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QUALIFICATIONS

2017	PhD (Biblical Theology)	University of Augsburg, Germany
	<i>Thesis title: 'Dipsychia und Oligopistia als frühchristliche Zweifelskonzepte im Rahmen menschlicher Dissonanz- und Einheitsvorstellungen in der Antike' (c. 175,000 words)</i> <i>Supervisor: Prof Dr Petra von Gemünden</i>	
2009	2nd State Examination (2. Staatsexamen)	State of Bavaria, Germany
	Government Accreditation as a Secondary School Teacher	
	<i>Course specifications: 2 years of teaching and training, incl. study seminars, examinations and 10,000 word thesis</i> <i>Subjects: English, Religious Education, School Psychology and School Pedagogy</i>	
2007	1st State Examination (1. Staatsexamen) (BA+MA equiv.)	University of Augsburg, Germany
	<i>Course specifications: 6 years FT (incl. one year studying abroad)</i> <i>Thesis title: 'Kreationismus und Millenarismus im protestantischen Fundamentalismus der USA.' (c. 50,000 words)</i> <i>Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Bernd Oberdorfer</i> <i>Subjects:</i> <i>1) Theology/Religious Education (incl. Church History, ancient Greek, Greek philosophy, Dogmatics, Ethics, Exegesis and Hermeneutics, Biblical Studies, Didactics, etc.)</i> <i>2) English Studies (incl. Linguistics, Morphology, Pragmatics, Translation Studies, English and American Literature Studies, English and American Cultural Studies, Old English, Grammar, Didactics, etc.)</i> <i>3) Pedagogy, Educational Science and Theory, School Pedagogy and School Psychology.</i>	

EMPLOYMENT

03/2022-present	Director of Research Lutheran Theological Journal Co-Editor Research Coordinator Lecturer in Biblical Studies	Australian Lutheran College
07/2022-present	Adjunct Lecturer in Biblical Studies	Uniting College for Leadership and Theology
03/2020– 02/2022	Postdoctoral Research Associate Lutheran Theological Journal Editorial Assistant	Australian Lutheran College
01/2020– 07/2020	Teacher (German, EALD)	Roma Mitchell Secondary College, Adelaide
09/2019– present	Temporary Relief Teacher (German)	School for the German Language, Adelaide
09/2019– 02/2020	Temporary Relief Teacher	Various primary schools, Adelaide
04/2010– 04/2011	Research Assistant and Lecturer <i>for Chair of Biblical Exegesis and Early Jewish Religious History (Prof Dr M. Böhm)</i>	University of Hamburg, Germany
09/2007– 09/2009	Teacher (Religious Education, ESL; year levels: 5–13) <i>'Referendariat'</i>	Wittelsbacher-Gymnasium Munich and other advanced secondary schools in Bavaria, Germany
02/2002– 09/2003	Student Research Assistant <i>for Chair of Biblical Theology (Prof Dr P. von Gemünden)</i>	University of Augsburg, Germany
02/2002– 01/2007	Private Tutor (German, German as a Foreign Language, Religious Education, English, Latin and other subjects as required)	Germany, Spain and Andorra

ACADEMIC TEACHING

2024 (S1)	Masters Capstone: Theology and Ministry Approaches to Hermeneutics: Ways of Biblical Interpretation (undergraduate and postgraduate levels) Exploring the Old Testament (undergraduate and postgraduate levels)	Australian Lutheran College
2023 (S2)	Undergraduate Integrative Capstone Masters Capstone: Theology and Ministry	Australian Lutheran College
2023 (S1)	Old Testament Introduction (undergraduate and postgraduate levels) Interpreting the New Testament (undergraduate and postgraduate levels)	Australian Lutheran College Uniting College of Leadership and Theology
2022 (S2)	Interpreting the Old Testament (undergraduate and postgraduate levels)	Uniting College of Leadership and Theology
2021	Mentor (Undergraduate, 'Old Testament Introduction')	Australian Lutheran College
2020	Academic Assistance Tutor (Undergraduate)	Australian Lutheran College
2010–2011	Lecturer, 'Introduction to New Testament Exegesis' (Undergraduate) Stand-in Lecturer (Various units in OT and NT, Undergraduate)	University of Hamburg, Germany

LANGUAGES

German	(native speaker)
English	(near-native)
Spanish	(conversational level)
French	(basic level)
Latin	(Latinum)
Ancient Greek	(Graecum)
Biblical Hebrew	(Hebraicum)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2012–2015	PhD Scholarship awarded by the Hanns-Seidel-Foundation
2007	Highest Ranked Student for final teaching degree (State Examination) in Bavaria in the subjects English and Religious Education (Lutheran)
2004	One-year Scholarship as a Study Abroad Student at Flinders University, Adelaide, and at the College of Divinity, Adelaide, awarded by the DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Auslandsdienst – German Academic Exchange Service)

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS and PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

SBL
ANZATS Council
UD Research Strategy Committee

PARTICIPATION IN ARC RESEARCH PROJECTS

2021 Research assistant; ARC Discovery project ‘Memories of Utopia—Destroying the Past to Create the Future (300-650CE)’

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2019 *Zweifelskonzepte im Frühchristentum. Dipsychia und Oligopistia im Rahmen menschlicher Dissonanz- und Einheitsvorstellungen in der Antike*, NTOA/StUNT 122 (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht).

