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Research interests

- Latin pagan and Christian epics of Late Antiquity
- Claudius Claudianus
- Early imperial Latin literature

Education

since October 2019	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.)
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 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

Summer term 2018

Winter term 2017/18

Summer term 2017

Winter term 2016/17

Summer term 2016

Lecturer in Study of Religion, seminars open to B.A. and M.A. students, University of Göttingen (GER)

“Mysterien der griechisch-römischen Antike”

“Rituale in literarischer Repräsentation”

“Mythos – zwischen Ammenmärchen und *hieros logos*”

“Orphismus - Mythos, Texte, Ritual”

“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, University 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 my teacher training

August 2007 – July 2008

Teacher for Latin, High School of Solothurn (CH), during my 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 (January 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

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

since April 2011

member of the Graduate School of Humanities Göttingen
GSGG (Graduiertenschule für Geisteswissenschaften
Göttingen).

since April 2011

member of the doctoral colloquium of the Classical
Philology, University of Göttingen.