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Educational Background

Ph.D. 2004, Early Judaism and Christian Origins, McMaster University (Canada).
Thesis: "Women in the Damascus Document."

M.A. 1990, Early Judaism and Christian Origins, McMaster University. Thesis: "The Sadducees."

M.Div. 1988, New Testament Exegesis, Uppsala University.

B.A. 1988, Religious Studies, Uppsala University.

Employment History

2011 - present. Associate Professor, New Testament Exegesis, Uppsala University

2008-2010 Assistant Professor, New Testament Exegesis, Uppsala University

2008 (spring) Lecturer (part-time), New Testament Exegesis, Umeå University (Sweden)
and Uppsala University

2003 (fall) - 2007 Assistant Professor, Biblical Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University
(Canada)

2002 (fall) – 2003 (spring) Lecturer (part-time), Religious Studies, Calgary University

1997-2002 Lecturer (part-time), Biblical Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University.

Publications

Books Authored

Cecilia Wassén och Tobias Hägerland. *Den okände Jesus: Berättelsen om en profet som misslyckades* (The Unknown Jesus: The Story about a Prophet who Failed) Stockholm: Bokförlaget Langenskiöld, 2016.

Women in the Damascus Document. Society of Biblical Literature Academia Biblica Series 21. Atlanta: SBL/ Leiden: Brill, 2005.

Books Edited

Sidnie White Crawford and Cecilia Wassen ed. *Apocalyptic Thinking in Early Judaism: Engaging with John Collins' The Apocalyptic Imagination*. Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism 182. Leiden: Brill, 2018.

Dödahavsrollarna Svensk översättning (The Dead Sea Scrolls: A Swedish Translation). Edited by Mikael Winninge, Stig Norin, Cecilia Wassén et al. Uppsala: Bibelakademiförlaget, 2017.

The Dead Sea Scrolls at Qumran and the Concept of a Library. Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 116. Edited by Sidnie White Crawford and Cecilia Wassen. Leiden: Brill, 2016.

Prayer and Poetry in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature: Essays in Honor of Eileen Schuller on the Occasion of Her 65th Birthday. Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 98. Edited by Jeremy Penner, Ken M. Penner, and Cecilia Wassen. Leiden: Brill, 2011.

Dödahavsrollarna: innehåll, bakgrund och betydelse (The Dead Sea Scrolls: Content, Background, and Meaning). Edited by Cecilia Wassén. Stockholm: Atlantis, 2011.

Northern Lights on the Dead Sea Scrolls: Proceedings of the Nordic Qumran Network 2003-2006. Edited by Anders Klostergaard Petersen, Torleif Elgvin, Cecilia Wassen et.al. Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 80. Leiden: Brill, 2009.

Articles

“End Time Temples in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Expectations and Conflict.” Pages 55-87 in *Apocalyptic Thinking in Early Judaism: Engaging with John Collins' The Apocalyptic Imagination*. Edited by Sidnie White Crawford and Cecilia Wassen. Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism 182. Leiden: Brill, 2018.

“Good and Bad Angels in the Construction of Identity in the Qumran Movement.” Pages 71-97 in *Gottesdienst und Engel Im Antiken Judentum Und Fruhen Christentum*. Edited by Jörg Frey and Michael Jost. WUNT/II 446. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2017.

“Common Meals in the Qumran Movement with Special Attention to Purity Regulations.” Pages 77-100 in vol. 1 of *The Eucharist – Its Origins and Contexts. Sacred Meal, Communal Meal, Table Fellowship in Late Antiquity, Early Judaism, and Early Christianity*. Volume I-III Ed. by David Hellholm and Dieter Sänger. WUNT 376. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2017.

“Matregler bland judar och kristustroende kring vår tideräknings början” (“Food Laws among Jews and Christ-believers around the Turn of the Common Era”), *Religion och Bibel. Religion och Bibel Årsbok 2012-2013: Gudomligt gott, om religion och mat* (2017): 49-72.

Tobias Hägerland och C. Wassén, “Mirakler och historievetenskaplig metod: En replik till Mats Wahlberg.” *Svensk teologisk kvartalskrift* 93 3-4 (2017): 209-221.

“Women, Worship, Wilderness, and War: Celibacy and the Constructions of Identity in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” Pages 1361-1385 in *Sibyls, Scriptures, and Scrolls: John Collins at 70*. Edited by Joel Baden, Hindy Najman, and Eibert Tigchelaar. JSJSup. Leiden: Brill, 2016.

