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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- 2014–            Extraordinary Associate Professor at the Faculty of Theology and the Research Unit for Reformed Theology, North-West University (Potchefstroom-Campus), South Africa
- 2013–            *Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter* in New Testament Studies at Friedrich Schiller University Jena
- 2009–2013      *Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter* in New Testament Studies at Ruhr University Bochum, and post-doctoral researcher for the international and interdisciplinary consortium “Dynamics in the History of Religions” (“Käte Hamburger Kolleg”), Ruhr University Bochum, financed by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research
- 2007–2009      Lecturer at the Theological Seminary Adelshofen (near Heidelberg)
- 2006–2007      Adjunct Lecturer at Theological Seminary Adelshofen
- 2002–2005      Funded Scholar of the interdisciplinary consortium of graduates (“Graduiertenkolleg”) “Die Bibel – ihre Entstehung und ihre Wirkung” at Eberhard Karls University Tübingen, financed by the *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft*

## QUALIFICATIONS AND STUDIES

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- 2008            Ph.D., “The Holy Spirit and Religious-Ethical Life in Paul,” London School of Theology/Brunel University (London); supervisor: Prof. Max Turner; internal examiner: Prof. Steve Walton; external examiner: Prof. James D. G. Dunn (Durham University)
- 1998–2007      Research and Work at Eberhard Karls University Tübingen (incl. parental leave)
- 1995–1998      Research at London School of Theology (Ph.D.-student, part-time; scholarships by The Rufford Maurice Laing Foundation)
- 1992–1995      Undergraduate Studies at London School of Theology. Degree: Bachelor of Arts (B.A. hons., Brunel University) in Theology, Diploma in Pastoral Studies

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: SEE [ACACEMIA.EDU](http://ACACEMIA.EDU)**

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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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FSU: Friedrich Schiller University Jena  
IYU: International YMCA University of Applied Sciences (Kassel)  
RUB: Ruhr University Bochum

SPCU: St. Petersburg Christian University  
TSA: Theological Seminary Adelshofen (Heidelberg)  
TUD: Technical University Dortmund

#### COURSES TAUGHT

##### *Bachelor-Level*

- Methods of New Testament Exegesis (TUD 2012; FSU 2013, 2014)
- Methods of New Testament Exegesis – Greek Texts (FSU 2014)
- New Testament Survey (of every book of the NT: “Bibelkunde”) (FSU 2014)
- The Johannine Farewell Discourses and the Theology of the Fourth Gospel (FSU 2014)
- Paul – His Life and His Theology (TSA 2009; IYU 2011, 2012, 2013)
- The Holy Spirit in the New Testament (TUD 2011; FSU 2013)
- Social Ethics, Bioethics and Environmental Ethics (IYU online 2011, 2012)
- New Testament Introduction (RUB 2009)
- New Testament Exegesis I (TSA 2006, 2007, 2008)
- New Testament Exegesis II (TSA 2007, 2008, 2009)
- Gospel of John (TSA 2008, 2009)
- Homiletics I (TSA 2007, 2008)
- Homiletics II (TSA 2008, 2009)
- Ethics I (TSA 2007)
- Ethics II (TSA 2008)

##### *Master-Level*

- Sex and Gender in the New Testament (FSU 2014)
- New Testament Pneumatology (RUB 2010, SPCU 2014)
- Central Texts of Pauline Theology (FSU 2013)
- Biblical Roots – Modern Values: New Testament Ethics Then and Now (RUB 2011, together with Dr. Jens-Christian Maschmeier)
- New Methods in Exegesis and Hermeneutics (TSA 2008, 2010)

#### ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY (SELECTION)

- Founding Member and Steering Committee Member of the SBL Annual Meeting Section “Biblical Ethics”; chairing the constituent session (2012) and the methodological sessions at the SBL Annual Meetings 2013 and 2014
- Gender Equality Officer of the Theological Faculty, FSU (2013– )
- Academic Teaching Training; Certificate: “Professionelle Lehrkompetenz für die Hochschule” (Basismodul Hochschuldidaktik, Ruhr University Bochum, 2011–2013)
- Executive Manager of the international conference “‘Trading Religions’: Religious Formation, Transformation and Cross-Cultural Exchange between East and West,” (funded with 10,000 Euro from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research), “Käte Hamburger Kolleg,” Bochum University (2010) [[report](#)]
- Assistant to the dean in the process of re-accreditation of TSA (2007–2009)

- Organization of and contribution to various conferences, symposia, etc. of the Graduiertenkolleg “Die Bibel – ihre Entstehung und ihre Wirkung,” graduate leader for one semester, University of Tübingen (2002–2005)

#### SUPERVISION & EXAMINATION

Examiner of B.A. and M.Th. students at FSU, RUB, TSA, and: London School of Theology 2009–2011; University of South Africa 2014. Supervision of B.Th. dissertations, evaluation of various ministry placements, and mentoring of theology students at TSA (2007–2009)

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Society of New Testament Studies – Society of Biblical Literature – Gesellschaft für evangelische Theologie – Rudolf-Bultmann-Gesellschaft für Hermeneutische Theologie – Funded Member of “The Historical Roots of Early Christian Pneumatology,” Research Consortium financed by the Humboldt Foundation and the International Catacomb Society [[website](#)]

#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Pauline epistles and theology; 1 Peter; Fourth Gospel and 1 John; Second Temple Judaism; Philo of Alexandria; Ethics (interrelations between Jewish, Hellenistic-Roman and Christian ethics in antiquity; the role of the Bible in contemporary ethics); pneumatology; hermeneutics

#### **SOCIAL AND PASTORAL WORK (SELECTION)**

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- Work with asylum seekers in the “Sinsheimer Arbeitsgemeinschaft Migration” (2008–2009)
- Various leadership roles at Jakobus-Church Tübingen (e.g., founding and team-leading weekly bible discussion evenings; founding and leading the band *dynamis*, leading worship, recording a CD) (1999–2007)
- Church ministry in Carpenders Park Church, Watford (preaching, teaching, leading services, music ministry) (1994–1998)
- Social work with homeless people (Watford New Hope Trust) and people with mental and psychological problems (St. Gabriel’s Project), London (1992–1993)
- Ministerial Training in the Johannes-Church Karlsruhe (preaching, teaching, leading services, counselling, work with children and young adults) (1992)
- 17-month community service (instead of military service): church work in Waldbrunn, near Heidelberg (youth leader, children’s ministry, leading worship services), administration, maintenance, community development (working with asylum seekers) (1990–1991)