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Employment

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

Miten juutalaisesta tulee todistaja kristitylle? "Makkabilaisen" 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 antikista 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 kristillisys

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 uskonnontietosanomat. 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., Sept 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 kohtaamispaiikkana: 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 Sept 2012, In: Teologia.fi.

Aava. Lukion uskonto 1: Avaa näkymiä uskontoo

Hietamäki, 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

Importance of Islamic studies for other theological disciplines: a comment on Ikka Lindstedt's key note lecture

Rafael, A.-L. (Speaker)

26 Sept 2024

Uskonnontutkimuksen päivät 2024

Rafael, A.-L. (Speaker: Presenter)

22 May 2024

Minä tutkijana: työpaja tutkijan positionaalisuudesta

Rafael, A.-L. (Chair of organizing committee) & Toiviainen Rø, S. (Chair of organizing committee)

11 Mar 2024

Äidin tunteet ja elämäntaito Neljännessä makkabilaiskirjassa

Rafael, A.-L. (Speaker)

8 Feb 2024

"Women in Jewish and Christian Antiquity"

Rafael, A.-L. (Chair of organizing committee) & Alanko, V. (Chair of organizing committee)

20 Dec 2023

Uskonnot rauhaa edistämässä ja estämässä Israel-Palestiinassa

Rafael, A.-L. (Speaker)

30 Nov 2023

"Me olemme aina olleet täällä": tutkimuksen näkökulmia historiallisin jatkumoihin ja nykyisiin identiteetteihin pyhällä maalla

Rafael, A.-L. (Speaker)

8 Nov 2023

Arabic versions of the story of the mother and her seven sons as snapshots of encounters and exegesis: preliminary observations based on a research project proposal

Rafael, A.-L. (Speaker)

29 Aug 2023

EABS Annual Conference 2023

Rafael, A.-L. (Speaker: Presenter)

11 Jul 2023

EABS Annual Meeting Wuppertal

Rafael, A.-L. (Speaker: Presenter)

4 Aug 2021

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

Rafael, A.-L. (Invited speaker)

19 Apr 2021 → 21 Apr 2021

Teaching Islamic theology

Uusimäki, E. (Chair of organizing committee), Rafael, A.-L. (Member of organizing committee), Toivainen, S. (Member of organizing committee), Lindstedt, I. (Speaker: Presenter) & Al-Sharmani, M. (Speaker: Presenter)

9 May 2019

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

Uusimäki, E. (Chair of organizing committee), Rafael, A.-L. (Member of organizing committee) & Toivainen, S. (Member of organizing committee)

8 May 2019

On Dialogue and Reconciliation – Exploring New Avenues

Tolonen, A.-L. (Chair) & Tolonen, A.-L. (Member of organizing committee)

16 Aug 2018

EABS / SBL International Meeting

Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker: Presenter)

1 Aug 2018

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

Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker)

18 May 2018

Al Amana Centre

Tolonen, A.-L. (Visiting researcher)

15 Apr 2018 → 2 May 2018

Death in the 'Contact Zone' – Analysis of Ibn Ḥanbal's Ḥadīṭ al-māṣīṭa

Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker) & Maristo, J. (Speaker)

12 Mar 2018

Al Amana Centre

Tolonen, A.-L. (Visiting researcher)

8 Feb 2018 → 21 Feb 2018

Society of Biblical Literature

Uusimäki, E. (Speaker: Presenter) & Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker: Presenter)

20 Nov 2017

Society of Biblical Literature

Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker: Presenter)

19 Nov 2017

ThinkFest aamukahvi

Nissinen, M. (Speaker: Presenter), Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker: Presenter), Pihlström, S. (Speaker: Presenter) & Taira, T. (Speaker: Presenter)

11 Oct 2017

EASR conference 2017

Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker: Presenter)

21 Sept 2017

Lived and Learned Seminar

Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker: Presenter)

6 Sept 2017

The many voices of late antique Rabbinic texts: between folk literature and canonizing institutions
Tolonen, A.-L. (Member of organizing committee) & Lehtipuu, O.-I. E. (Member of organizing committee)
28 Aug 2017 → 1 Sept 2017

EABS International Meeting –Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker: Chair)
10 Aug 2017

EABS International Meeting –Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Maristo, J. (Speaker: Presenter) & Tolonen, A.-L. (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?
Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker)
14 Mar 2017