“Jesus’ Table Fellowship with “Toll Collectors and Sinners”: Questioning the Alleged Purity Implications.” *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 14 (2016): 137-157.

“The Use of the Dead Sea Scrolls for Interpreting Jesus’s Action in the Temple.” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 23 (2016): 280-303.

“The (Im)purity Levels of Communal Meals within the Qumran Movement”. *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 7 (2016): 102-122.

“The Jewishness of Jesus and Ritual Purity,” *Scripta Instituti Donneriani Aboensis* 27 (2016), 11-36

“Jesus’ Work as a Healer in Light of Jewish Purity Laws.” Pages 87-104 in *Bridging between Sister Religions: Studies of Jewish and Christian Scriptures in Honor of John Townsend*. Edited by Isaac Kalimi. Brill Reference Library of Judaism; Leiden: Brill, 2016.

“The Importance of Marriage in the Construction of Sectarian Identity in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” Pages 127-50 in *Social Memory and Social Identity in the Study of Early Judaism and Early Christianity*. Edited by Samuel Byrskog, Raimo

Hakola and Jutta Jokiranta. *Novum Testamentum et Orbis Antiquus/Studien zur Umwelt des Neuen Testaments (NTOA/StUNT)* 116. Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht: 2016.

“Do You Have to Be Pure in a Metaphorical Temple? Sanctuary Metaphors and Construction of Sacred Space in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Paul’s Letters.” Pages 55-86 in *Holiness, and Identity in Judaism: Essays in Memory of Susan Haber*. Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament. Edited by Carl S. Ehrlich, Anders Runesson, and Eileen Schuller. WUNT 305. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013.

”Församlingen som helgedom i Dödahavsrollarna och i Paulus brev” (The Community as a Sanctuary in the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Pauline Letters) i *2000 år med Paulus (2000 Years with Paul)*, ed. Anders Ekenberg, Jonas Holmstrand och Mikael Winninge. Uppsala: Bibelakademiförlaget, 2013

“On the Education of Children in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 41/3 (2012): 350-363.

“Angels and Humans: Boundaries and Synergies” Pages 523-39 in *Celebrating the Dead Sea Scrolls: A Canadian Collection*, ed. Jean Duhaime, Peter Flint and Kyung Baek. *Early Judaism and Its Literature* 30. Atlanta: SBL, 2011.

“Marriage Laws in the Dead Sea Scrolls in Relation to the Broader Jewish Society.” Pages 427-48 in *The Hebrew Bible in Light of the Dead Sea Scrolls*. Edited by Armin Lange. *Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments (FRLANT)* 239. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2012

“‘Because of the Angels:’ Reading 1 Cor 11:2-16 in Light of Angelology in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” Pages 735-54 in vol. 2 of *The Dead Sea Scrolls in Context: Integrating the Dead Sea Scrolls in the Study of Ancient Texts, Languages, and Cultures*. Edited by Armin Lange, Emanuel Tov and Matthias Weigold. *Supplements to Vetus Testamentum*, 140/II. Leiden: Brill, 2011.

“Visions of the Temple: Conflicting Images of the Eschaton.” *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* 76 (2011): 41-59.

Jutta Jokiranta and C. Wassen. “A Brotherhood at Qumran? Metaphorical Familial Language in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” Pages 173-204 in *Northern Lights on the Judean Desert: Proceedings of the Nordic Qumran Network 2003-2006*. Edited by Anders Klostergaard Petersen, Torleif Elgvin, Cecilia Wassen et.al. *Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah* 80. Ed. Florentino García Martínez. Leiden: Brill, 2009.

“What do Angels Have against the Blind and the Deaf? Rules of Exclusion in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” Pages 115-29 in *Common Judaism: Explorations in Second-*

Temple Judaism. Edited by Wayne O. McCready and Adele Reinhartz. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2008.

“Jesus and the Hemorrhaging Woman in Mark 5:24-34: Insights from Purity Laws from Qumran.” Pages 641-60 in *Scripture in Transition: Essays on Septuagint, Hebrew Bible, and Dead Sea Scrolls in Honour of Raija Sollamo*. Edited by Anssi Voitila and Jutta Jokiranta. Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism 126. Leiden: Brill, 2008.

“Angels in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” Pages 499-523 in *Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Yearbook 2007. Angels: The Concept of Celestial Beings-Origins, Development and Reception*. Edited by Friedrich Reiterer, Tobias Nicklas, and Karin Schöpflin. International Society for the Study of Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature/ISDCL. Berlin/New York: Walter de Gruyter, 2007.