Journal Articles and book chapters

2024 ‘Die ambivalente Seele: Philos Psychologisierung interpersonalen biblischer Konfliktgeschichten,’ in *Spannungsfelder von Emotionen in biblischen Texten und ihrer Rezeption*, ed. Judith E. Filitz and Petra von Gemünden. NTOA/StUNT (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht). (in press)

2024 ‘Ursache und Bewältigung intrapersonaler religiöser Konflikte im Vierten Makkabäerbuch und bei Philo von Alexandrien,’ in *Gefühlstiefen: Einblicke in die theologische Emotionsforschung. Festschrift für Petra von Gemünden*, eds. Judith E. Filitz, Theresa Ullmann and Sabine Schröder-Fartash. BThSt 196 (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht). (in press)

2023 ‘Assessing the usefulness of the psychological perspective on coping for the exploration of divine trials as religious struggles in Sirach 2’, in *When Psychology Meets the Bible*, eds. Heather A. McKay and Pieter van der Zwan (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press), 162–193.

2023 ‘Religiöse Dissonanzerfahrungen: Biblische und psychologische Perspektiven,’ in *Resonanzen: Gerd Theißen zum 80. Geburtstag*, eds. Petra von Gemünden, Annette Merz and Helmut Schwier (Gütersloh: Gütersloher Verlagshaus), 24–29.

2022 ‘Biblical and Reformation-time perspectives on women’s public preaching,’ in *Unless They are Sent: Affirming the Ordination of Women in the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand*, ed. Tanya Wittwer (Mile End, SA: MediaCom Education, 2022), 46–55.

2022 ‘Female ordination: biblical, confessional and hermeneutical perspectives,’ *Lutheran Theological Journal* 56, no. 3 (Dec 2022): 155–167.

2021 ‘Student agency through the Lutheran lens,’ *Lutheran Theological Journal Supplement* 1 (May 2021): 9–20.

2020 ‘The Lutheran Theological Journal—a survey of its history and current readership,’ *Lutheran Theological Journal* 54, no. 1 (May 2020): 4–15.

CONFERENCE AND RESEARCH PAPERS

Conference papers

- ‘Die ambivalente Seele: Philos Psychologisierung interpersonalen biblischer Konfliktgeschichten,’ International Symposium: Emotionen in biblischen Gottes- und Menschenbildern. Ambivalenzen – Gegensätze – Entsprechungen, Evangelisches Forum Annahof, Augsburg, 16 June 2023. (Invited paper)
- ‘Trajectories of “Doubt” in Early Christianity and Early Christian Studies’, New Trajectories in Australian Research on Late Antiquity and Early Christian Studies, Australian Catholic University/ Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry, Melbourne, 20 April 2022. (Invited paper)
- ‘Coping with Intrapersonal Religious Struggles in Early Judaism: Moral Conflict and Doubt in 4 Maccabees and Philo of Alexandria’, Studies in Second Temple Judaism: A Global Enterprise. An International Online Conference (January 10-13, 2022), 11 January 2022. (Invited paper)

