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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History of Judaism

University of Chicago, Divinity School – expected February 2009

“*Dialogues between Sages and Outsiders to the tradition*”: Creation of difference as a literary method of religious polemics in rabbinic literature

Advisor: Prof. Michael Fishbane. Readers: Prof. Hans-Josef Klauck, Dr. Richard Rosengarten

Ph.D. Qualifying Exams

University of Chicago, Divinity School – November 2006

- Tradition and Tradition-Building in the Hebrew Bible (BS2) – Prof. Michael Fishbane
- Rabbinic Thought and Theology in Late Antiquity (HJ1) – Prof. Michael Fishbane
- Jewish Literature in the late Hellenistic and early Roman period (HJ) – Prof. H-J. Klauck
- Theories of Fictionality (RL1) – Dr. R. Rosengarten

M.A. in Jewish Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Ancient History

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg i.Br., Germany – June 2002

M.A. studies in History, Jewish Studies

ELTE, Bölcsészettudományi Kar, Budapest, Hungary – 1995-1998

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Summer travel grant, University of Chicago, Committee of Jewish Studies. 2008
- Conference grant, Perrin Fund, University of Chicago, Divinity School. 2008
- Grant to cover travel and living expenses, Second Jerusalem Summer School in Jewish Studies and Comparative Religion. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. 2007
- Milo P. Jewett Travel Award, University of Chicago, Biblical Studies. 2007
- Shalom Hartman Research Fellowship. The Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, Israel. 2004-2005
- Conference Scholarship, University of Chicago, Department of Jewish Studies. 2004

- University of Chicago scholarship and tuition remission for Ph.D. studies. 2002-2006
- Golda Meir Fellowship Award for Graduate Students. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. 2001
- The Rothberg Family Scholarship. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. 2000-2001

PRESENTATIONS/MEETING ABSTRACTS

- “The fictionalization of the text (as if – ‘*ke-illu*’) as a hermeneutic method of rabbinic interpretation”
Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Boston, MA – November 2008
- “*Dialogues between Sages and Outsiders to the Tradition*’: Creation of Difference as a Literary Method of Religious Polemics in Rabbinic Literature”
Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA – November 2007
- “The Formation of ‘Rabbinic’ Identity in the Discourse of Rabbinic Literature”
Society of Biblical Literature, International Meeting. Vienna, Austria – July 2007
- דיאלוג בין חכמים לזרים למסורת : שיטות להבחין בין פולמוס פנימי לחיצוני בסיפרות חז”ל
“*Dialogue between Sages and Outsiders to the tradition*’: Methods for distinguishing external and internal polemics in the Literature of the Sages”
Controversy in Rabbinic Literature: Its Boundaries, Logic, and Hermeneutic Status. Seventh Annual Conference of Beth Morasha, Jerusalem, Israel – December 2004

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Forms and Methods of biblical interpretation in Antiquity (Jewish and Christian);
Fictionality, Rhetoric, and Literary Forms of biblical interpretation of Antiquity;
Jewish and Christian self-definition in the literary discourse of Antiquity.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Senior Lecturer, Facultät der Judaistik, Universität Wien, Vienna, Austria. March 2008 – present

Bibelhebräisch für AnfängerInnen – Summer 2008

“Biblical Hebrew“ (Biblical Hebrew Syntax and Style for Speakers of Modern Hebrew)

Lektüre Biblischer Texte – Winter 2008/2009

“Reading Biblical Texts“ (excerpts from Genesis, Exodus, Deut., 2 Samuel, Amos, Qohelet)

Mishnahebräisch – Winter 2008/2009

“Mishnaic Hebrew“ (Introduction to Reading Mishna Avot)

Lecturer, Fakultät der Judaistik, Universität Wien, Vienna, Austria. March 2007 – February 2008

Die Targumim innerhalb der Bibelauslegungstradition der Antike – Summer 2007

“The Targums as part of the antique tradition of Biblical interpretation”

Die Polemik in der jüdischen und Christlichen Bibelauslegung in der Antike – Winter 2007/08

“Polemics in Jewish and Christian Biblical Interpretation in Antiquity”

Research Assistant, University of Chicago, Divinity School, Chicago, USA. 2003 –2004

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Program Director, LanguageWorks, Center for Language Instruction and Intercultural Services, Budapest, Hungary. April 2004 – present

TEACHING COMPETENCIES

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament;

Targumim; Jewish-Hellenistic Literature (including Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha);

Rabbinic Literature, Midrash;

Biblical Interpretation in Antiquity (Jewish and Christian);

Jewish-Christian History, Literature, and History of Polemics in Antiquity.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Hungarian, English and German. Advanced in Hebrew and French.

REFERENCES

Prof. Michael Fishbane, University of Chicago, Divinity School

Prof. Hans-Josef Klauck, University of Chicago, Divinity School

Prof. Günter Stemberger, Fakultät der Judaistik, Universität Wien