C. Wassen and Jutta Jokiranta. “Groups in Tension: Sectarianism in the Rule of the Community and the Damascus Document.” Pages 206-45 in *Sectarianism in Early Judaism: Sociological Advances*. Edited by David Chalcraft. London: Equinox, 2007.

“The Story of Judah and Tamar in the Eyes of the Earliest Interpreters.” *Literature and Theology* Vol.8, No. 4 (1994): 354-66.

“The Sadducees and Their Halakah.” Pages 127-46 in *Law in Religious Communities in the Roman Period: The Debate over Torah and Nomos in Post-Biblical Judaism and Early Christianity*. Edited by Peter Richardson and Stephen Westerholm. Waterloo, Ontario: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 1991.

Textbook, Dictionary and Encyclopedia contributions

“The Damascus Document” in *Early Jewish Literature: An Anthology* Edited by Brad Embry, Ronald Herms and Archie T. Wright. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2017.

“Holiness and Purity” (500 words) Society of Biblical Literature: Bible Odyssey Website (2014) <http://www.bibleodyssey.com/places/related-articles/purity-and-holiness>

Family. IV. Judaism. Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism (6000 characters) *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception (EBR)*. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2013.

Divorce . IV. Judaism A. Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism (6000 characters) *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception (EBR)*. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2013: 995-998.

מלאך *mal'āk Theologisches Wörterbuch zu den Qumrantexten II* (ThWQ), ed. H.-J. Fabry / U. Dahmen, Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 2013, col. 676-681, approx. 13.500 characters incl. blanks.

זאָקן *zāqen in Theologisches Wörterbuch zu den Qumrantexten I* (ThWQ), ed. H.-J. Fabry / U. Dahmen, Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 2011, col. 865-869, approx. 13.500 characters incl. blanks.

Five chapters ranging from 6 to 8 pages: “Religion,” “Family,” “Different Theories about the Qumran Community,” “Angels, Demons (Belial),” and “Apocalypticism” in *Dödahavsrollarna: innehåll, bakgrund och betydelse* (The Dead Sea Scrolls: Content, Background, and Meaning). Edited by Cecilia Wassén. Stockholm: Atlantis, 2011.

“Från Perser till Romare” (From the Persians to the Romans). Pages 59-83 in *Jesus och de första kristna: inledning till Nya Testamentet* (Jesus and the First Christians: Introduction to the New Testament), a Swedish university textbook in New Testament studies. Edited by Dieter Mitternacht and Anders Runesson. Stockholm: Verbum Förlag, 2006.

Eight articles ranging from 100 to 350 words (“Hands, Laying on,” “Hide, to,” “Interpreter,” “Jeremiah, Additions to,” “Mark, Goal, Sign,” Meraioth,” “Testimonia Text,” “Testament”) for the *New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*. Abingdon Press, 2007.

“From Canaan to Israel” (1500 words); “Palestine Invaded” (1000 words); “Roman and Byzantine Palestine” (1500 words). *Israel, Jordan and Lebanon*. Vol.7 of *The World and its Peoples Encyclopedia*. London: The Brown Reference Group, 2005.

Eileen Schuller and C. Wassen. “Women” (4000 words). Pages 981-84 in *Encyclopedia of the Dead Sea Scrolls*, vol. 2. Edited by Lawrence H. Schiffman and James C. VanderKam, New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.

Book Reviews

Gary N. Knoppers, *Jews and Samaritans: The Origins and History of Their Early Relations*. SEÅ 82 (2017): 278-81.

Mats G. Larsson, *Paulus, Förvanskaren*. Stockholm: Fri tanke, 2016. Respons 2016/5: 48-50.

Thomas Kazen, *Scripture, Interpretation, or Authority?* WUNT 320. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013. SEÅ 81 (2016): 247-50.

Raimo Hakola, Nina Nikki, and Ulla Tervahauta, ed. *Others and the Construction of Early Christian Identities*. SEÅ 80 (2015): 241-43.

Reza Aslan, *Upprorsmakaren: Berättelsen om hur Jesus från Nasaret blev Jesus Kristus*, trans. from *The Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth*. *Respons* (2014).

Svante Lundgren, *Jesus med judiska ögon* (Jesus with Jewish Eyes). Skellefteå: Artos & Norma Bokförlag, 2014. *Respons* (2014).

John J. Collins and Daniel C. Harlow, ed., *The Eerdmans Dictionary of Early Judaism*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 2010. SEÅ 79 (2014),

Weston W. Fields, *The Dead Sea Scrolls: A Full History*. Vol. 1. Leiden: Brill, 2009. SEÅ 78 (2013), 218-220.

