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Employment

Doctoral Researcher

Biblical Studies
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1 Sep 2022 → present

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Biblical Studies

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21 Mar 2014 → present

Research output

Managing the Ancestral Way of Life in the Roman Diaspora: The Mélange of Philosophical and Scriptural Practice in 4 Maccabees

Uusimäki, E. & Tolonen, A-L., 2017, In: Journal for the Study of Judaism. 48, 1, p. 113-141 29 p.

Interactions with Others in John Chrysostom as a Means to Manage a Diversity of Visions

Tolonen, A-L., 23 Jun 2016, In: Open Theology. 2016, 2, p. 494-510 17 p.

Järki ja tunteet – elämänhallintaa Neljännen makkabilaiskirjan mukaan

Tolonen, A-L. & Uusimäki, E. K., 2016, In: Teologinen Aikakauskirja. 121, 1, p. 6-19 14 p.

Miten juutalaisesta tulee todistaja kristitylle? "Makkabilaisten" identiteetti myöhäisantiikin kristillisissä saarnoissa

Tolonen, A-L., 2017, *Uskonto ja kamppailu tunnustamisesta*. Haara, H. & Palmén, R. (eds.). Helsinki: Suomalainen teologinen kirjallisuusseura, p. 244-261 18 p. (Suomalaisen teologisen kirjallisuusseuran julkaisuja; no. 285).

Preaching, Feasting and Making Space for a Meaning

Tolonen, A-L., 2016, *Spaces in Late Antiquity: Historical, Theological and Archaeological Perspectives*. Day, J., Hakola, R., Kahlos, M. & Tervahauta, U. (eds.). Routledge - Taylor & Francis Group, p. 118-137 20 p.

Voimallinen rukous ja historia: Valta ja vuorovaikutus Toisessa makkabilaiskirjassa

Tolonen, A-L., 2016, *Raamattu ja magia*. Valkama, K., von Weissenberg, H. & Nikki, N. (eds.). Helsinki: Finnish Exegetical Society, p. 198-219 22 p. (Publications of the Finnish Exegetical Society; vol. 110).

Garth Fowden: Before and After Muhammad: The First Millennium Refocused. Princeton: Princeton University Press 2014. Guy G. Stroumsa: The Making of the Abrahamic Religions in Late Antiquity. Oxford Studies in the Abrahamic Religions. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2015. A Review.

Tolonen, A-L., 2016, In: Teologinen Aikakauskirja. 121, 2, p. 170-171 2 p.

Jaakko Hämeen-Anttila: Islamin miekka: Idän ja lännen konfliktien historia. Helsinki: Otava. A Review.

Tolonen, A-L., 2015, In: Teologinen Aikakauskirja. 2015, 2, p. 187-188 2 p.

Joseph Verheyden (ed.): The Figure of Solomon in Jewish, Christian and Islamic Tradition: King, Sage and Architect. Themes in Biblical Narrative: Jewish and Christian Traditions 16. Leiden: Brill 2013. A Review.

Tolonen, A-L., 2014, In: Teologinen Aikakauskirja. 119, 1, p. 69-71 3 p.

Maija-Leena Hänninen (ed.): Vieras, outo, vihollinen: Toiseus antiikista uuden ajan alkuun. Suomalaisen Kirjallisuuden seura. Helsinki: 2013. A Review.

Tolonen, A-L., 2015, In: Teologinen Aikakauskirja. 120, 3, p. 276-277 2 p.

Resurrecting Ancient Languages: Interview with Teachers of the Polis Institute Jerusalem

Tolonen, A-L., Oct 2016, In: Reason and Religious Recognition The Academy of Finland's Centre of Excellence Blog.

Palestiinan kristityt ja palestiinalainen kristillisuus

Tolonen, A-L., 2016, In: Vartija : ihminen, uskonto, yhteiskunta. 2016, 3, p. 99-109 11 p.

Uskonto ja hyväksyminen

Tolonen, A-L., 2015, In: HaKehila : seurakunnan tiedotuslehti. 38, 1, p. 14-15 2 p.

"Sinun silmäsi ovat kauniit": Lähi-idän uskonnot yhdessä

Tolonen, A-L., Jan 2016, In: Synsygus : Suomen uskonnonopettajain liiton jäsenkirje.. 2016, 1, p. 22-24 3 p.

Vuosituhat yhtä tarinaa

Tolonen, A-L., 2013, *Lukemista Levantista: Suomalaisten tutkijoiden kirjoituksia Lähi-idästä*. Kerkkänen, A. & Aunio, L. (eds.). Helsinki: Suomen itämainen seura, 7 p.

Scriptural interpretation and research cooperation within the Centres of Excellence in Helsinki

Tolonen, A-L. & Uusimäki, E. K., Sep 2016, In: Reason and Religious Recognition The Academy of Finland's Centre of Excellence Blog.

