

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education and Degrees Awarded

- 2012 Adjunct Professor in New Testament Studies, University of Helsinki
- 2004 Doctor of Theology, University of Helsinki
- Doctoral thesis (defended on November 5, 2004) in the field of New Testament Studies. Dissertation topic: *The Afterlife Imagery in Luke's Story of the Rich Man and Lazarus*. Rewarded with the highest grade *laudatur* and published (see the list of publications). Supervisor: Heikki Räisänen (Helsinki). Official examiner: Adela Yarbro Collins (Yale Divinity School).

Current Position

- 2017 – Team Leader in the Academy of Finland Centre of Excellence *Reason and Religious Recognition*, led by Prof. Risto Saarinen; Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki
- 2012– University Lecturer in New Testament Greek, University of Helsinki (on a Leave of Absence August 2012 – September 2017)

Previous Research and Teaching Positions

- 2012–2017 Academy Research Fellow, funded by the Academy of Finland; Research Project *Women and the Legacy of Paul*
- 2009–2012 Postdoctoral Researcher, funded by the Academy of Finland; Research Project *Debates over the Resurrection of the Dead*
- 2006–2009 Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Helsinki and the University of Hamburg (*Institut für Neues Testament*)
- 2001–2005 Researcher at the University of Helsinki (Centre of Excellence of the Academy of Finland, led by Heikki Räisänen, several continuous short-term contracts)
- 2000–2001 Lecturer in Theology, Diaconia Polytechnic, Järvenpää Unit
- 1996–1999 Researcher at the University of Helsinki, several short-term contracts

Grants

- 2000 Research Institute of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
- 1999 Finnish Cultural Foundation (Alli Wiherheimo Fund)
- 1995 350th Anniversary Foundation of the University of Helsinki

Fellowships

- 2015–2016 Visiting Scholar Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, USA (10 months)
- 2012–2017 Academy of Finland Research Fellow (cf. above; acceptance rate 13 %)

- 2012 Appointment as Research Fellow to the Collegium for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki for a three year period (acceptance rate 3.5 %) – declined in order to accept the Academy of Finland Research Fellowship
- 2011 Visiting Fellow at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT, USA (3 months)
- 2009–2012 Academy of Finland Postdoctoral Fellow (cf. above; acceptance rate 26 %)
- 2006 Fellow at the Centre for Advanced Studies, Oslo, Norway (3 months)

Teaching Activities

More than twenty courses (both in Finnish and English) at graduate and undergraduate level Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki, including several E-learning courses. Courses taught in the past three years include:

- *Method Colloquium* in the international Master’s program Religious Roots of Europe (in English), 2017.
- *The Role of Women in Religious Communities and Texts: Judaism, Christianity, Islam*. An E-learning course in the international Master’s program *Religious Roots of Europe* (in English), 2017.
- *Introduction to the Bible* (undergraduate level), 2017.
- *Elementary Greek* (undergraduate level), 2017.
- *Resurrection of the Dead in the New Testament and Early Christianity*. A course for Master’s students, 2016.
- *Thesis Seminar* in the international Master’s program RRE (in English), 2015.
- *The Bible and Culture*. A Lecture course together with several colleagues from the Department of Biblical Studies, 2015.

Supervision

Completed Doctoral Dissertation: Alexei Somov (VU Amsterdam, 2014)

Currently Supervised Doctoral Dissertations: Anna-Liisa Tolonen, Vilja Alanko

Pre-examination of Doctoral Thesis: Kaisa-Maria Pihlava (2016), Martin Wessbrandt (Lund University, Sweden, 2017)

Examination of Licentiate Thesis: Timo Jokela (2012)

13 Completed Master’s Theses, 12 Completed Bachelor Theses

Organization of Scientific Meetings

- 2018 *International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature together with the European Association of Biblical Studies* to be held July 30–August 3, 2018 at the University of Helsinki with approximately 1,000 participants (role: chair of the local organizing committee)
- 2017 Seminar *Lived and Learned*, September 6–7, University of Helsinki with 30 participants
- 2016 Workshop *The Hellenistic World and Its Language*, October 21, University of Helsinki with 25 participants (role: co-organizer)
- 2015 International Workshop *Text, Magic, Ritual*, April 14–15, University of Helsinki with 25 participants (role: co-organizer)
- 2010 *Nordic New Testament Conference*, June 11–15, University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu with 43 participant (role: chair of the organizing committee)