Thomas Kazen, *Issues of Impurity in Early Judaism*. CBNTS, 45. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2010. SEÅ (2013), 230-233.

Lynn H. Cohick, *Women in the World of the Earliest Christians: Illuminating Ancient Ways of Life*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 132/4 (2012): 727-728.

Karen J. Wenell, *Jesus and Land: Sacred and Social Space in Second Temple Judaism*. Library of New Testament Studies 334; London: T & T Clark, 2007. *The Review of Biblical Literature*, a publication of the Society of Biblical Literature (<http://www.sbl-site.org>), 2009.

Damascus Document II, Some Works of Torah, and Related Documents, edited by James H. Charlesworth and Henry W.M. Rietz (The Dead Sea Scrolls: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek Texts with English Translations 3), Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck / Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2006. *Dead Sea Discoveries* 16/2 (2009), 275-295.

Jassen, Alex P. *Mediating the Divine: Prophecy and Revelation in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Second Temple Judaism*. Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah, 68; Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2007. *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* Volume 9 (2009).

Julie A. Hughes, *Scriptural Allusions and Exegesis in the Hodayot*. STDJ 59. Leiden: Brill, 2006. In *Dead Sea Discoveries* 16/1 (2009): 176-78.

(With William Klassen) Carol A. Newsom *The Self as Symbolic Space. Constructing Identity and Community at Qumran*. Leiden: Brill, 2004. *Revue Biblique*. April 2007, 281-84.

Yizhar Hirschfeld, *Qumran in Context: Reassessing the Archaeological Context*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2004. *Toronto Journal of Theology*. 21/2 (2005): 242-43.

Jodi Magness, *The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2002. *Toronto Journal of Theology*. 19/2 (2003): 230-31.

James C. VanderKam, *An Introduction to Early Judaism*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2001. In *Hebrew Studies* 43 (2002), 298-300.

Publications for the General Public (in Swedish)

Tobias Hägerld and C. Wassén, "Mirakler och historievetenskaplig metod: En Replik till Mats Wahlberg" *Svenska Teologisk Kvartalskrift* 93/ 3-4, 2017.

"Var Jesus feminist?" *Liberal Debatt* 6 (2017).
<http://www.liberaldebatt.se/2017/12/var-jesus-feminist/>

C. Wassén and Tobias Hägerland, "Julevangeliet och den historiske Jesus" (The Christmas Story and the Historical Jesus) under strecket i *Svenska Dagbladet* 24 december, 2016.

"Jesus och de judiska lagarna" (Jesus and the Jewish Laws) *Dialog* (Våren 2015): 10-12

"Judiska renhetsregler under Jesu tid" (Jewish Purity Laws in the Time of Jesus) *SKT (Svensk kyrkotidning/ Journal of the Swedish Church)* 23 (2013): 468-470.

"Johannes Döparen" ("John the Baptist"). Pages 78-80 in *Dagboken med kyrkoalmanacka 2011-2012/ Calendar for the Swedish Church 2011-2012*.

Forthcoming publications

"Purity Laws for Men and Women in the Dead Sea Scrolls: A Comparison of Ideals and Praxis," in *Women in early Judaism and early Christianity* (Schwerte conference volume). WUNT/II. Edited by Jörg Frey and Nicole Rupschus (Mohr Siebeck, 2018).

"Daily Life incl. Marriage, Abstinence and Meals," (5000 words) and "Purity and Holiness," (5000 words). *T & T Clark Companion to the Dead Sea Scrolls*. Edited by George J. Brooke and Charlotte Hempel. T & T Clark, 2018.

“Damascus Document”; “Family”; “Rule of the Congregation [1Q28a]”; “Women”. *T&T Clark Encyclopedia of Second Temple Judaism*. Edited by Daniel M. Gurtner and Loren T. Stuckenbruck.

Professional Activities

Editorial board

2018 – member of the *Journal of Biblical Literature* editorial board.

2015 - member of the editorial board for *Dead Sea Discoveries*.

Peer-reviewing tasks

2017 reviewing an article for for the IOQS proceedings

2016 - reviewing articles for Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok (SEÅ)

2016 reviewing an article for *Studia Theologica: Nordic Journal of Theology*

2015 - reviewing articles for *Teologisk Tidsskrift* (a Norwegian journal)

2015 reviewing an article for *Journal of the Jesus Movement in its Jewish Setting (JMJJS)*.