Pyhät kirjoitukset ja niiden tulkinta: juutalaisuus, kristinusko ja islam
Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker)
2 Mar 2017

Ancient Greek as a Living Language
Tolonen, A.-L. (Attendee) & Lehtipuu, O.-I. E. (Attendee)
21 Dec 2016

SBL / AAR Annual Meeting 2016
Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker: Presenter)
18 Nov 2016 → 22 Nov 2016

Lukion uskonto ja filosofia (Edukustannus): Opettajatapaaminen
Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker: Presenter)
27 Aug 2016

Pyhät kirjoitukset: tulkinta ja kommentointi varhaisessa juutalaisuudessa, kristinuskossa ja islamissa
Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker: Keynote) & Uusimäki, E. K. (Speaker: Keynote)
22 Aug 2016 → 25 Aug 2016

Reflections on Recognition
Tolonen, A.-L. (Chair)
26 May 2016 → 28 May 2016

Rakkaus ja oikeudenmukaisuus
Tolonen, A.-L. (Attendee)
22 Apr 2016

Holy Hero(es). Literary Constructions of Heroism in Late Antique and Early Medieval Hagiography
Tolonen, A.-L. (Attendee)
18 Feb 2016 → 20 Feb 2016

AAR Annual Meeting: From Tolerance to Recognition: Recognition and the Acceptance of Otherness
Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker: Presenter)
21 Nov 2015

Judaism and Christianity in Rome in the first millennium – a research seminar in Rome and Ostia, Italy (2015)
Tolonen, A.-L. (Attendee)
3 Oct 2015 → 9 Oct 2015

EABS Annual Meeting: Early Christianity between Judaism and Hellenism
Tolonen, A.-L. (Chair)
15 Jul 2015

EABS Annual Meeting: Early Christianity between Judaism and Hellenism
Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker: Presenter)
14 Jul 2015

Masterclass with Holberg Prize Laureate 2015, Marina Warner: Living in Words: The Question of Myth
Tolonen, A.-L. (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'
Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker: Opponent/discussant)
14 Apr 2015

Bible as Notepad
Tolonen, A.-L. (Chair)
10 Dec 2014 → 12 Dec 2014

XXIII Finnish Symposium on Late Antiquity: Conflict in Late Antiquity
Tolonen, A.-L. (Attendee)
17 Oct 2014 → 18 Oct 2014

Nordic Network for the Study of Judaism, Christianity and Islam in the First Millennium (NNJCI) (External organisation)
Tolonen, A.-L. (Member)
1 Sept 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
Tolonen, A.-L. (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
Tolonen, A.-L. (Attendee)
25 Nov 2013 → 2 Dec 2013

Polis – The Jerusalem Institute of Languages and Humanities
Tolonen, A.-L. (Other role)
1 Jul 2013 → 26 Jul 2013

Ritual, Pilgrimage and Holy Space – PhD/Research seminar
Tolonen, A.-L. (Attendee)
1 Nov 2012 → 10 Nov 2012

Suomen Dialog-yhdistys / Finland Dialog Förening
Tolonen, A.-L. (Visiting researcher)
18 Oct 2012 → 25 Oct 2012

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Tolonen, A.-L. (Visiting researcher)
14 Oct 2012 → 14 Aug 2013

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

Tolonen, A.-L. (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

Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker: Presenter)
24 Aug 2012 → 26 Aug 2012

11th Symposium Syriacum

Tolonen, A.-L. (Attendee)
19 Jul 2012 → 21 Jul 2012

9th International Christian Arabic Conference

Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker: Presenter)
19 Jul 2012 → 21 Jul 2012

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

Tolonen, A.-L. (Speaker: Presenter)
19 Apr 2012 → 21 Apr 2012

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

Tolonen, A.-L. (Attendee)
1 Nov 2011 → 11 Nov 2011

Projects

Centre of Excellence in Reason and Religious Recognition Research

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

SUOMEN AKATEMIA
01/01/2014 → 31/12/2019

Conceptions of Virtue in Early Judaism

Uusimäki, E. (Project manager), Rafael, A.-L. (Participant) & Yli-Karjanmaa, S. (Participant)
01/12/2018 → 31/12/2020

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

Lehtipuu, O. (Project manager), Alanko, V. (Participant), Asikainen, S. (Participant) & Rafael, A.-L. (Participant)
Suomen Akatemia Projektilaskutus
01/09/2018 → 31/08/2022