Academic Presentations in International Meetings

I have actively taken part in international conferences and been invited to lecture in institutions where I have visited. I have given more than 40 international presentations, 28 of them invited presentations. In the last four years, my international presentations include the following:

- *Apostolic Authority and Women's Place in Early Christianity*. Tagung Paulus Rezeption. Humboldt Universität, Berlin (April 7, 2017)
- *Paul and the Debates over the Resurrection of the Dead in the Acts of Paul and Beyond*. EABS Annual Meeting, Leuven, Belgium (July 20, 2016)
- *To Remarry or Not to Remarry? What Would Paul Say? Reading 1 Timothy 5:14 in the Age of Asceticism*. Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA (April 11, 2016)
- *Recognizing Women in the Early Jesus Movement*. Centre for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (April 6, 2016)
- *How to Make Sense of the Patriarchal New Testament? Lutheran Biblical Interpretation and Gender*. Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, CA (February 18, 2016)
- *Paul and His Women*. Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, CA (February 18, 2016)
- "No Male and Female." *Paul's Legacy and the Recognition of Women in Early Christianity*. EABS Annual Meeting, Cordoba, Spain (July 13, 2015)
- *Who Has the Right to Be Called a Christian? The Politics of Inventing Christian Identity in Tertullian's On the Prescription of Heretics* (November 22, 2014)
- *Women Leaders in Early Christian Communities: An Assessment of Recent Scholarly Trends*. ARACHNE Conference. Tampere, Finland (October 23, 2014)
- *Apostolic Tradition on Abstinence and Resurrection in the Acts of Paul and Thecla*. Women and the Bible Conference, Catania, Sicily (September 12, 2014)
- "Receive the Widow Judith, Example of Chastity." *The Figure of Judith as a Model Christian in Patristic Interpretations*. SBL International Meeting, Vienna, Austria (July 10, 2014)
- *Conflict between and within Religious Groups: Justin the Jew, Trypho the Christian and Resurrection*. FIME Third Colloquium, Turku, Finland (June 5, 2014)
- "For What Harm is There in Saying, Lord Caesar, and Sacrificing and Saving Your Life?" *Imperial Cult, Martyrdom, and Early Christian Identity Formation*. Helsinki Collegium of Advanced Studies (January 30, 2014).
- *No Sex in Heaven—Nor on Earth? Resurrection and Asceticism in Luke 20:27–38*. Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam (January 14, 2014)

Institutional Responsibilities

- 2015 – Board Member in the multidisciplinary doctoral program *Gender, Culture, and Society*, University of Helsinki, Finland
- 2014 – Member in Panel *Philosophy and Theology* of Publication Forum (responsible for the official evaluation and classification of academic publication channels in Finland), Federation of Finnish Learned Societies

Commissions of Trust

- 2017 Member of a doctoral committee of a Ph.D. dissertation (Lund University, Sweden)
 2017 Master of Ceremonies in the Conferment Ceremony and Member of the Conferment Committee, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki, Finland
 2016 Reviewer of a Ph. D. dissertation, University of Helsinki, Finland
 2015– Editorial Board Member of the *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*
 2015, 2011 Reviewer of Book Manuscripts, Yale University Press, USA
 2014 Member of a doctoral committee of a Ph. D. dissertation, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 2014–2016 External Reviewer, Swiss National Science Foundation, Switzerland
 2014– Member of the editorial board of the series *Early Christianity in the Roman World*, Amsterdam University Press, The Netherlands
 2011– Editor *Finnish Journal of Theology* [*Teologinen Aikakauskirja*]

Membership in Scholarly Organizations

- 2017 President elect of the *European Association of Biblical Studies*
 2017– Member, *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas*
 2015– Member of the Steering Committee of the *Nordic Network of the Study of Judaism, Christianity and Islam*
 2010–2012 Secretary of the Committee of the *European Association of Biblical Studies*
 2007–2010 Chair of the *Nordic New Testament Network*
 2006 –2017 Co-chair of the Research Unit *Early Christianity* in the European Association of Biblical Studies
 2006 – Member, *Society of Biblical Literature*

Languages

Modern

Fluent: English, German, Finnish
 Intermediate level: French, Swedish

Ancient

Greek, Coptic, Latin, Hebrew, Ge'ez

Career Breaks (3 Children)

- 16.1.–24.11.2004 &
 1.1.–31.5.2005 Maternity and nursing leave, 15 months
 29.4.1998–30.6.1999 Maternity and nursing leave, 14 months
 16.9.1996–1.6.1997 Maternity leave, 8.5 months