Service in Academic Organizations

2017 – present. Co-chair with James Crossley (St. Mary’s University, London) for the unit the Historical Jesus for the Annual Meeting of the SBL

2012- present. Secretary for the Swedish Exegetical Society (Svenska exegetiska sällskapet)

2010 - 2015 member of the steering-committee for the Nordic New Testament Conference (NNK) that meets every third year.

2010-2013 Review editor of Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok.

2009 - 2015 Co-chair with Sidnie White Crawford (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) for the unit Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls for the International Meeting of the SBL

2015 – 2018 member of the steering-committee for the unit Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls for the International Meeting of the SBL

Co-ordinator of a special session entitled “The Dead Sea Scrolls” for the 2007, 2008 and 2012 annual meetings in of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies.

Together with Rikard Roitto (Stockholm School of Theology) organizing an international conference on “Jewish and Christian Rituals of Purification in Antiquity” with invited presenters from Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Israel. Uppsala University, October 21-23, 2015

Responsibilities PhD theses

2017 Member of the examination committee at a PhD defence of Bim O’Reilly thesis, *Baptism and Death: A Study of Mark and Romans*. Thesis supervisor: James Kelhoffer. Uppsala University, Dec 8.

2015 Toronto School of Theology. External examiner for the doctoral thesis of Carmen Palmer, “Converts at Qumran: The *Ger* in the Dead Sea Scrolls as an Indicator of Mutable Ethnicity.” Thesis supervisor: Judith Newman. October 29.

2015 Umeå University. Opponent på slutseminarium för Kamilla Skarströms avhandling, ”Linguistics and Communication in 1QS”, Feb 11.

2014. University of Manchester. External examiner for a PhD thesis by Jessica Keady, “Purity and the Communities of the Dead Sea Scrolls: A Socio-Historical Reevaluation of Classical Jewish Purity Systems with Special Reference to Gender Studies.” Thesis supervisor: George Brooke. Oral examination (Vita) November 14.

2014 Chair of the examination committee at a PhD defence of Dan Nässelqvist’s thesis, “Public Reading and Aural Intensity: An Analysis of the Soundscape in John 1-4.” Thesis supervisor: Samuel Byrskog. Lund University, May 30.

Supervisorships, Doctoral Students

2014 – Adam Sabir, thesis “Unity and Diversity in Corinth: The Problem of Paul’s Inconsistent Statements about Idol Food in 1 Cor 8 and 10”

2011 – 2015 Lars-Göran Alm, thesis “Den historiske Jesus: En jämförande analys av historiesyn och autencitetsfrågor hos forskare inom ‘the Third Quest’”/ “The Historical Jesus: A Comparative Analysis of Historiography and Views on Authenticity among Scholars of the Third Quest.” Withdrawn without finishing.

Serving on PhD Committees

2012- Daniel Gustafsson, PhD thesis “Messianic Figures in Luke.” Expected completion, 2018.

2015- Natalie Lanzl, PhD thesis *Building a Temple by Words: Temple Maps in the Temple Scroll and Tannaitic Accounts*

Administrative Work

2011 – 2013 Coordinator for the Master program in Religious Studies/ Programansvarig för mastersprogrammet i teologi.

2018 - pedagogical mentor for lecturers in Biblical Studies

2011 – 2014 pedagogical mentor for lecturers in Biblical Studies

2012 Serving on the assessment committee for the foundation Nathan och Anna Söderbloms stiftelse.

2012 - suppleant on the committee for equality issues

2011-2012 member of a team developing the strategy and goals for the Department of Theology

Wilfrid Laurier University

2005-2007 Chair of the Community Committee, responsible for activities by the department reaching out to the wider Waterloo community.

2005-2007 Chair of the Distance Education Committee that evaluates internet courses offered by the Department of Religion and Culture.

2005-2007 Member of the Committee overseeing the offering of Undergraduate courses for the Department of Religion and Culture, Wilfrid Laurier University.