Research presentations

- 'Emotions and the rhetoric of clothing in Col 3:1–17 and Paul's letters', Festival of Learning, Australian Lutheran College, 21 February 2023.
- 'Warum ordniert die Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand keine Frauen? Hintergründe und neue Perspektiven', Oberseminar University of Augsburg, 16 December 2022 (via Zoom).
- 'Coping with Moral Conflict and Doubt in Early Judaism: 4 Maccabees and Philo of Alexandria as Case Studies', Parkville Plus Research Seminar, Australian Lutheran College, Adelaide, 11 April 2022.
- 'Coping with Religious Struggles in the Book of Ben Sira: A Psychological Perspective', paper presented at the Research Seminar, Australian Lutheran College, Adelaide, 27 September 2021.
- 'Doubt in the New Testament', presentation and workshop at the Festival of Learning, Australian Lutheran College, 18 February 2021.
- 'Coping With Doubt and Dissonance in the Biblical Tradition: A Contribution to Historical Psychology', paper presented at the Research Hour, Uniting College/Adelaide College of Divinity, 7 November 2019.
- 'Dipsychia and Oligopistia as Concepts of Doubt in Early Christianity and the Development of Ideas on Intrapersonal Dissonance in Biblical Tradition', paper presented at the Joint Research Seminar, Australian Lutheran College, Adelaide, 19 August 2019.
- 'Zum Zweifel im Hirten des Hermas', paper presented at the Biblical Theology Research Seminar, University of Augsburg, Germany, 20 June 2017.
- 'Kleinglaube und Zweifel im Matthäusevangelium', paper presented at the Biblical Theology Research Seminar, University of Augsburg, Germany, May 2015.
- 'Dissonanz und Einheit des Menschen bei Ben Sira', paper presented at the Biblical Theology Research Seminar, University of Augsburg, Germany, April 2015.
- 'Menschliche Einheit und Gespaltenheit bei Philo von Alexandrien', paper presented at the Biblical Theology Research Seminar, University of Augsburg, Germany, December 2014.
- 'Zur Zwei-Geister-Lehre in der qumranischen Gemeindefrage', paper presented at the Biblical Theology Research Seminar, University of Augsburg, Germany, December 2014.
- 'Menschliche Einheit und Gespaltenheit im Alten Testament', paper presented at the Biblical Theology Research Seminar, University of Augsburg, Germany, June 2014.
- 'Der ἀνήρ διψυχός im Jakobusbrief', paper presented at the Biblical Theology Research Seminar, University of Augsburg, Germany, May 2014.
- 'Zur stoischen Seelen- und Affekttheorie und zur Frage nach der Möglichkeit akratischen Handelns in der Stoa', paper presented at the Biblical Theology Research Seminar, University of Augsburg, Germany, December 2013.
- 'Wortfeld zum "Zweifel" bzw. zur inneren Dissonanz des Menschen im Neuen Testament und bei den Apostolischen Vätern unter Berücksichtigung der antiken Umwelt', paper presented at the Biblical Theology Research Seminar, University of Augsburg, Germany, November 2013.
- 'Seelenteilungslehre und Akrasia bei Platon', paper presented at the Biblical Theology Research Seminar, University of Augsburg, Germany, August 2012.
- 'Seele und Innenwelt bei Homer und Plato', paper presented at the Biblical Theology Research Seminar, University of Augsburg, Germany, June 2012.
- 'Intrapsychische Konflikte und die Frage nach der Einheit der Seele bei Aristoteles', paper presented at the New Testament Research Seminar, Hamburg University, Germany, January 2011.
- 'Zweifeln, Zögern und Kleinglaube im Frühchristentum', paper presented at the New Testament Research Seminar, Hamburg University, Germany, July 2010.

Other

- 'Student agency through the Lutheran lens', Lutheran Education Australia Learning Circle, 11 October 2021.
- 'Models for change management and resilience building: Exploring biblical narratives relating to anxiety, fear and conflict', professional development workshop conducted at Unity College, Murray Bridge, 28 June 2021.

PHD THESIS ABSTRACT

Zweifelskonzepte im Frühchristentum: Dipsychia und Oligopistia im Rahmen menschlicher Dissonanz- und Einheitsvorstellungen in der Antike (NTOA/StUNT 122), Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht 2019.

<https://www.vandenhoeck-ruprecht-verlage.com/51024/zweifelskonzepte-im-fruehchristentum>

(Concepts of Doubt in Early Christianity: Dipsychia and Oligopistia in the Context of Imaginations on Human Dissonance and Unity in Antiquity)

- originally submitted as *Dipsychia und Oligopistia als frühchristliche Zweifelskonzepte im Rahmen menschlicher Dissonanz- und Einheitsvorstellungen in der Antike*.
- Supervised by Prof Dr Petra von Gemünden
- Defended in 2017; examiner committee: Prof Dr Petra von Gemünden, Prof Dr Dr.h.c. mult. Gerd Theißen, Prof Dr Bernd Oberdorfer

English abstract:

The concept of ‘two souls’ in the Epistle of James and the concept of ‘little faith’ in the Gospel of Matthew react to the circumstance that a Christian existence may lead to dissonant experiences and behaviour, and even to doubt. First documented in Early Christian writings, the words *dípsychos* and *oligópistos* represent new variants of intrapersonal self-interpretations. To clarify this novelty, phenomena relating to dissonance are analysed and differentiated in figurative, philosophical, metaphorical, mythical, and allegorical texts. Articulations of inner dissonance in the pre-Christian era and of the New Testament environment serve to explain in what ways a person may deviate from the ideal of personal unity and how to deal with this problem: In Greek philosophical texts reason has to dominate antagonistic emotional impulses. In the Hebrew Bible, however, all aspects and physical entities of man are to be aligned with God as the external centre. Early Jewish writings demand the overcoming of conflicts between reason and passions, drawing on Greek ideas, or assume opposing spirits within man and ask to abide by the impulses of the godly spiritual forces. In both the Greek as well as the biblical tradition, doubt as a specific form of inner dissonance increases in significance in the Hellenistic era. New Testament writings document new words in order to express intrapersonal dissonance due to the challenges of the emerging Christian faith. The concept of ‘two souls’ in the Epistle of James and the concept of ‘little faith’ in the Gospel of Matthew can be understood as innovative notions of doubt in antiquity. This study is set out to be a text-oriented contribution to Historical Psychology and aims at displaying the diversity surrounding inner dissonance of man in antiquity.
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