

'*Dabitur coniunx*': A Wedding in the Underworld of Claudian's *De raptu Proserpinae*
(TU Darmstadt: "Darmstädter Diskussionen"; Darmstadt; 05-08 October 2011, and University of Göttingen, CRC EDRIS, Graduiertenkolleg "Götterbilder – Gottesbilder – Weltbilder": "Reading the Way to the Netherworld. Education and the Representations of the Beyond in Later Antiquity"; Göttingen; 14-16 October 2011)

Claudian: A Pagan in Sheep's Clothing?
(University of Bremen: Graduate School "Christ in Toga: Boethius. Das Christentum und die römischen Eliten in der Spätantike"; Bremen; 10-13 October 2011)

Lukian: *Demonax*
(Ratio Religionis / Area 2 CRC EDRIS: Sommerwerkstatt; Akademie Waldschlösschen, Reinhausen; 23-25 August 2011)

The Underworld, Claudian, and the Underworld in Claudian
(Ratio Religionis / Area 2 CRC EDRIS: Seminar "Jenseitstopographien"; Göttingen; Mai 31, 2011)

Claudian: *Panegyricus dictus Olybrio et Probino consulibus*
(CRC EDRIS: inaugural paper; Göttingen; February 03, 2011)

Memberships

April 2011 – June 2020	member of the Graduate School of Humanities Göttingen GSGG (Graduiertenschule für Geisteswissenschaften Göttingen).
April 2011 – June 2020	member of the doctoral colloquium of the Classical Philology, University of Göttingen.