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Research interests

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

Education and Academic Career

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| 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 <i>De raptu Proserpinae</i> . 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: „ <i>aliud amico, aliud omnibus scribere</i> “? 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.) |

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| 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**

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| 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**

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| 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 <i>hieros logos</i> ” |
| Winter term 2016/17 | “Orphismus - Mythos, Texte, Ritual” |
| Summer term 2016 | “Jenseitsreisen in der graeco-römischen Literatur” |

- **Administrative Experience**

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| 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, University of Fribourg (CH), prepare student material for lectures, co-organisation of excursions |

- **Non-academic Professional Experience**

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

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| 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**

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| 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**

“‘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.

- **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

Qua lampade Ditem flexit Amor: The Transformation of the Epic Underworld in Claudian’s De raptu Proserpinae

(2. CENTRAL-Workshop „Kommunikation mit den Toten“, 28.-29. November 2019, Universität Wien)

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)

Pieris 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 grauisigen 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.