Martyrs, Heretics and Virtues: Prof. Jonathan Sheehan and Dr. Erik Eliasson's guest lectures

Haara, H. E. & Tolonen, A-L., 3 May 2016, In: Reason and Religious Recognition The Academy of Finland's Centre of Excellence Blog. 2016

Andalusia kohtaamispaikkana: Huomioita uskonnollisten traditioiden tunnustamisesta

Tolonen, A-L. & Lehtipuu, O-I. E., 2015, In: Reason and Religious Recognition The Academy of Finland's Centre of Excellence Blog.

Martyrs, their stories and tellers in Holberg Masterclass 2015

Tolonen, A-L., 2015, In: Reason and Religious Recognition The Academy of Finland's Centre of Excellence Blog.

Euroopan uskonnollisia juuria etsimässä: Opiskelijana RRE-ohjelmassa

Tolonen, A-L., 24 Sep 2012, In: Teologia.fi.

Aava. Lukion uskonto 1: Aava näkymiä uskonto

Hietämäki, M. M. E., Raunio-Hannula, O., Visala, A. O., Tolonen, A-L., Stewart, T. R., Vainio, S. & Visala, A. O., Mar 2016 , Helsinki: Edukustannus. 206 p.

Activities

Story of the Mother and her Seven Sons in Origen's Writings: Revisiting Third-Century Caesarean Horizons

Anna-Liisa Rafael (Speaker)

4 Aug 2021

Reception History of the Biblical and Patristic Heritage: Reflections on Theory and Method in a Burgeoning Field of Study

Anna-Liisa Rafael (Invited speaker)

19 Apr 2021 → 21 Apr 2021

Teaching Islamic theology

Elisa Uusimäki (Chair of organizing committee), Anna-Liisa Rafael (Member of organizing committee), Siiri Toiviainen (Member of organizing committee), Ilkka Lindstedt (Speaker: Presenter) & Mulki Al-Sharmani (Speaker: Presenter)

9 May 2019

Perspectives on Virtue: From Qumran to the Qur'an and Beyond

Elisa Uusimäki (Chair of organizing committee), Anna-Liisa Rafael (Member of organizing committee) & Siiri Toiviainen (Member of organizing committee)

8 May 2019

On Dialogue and Reconciliation – Exploring New Avenues

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Chair) & Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Member of organizing committee)

16 Aug 2018

Beyond reason? The Manliness of the Mother in 4 Maccabees

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker)

1 Aug 2018

Being/Becoming Scripture: Melito's Easter Homily and Other Works in Schøyen Ms 193

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker)

18 May 2018

Al Amana Centre

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Visiting researcher)

15 Apr 2018 → 2 May 2018

Death in the 'Contact Zone' – Analysis of Ibn Ḥanbal's Ḥadīṯ al-māšīṯa

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker) & Joonas Maristo (Speaker)

12 Mar 2018

Al Amana Centre

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Visiting researcher)

8 Feb 2018 → 21 Feb 2018

Society of Biblical Literature

Elisa Uusimäki (Speaker: Presenter) & Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Presenter)

20 Nov 2017

Society of Biblical Literature

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Presenter)
19 Nov 2017

ThinkFest aamukahvi

Martti Nissinen (Speaker: Presenter), Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Presenter), Sami Pihlström (Speaker: Presenter) & Teemu Taira (Speaker: Presenter)
11 Oct 2017

EASR conference 2017

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Presenter)
21 Sep 2017

Lived and Learned Seminar

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Presenter)
6 Sep 2017

The many voices of late antique Rabbinic texts: between folk literature and canonizing institutions

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Member of organizing committee) & Outi-Inkeri Elisabet Lehtipuu (Member of organizing committee)
28 Aug 2017 → 1 Sep 2017

EABS International Meeting –Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Chair)
10 Aug 2017

EABS International Meeting –Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Joonas Maristo (Speaker: Presenter) & Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Presenter)
9 Aug 2017

Religion and Scientific Research: What can history of religions teach us about their relatedness, or the relations between their adherents?

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker)
14 Mar 2017

Pyhät kirjoitukset ja niiden tulkinta: juutalaisuus, kristinusko ja islam

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker)
2 Mar 2017

Ancient Greek as a Living Language

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Attendee) & Outi-Inkeri Elisabet Lehtipuu (Attendee)
21 Dec 2016

SBL / AAR Annual Meeting 2016

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Presenter)
18 Nov 2016 → 22 Nov 2016

Lukion uskonto ja filosofia (Edukustannus): Opettajatapaaminen

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Presenter)
27 Aug 2016

Pyhät kirjoitukset: tulkinta ja kommentointi varhaisessa juutalaisuudessa, kristinuskossa ja islamissa

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Keynote) & Elisa Katariina Uusimäki (Speaker: Keynote)
22 Aug 2016 → 25 Aug 2016

Reflections on Recognition

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Chair)
26 May 2016 → 28 May 2016