Academic Presentations

- 2018 “The Impurity of the Impure Spirits in the Gospels” at a conference on Healing and Exorcism in Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity, Örebro Teologiska Högskola 8–9 mars. **By invitation**
- 2017 “Moral and Ritual Impurity in Matthew and the Sectarian Literature from Qumran.” The Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Nov 18-21, Boston. **By invitation**
- 2017 Panel discussion on the new Swedish translation of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Exegetiska dagen (the Exegetical Day) organized by the Svenska Exegetiska Sällskapet (Swedish Exegetical Society). Uppsala, October 2.
- 2017 “Commensality among Members in a Jewish Sect at the Turn of the Era.” The 10th International Conference on Culinary Arts & Sciences at Aalborg University in Copenhagen July 5.
- 2017 “The Connection between Purity Practices and the Jerusalem Temple around the Turn of the Era.” An international Colloquium on the theme “The House of God” between the universities of Strasbourg, Tübingen, and Uppsala. Strasbourg, June 28-30.
- 2017 “The Impurity of the Impure Spirits in the Gospels” at the Finnish Exegetical Day, Helsinki. February 2. **By invitation.**
- 2016 “Ezekiel’s Visions and Early Jewish Mysticism” for a transdisciplinary workshop on “Whirls in Greek Thought and Beyond” hosted by the Department of Archaeology, Uppsala University. May 26. **By invitation.**
- 2015 “Jesus’ Table Fellowship with Sinners and Purity Halakhah” for the Historical Jesus session, the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, Georgia, Nov 21-24.
- 2015 “Male and Female Impurities in the Late Second Temple Period” for the Women in the Biblical World session, the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, Georgia, Nov 21-24.
- 2015 “Pure Meals in the Qumran Movement,” for the Qumran session at the International meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 20-24.
- 2015 “The Jewishness of Jesus and Ritual Purity,” at a roundtable on Judaic studies in the Nordic Countries organized by the Donner Institute, Åbo, Finland, Mars 25-27. **By invitation.**

- 2015 “Angels and the Construction of Identity in the Qumran Movement” at the conference ‘Gottesdienst und Engel im antiken Judentum und frühen Christentum’ organized by the University of Zürich, Jan 8-10. **By invitation.**
- 2014 “The (Im)purity Level of Communal Meals Within the Qumran Movement” for the Qumran session at the Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, Nov 22-25.
- 2014 “Did Jesus Visit Hades? An Examination of the Earliest Beliefs Surrounding Jesus’ Death” at the conference ‘Roundtrip to Hades: Visits to the Underworld in the Eastern Mediterranean Tradition,’ organized by Uppsala University, Oct 9-12. **By invitation.**
- 2014 “Impurity of Men and Women in the Dead Sea Scrolls: A Comparison,” for the seminar Social History and the New Testament, SNTS, Szeged, Hungary, Sept 2-9. **By invitation.**
- 2014 “The Defiled Temple in the End Time and Community Identity” for the Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls unit, the International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Vienna, July 6-10.
- 2013 “Purity Halakhah for Men and Women in the Dead Sea Scrolls” for the Qumran session at the Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore Nov 23-26.
- 2013 “Common Meals in the Qumran Movement with Special Attention to Purity Regulations,” at a conference on Sacred Meal, Communal Meal, Table Fellowship, and the Eucharist, organized by David Hellholm et al. Metochi Study Centre on Lesbos, Sep 14-21.
- 2012 “Impure and Rejected? Women’s Impurity in the Dead Sea Scrolls” at the symposium “Dirty and Dangerous? The Complexity of Women’s Bodies in Antiquity,” organized by Agora, November 23, Uppsala University
- 2012 “Purity and Temple in 2 Cor 6:14-18 and the Dead Sea Scrolls” for the unit Second Corinthians: Pauline Theology in the Making, at the Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago November 17-20. **By invitation.**
- 2012 “A Comparison between Ritual Purity Laws for Men and Women in the Dead Sea Scrolls” at the Nordic Conference: Ritual in the Nexus of the Study of Religion and Biblical Studies, University of Aarhus, November, 2-3.
- 2012 “The Aims of Jesus with Regard to Purity Laws” at a Nordic Symposium on the Historical Jesus in Lund, 7-10 October. **By invitation.**

- 2012 “Jesus’ Attitude to Purity Laws through the Lens of his Healing Activities,” the European Association of Biblical Studies, Amsterdam July 22-26.
- 2012 “Jesus’ Attitude to Purity Laws in the Context of His Healing Activities,” the annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies. Kitchener-Waterloo, May 27-29.
- 2011 “Rule of the Congregation (1QS^a) as a Speech,” for the unit Speech and Talk: Discourses and Social Practices in the Ancient Mediterranean World at the Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, November 19-22. **By invitation.**
- 2011 “Jesus and Purity Laws” for the unit the Synoptic Gospels, at the Society of Biblical Literature International meeting, London, July 4-7.
- 2010 “The Qumran Community as a Temple, or Not” for the unit Qumran at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting (Atlanta)
- 2010 “On the education of Children in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, Concordia University, Montréal, PQ, May 29-31. **By invitation.**
- 2010 “Jesus, Women, and Ritual Purity.” **Keynote speaker** at the Nordic New Testament Conference, Joensuu, Finland, June 11-15.
- 2010 “Visions of the Temple: Conflicting Images of the Eschaton.” **Keynote speaker** at Svenska Exegetisk Dagen (the Swedish Exegetical Day), September Uppsala University.
- 2009 “Sanctuary Metaphors in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Paul’s Writings” For a symposium on the Dead Sea Scrolls at the University of Helsinki. **By invitation.**
- 2009 “The Dead Sea Scrolls on Jewish Women” for the program unit The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Hebrew Bible, the 2009 International Meeting of SBL, Rome. **By invitation.**
- 2009 “Behöver man vara ren i ett metaforiskt temple? Templemetaforer och renhet i Pauli brev.” (“Do you have to be Pure in a Metaphorical Temple? Temple Metaphors in the Dead Sea Scrolls and in Paul’s Writings”) symposium on Paul organized by the Newman Institute and Uppsala University, Uppsala. **By invitation.**
- 2008 “Construction of Sacred Space in Paul's Writings and the Dead Sea Scrolls.” The program unit Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity, at the 2008 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston.

2008 “Angels in 1 Corinthians 11.” For the West Coast Qumran Study Group, at Saint Martin's University (Lacey, WA). **By invitation.**

2008 “‘Because of the Angels:’ Reading 1 Cor 11:2-16 in Light of Angelology in the Dead Sea Scrolls” for the conference on "The Dead Sea Scrolls in Context" (Vienna, February 11-14, 2008). Organized jointly by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the University of Vienna. To be published in the conference proceedings.

2007 “Angels and Humans: Boundaries and Synergies.” Symposium on the Dead Sea Scrolls. Trinity Western University, British Columbia. **By invitation.**

I was invited as one of ten “Canada’s established and up and coming Dead Sea Scrolls Scholars” to the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The presentations will be published in a volume reflecting current Canadian scholarship on the Dead Sea Scrolls.

2007 “Speaking in the Tongues of Angels: Communion with Angels in Paul's Letter and the Dead Sea Scrolls.” The annual meeting of the Nordic Network in Qumran Studies, Uppsala University.

2006 “A Brotherhood at Qumran? Searching for Fictive Familial Language in the Dead Sea Scrolls” for the program unit “Early Christian Families” at the 2006 Annual Meeting of Society of Biblical Literature, Washington DC.

2006 “Fictive Familial Language in the Dead Sea Scrolls” at the University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Theology. Nordic Network in Qumran Studies, Symposium.

2006 “Rules of Exclusion and Demonology in the Dead Sea Scrolls,” for the Seminar on Ancient Judaism and Christianities (SAJC) at the University of Toronto. Respondent: Sarianna Metso (University of Toronto). **By invitation.**

2005 “Angels, Demons, and Rules of Exclusion in the Dead Sea Scrolls,” at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Nordic Network in Qumran Studies, Symposium at Ecole Biblique, Jerusalem, September 22-29, 2005 (trip and accommodation paid by Nordisk Forskerutdannings-akademi, NorFa).

2005 “Common Demonology and Exclusion in the Dead Sea Scrolls,” at the conference Common Judaism Explored: Second Temple Judaism in Context, honouring E.P. Sanders; sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies and that Calgary Institute for the Humanities. University of Calgary, May 2005. **By invitation.**

2004 “Life at the End of Days: Families in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” For the program unit “Early Christian Families” at the 2004 Annual Meeting of Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, Texas.

- 2004 "Sectarianism in the Rule of the Community and the Damascus Document." The annual meeting of the Nordic Network in Qumran Studies, Oslo, Norway.
- 2004 "Groups in Tension: Sectarianism of the Damascus Document and the Rule of the Community." The Kitchener-Waterloo Biblical Colloquium, Wilfrid Laurier University.
- 2003 "Membership in the Damascus Community." The annual meeting of the Nordic Network in Qumran Studies, Helsinki, Finland (trip and accommodation paid by Nordisk Forskerutdannings-akademi, NorFa). **By invitation.**
- 2002 "Laws Concerning Women in the Damascus Document." The Biblical Law Section at the meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Toronto. **By invitation.**
- 2000 "Women and Membership in the Damascus Document." The meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies at the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Alberta, Edmonton.
- 1998 Response to Philip Harland's, "Declining Polis?" Religious Rivalries in the Civic Context in Light of Recent Studies of the Polis" at the Religious Rivalries Seminar at the annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, Ottawa. **By invitation.**
- 1995 "Shedding Light on Women in the Damascus Document: The 4QD fragments." The annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, Montreal.
- 1992 "Judah and Tamar in the Eyes of the Earliest Interpreters." The annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, Charlottetown.
- 1990 "Divorce and Polygamy according to the Qumran Community." Symposium in Biblical Studies at the University of Toronto.