Rakkaus ja oikeudenmukaisuus

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Attendee)
22 Apr 2016

Holy Hero(in)es. Literary Constructions of Heroism in Late Antique and Early Medieval Hagiography

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Attendee)
18 Feb 2016 → 20 Feb 2016

AAR Annual Meeting: From Tolerance to Recognition: Recognition and the Acceptance of Otherness

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Presenter)
21 Nov 2015

Judaism and Christianity in Rome in the first millennium – a research seminar in Rome and Ostia, Italy (2015)

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Attendee)
3 Oct 2015 → 9 Oct 2015

EABS Annual Meeting: Early Christianity between Judaism and Hellenism

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Chair)
15 Jul 2015

EABS Annual Meeting: Early Christianity between Judaism and Hellenism

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Presenter)
14 Jul 2015

Masterclass with Holberg Prize Laureate 2015, Marina Warner: Living in Words: The Question of Myth

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Presenter)
8 Jun 2015

Text, Ritual, and Magic, a workshop organized by the Finnish Academy Centres of Excellence 'Changes in Sacred Texts and Traditions' and 'Reason and Religious Recognition'

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Opponent/discussant)
14 Apr 2015

Bible as Notepad

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Chair)
10 Dec 2014 → 12 Dec 2014

XXIII Finnish Symposium on Late Antiquity: Conflict in Late Antiquity

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Attendee)
17 Oct 2014 → 18 Oct 2014

Nordic Network for the Study of Judaism, Christianity and Islam in the First Millennium (NNJCI) (External organisation)

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Member)
1 Sep 2014

III Finnish Colloquium of Middle East and North African Studies: Concord, Conflict and Co-existence: Religion and Society in the Middle East and North Africa

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Presenter)
5 Jun 2014 → 7 Jun 2014

The Appropriation and Transformation of Cultural Heritage from Antiquity to Early Judaism, Christianity and Islam – PhD/Research seminar

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Attendee)
25 Nov 2013 → 2 Dec 2013

Polis – The Jerusalem Institute of Languages and Humanities

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Other role)
1 Jul 2013 → 26 Jul 2013

Ritual, Pilgrimage and Holy Space – PhD/Research seminar

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Attendee)
1 Nov 2012 → 10 Nov 2012

Suomen Dialog-yhdistys / Finland Dialog Förening

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Visiting researcher)
18 Oct 2012 → 25 Oct 2012

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Visiting researcher)
14 Oct 2012 → 14 Aug 2013

XXI Finnish Symposium on Late Antiquity: Popular & Elite: Religious Practices in Late Antiquity

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Presenter)
12 Oct 2012 → 13 Oct 2012

II Finnish Colloquium of Middle East and North African Studies: The Middle East and North Africa at Crossroads

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Presenter)
24 Aug 2012 → 26 Aug 2012

11th Symposium Syriacum

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Attendee)
19 Jul 2012 → 21 Jul 2012

9th International Christian Arabic Conference

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Presenter)
19 Jul 2012 → 21 Jul 2012

The Three Monotheistic Religions: Dynamics in the Formation and Transformation of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Speaker: Presenter)
19 Apr 2012 → 21 Apr 2012

The Emergence of Islam in its Jewish and Christian context – PhD/Research seminar

Anna-Liisa Tolonen (Attendee)
1 Nov 2011 → 11 Nov 2011

Projects

Centre of Excellence in Reason and Religious Recognition Research

Saarinen, R., Mäkinen, V., Dunderberg, I., Pihlström, S., Kukkonen, T., Appelqvist, H., Haara, H., Hakola, R., Heimola, M., Hellqvist, E., Hietamäki, M., Huttunen, N., Kahlos, M., Koskinen, H. J., Kaukua, J., Lehtipuu, O., Luomanen, P., Mattila, J., McKeown, P. I., Koistinen, T., Kovalainen, H., Kärkkäinen, P., Miroshnikov, I., Moisio, O., Paakkinen, I., Palmén, R., Riggs, T., Ruotsala, A., Salminen, J., Savonius-Wroth, S., Toivanen, J., Rafael, A., Tuominen, M., Visala, A., Tervahauta-Helin, U. K., Pöykkö, P., Yli-Karjanmaa, S., Faucher, N., Toiviainen Rø, S., Posti, M., Rauhala, M., Alanko, V., Launonen, L. & Gehlin, S.

SUOMEN AKATEMIA

01/01/2014 → 31/12/2019

Conceptions of Virtue in Early Judaism

Uusimäki, E., Rafael, A. & Yli-Karjanmaa, S.
01/12/2018 → 31/12/2020

Lived Scriptures: Ascetics, Martyrs, and Miracle Workers in Late Antiquity

Lehtipuu, O., Alanko, V., Asikainen, S. & Rafael, A.
Suomen Akatemia Projektilaskutus
01/09/2018 → 31/08/2022