Public Lectures

- 2018 Participant at a panel debate on faith and science. Katedralakademin, Stockholm Cathedra. With Martin Cederwall, professor of theoretical physics at Chalmers University of Technology and Gerard Willemsen, doctor in geology and pastor. Moderator: Carl Reinhold Bråkenhielm. March 23
- 2018 Speaking in Uppsala Cathedral on the film, Looking for Jesus by Katarzyna Kozyra. March 6.

- 2018 Lecture on the Dead Sea Scrolls, Texts and Archaeology, for Friends of Hebrew University in Sweden, Jewish synagogue, Stockholm. February 18.
- 2018 Lecture on Archaeology at Qumran as part of a two-day symposium on the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Newman Institute, Uppsala. February 12.
- 2017 Langenskiöld Publishing House. With Tobias Hägerland: Discussion with historian Dick Harrison on our book *Den okände Jesus* (The Unknown Jesus), May 24.
- 2017 Humanisterna, Uppsala on the Historical Person Jesus. April 25.
- 2017 The Jewish congregation, Stockholm. Panel discussion with Tobias Hägerland and Natalie Lantz on our book *Den okände Jesus* (The Unknown Jesus), February 8.
- 2017 Ansgars församling (the Ansgar Church), Uppsala. Presentation of the book *Den okände Jesus* (Cecilia Wassén and Tobias Hägerland), February 6.
- 2015 "Har Jesus funnits?"/ "Did Jesus Exist" Uppsala University, April 20.
- 2012 "Dödahavsruellarna och Qumran" Teologiska föreningen.
- 2011 "Jesus," Bror Hjorts hus, Uppsala.
- 2009 "Arkeologi i Qumran: Nya teorier och gamla byggnader"/ Archaeology at Qumran: Old Buildings and New Theoris". Svenska Kyrkans forskardagar, Teologiska/ Academic days organized by the Swedish Church. Teologiska Högskolan i Stockholm. Stockholm.
- 2009 "Women and Children in the Dead Sea Scrolls." St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada. **By invitation.**
- 2008 "Interpretation of Biblical Texts in the Pesharim and the New Testament: Isaiah 40:3, a Test Case." Saint Martin's University (Lacey, WA). **By invitation.**
- 2005 "Archaeology at Qumran: New Theories and Old Rocks" in the Religion and Culture Colloquium Series at Wilfrid Laurier University. **By invitation.**
- 2004 "The Life and Death of Jesus." The Voice of Islam Colloquium, University of Waterloo. **By invitation.**

Invited Guest lecturer

2011, May 16-18. Durham University. Sponsored by the Erasmus program.

Lecture: “Jesus and Purity Laws”; graduate workshop: “Women in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” Hosted by Lutz Doering.

2009, Sep 25-29 St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada. Invited by Margaret MacDonald to give a public lecture and teaching a class on Women and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

2008, June 16-20 Saint Martin's University. Lacey, WA

As one of three international scholars I was invited to give five lectures on different topics on the Dead Sea Scrolls for a week-long course on the Dead Sea Scrolls, organized by Ian Werrett, Ph.D., Director of the Spiritual Life Institute at Saint Martin's University. The topics of my presentations included Women, Halakhah, Angels, and Biblical interpretation.

Academic Awards

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| 2012 | Voted the Teacher of the Year/Årets Lärare by the students at the Department of Theology at Uppsala University |
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Research Funding

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| 2014 -2017 | The Swedish Research Council, for the project “Jesus’ Attitude to Purity Laws (#2013-1044)” SEK 1,952,000 (ca. \$ US 264,000) |
| 2014-2017 | The Swedish Research Council, with Karin Hedner Zetterholm (principal investigator), Magnus Zetterholm, and Anders Runesson for the project “Beyond Theology: Ancient Polemics, Identity formation, and Modern Scholarship (# 2013-1406),” SEK 11,304,000 (ca. \$ US 1,530,000) |
| 2009-2011 | A grant from the Society of Nathan Söderblom/ Nathan Söderblom-sällskapet giving me research time corresponding to 25% of my teaching. |
| 2008-2010 | Collaborator with Margaret MacDonald (principal investigator), Adele Reinhartz, and Carolyn Osiek, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Standard Research Grant 2008-2011: “Children and childhood in early Christian house churches: the significance and impact of household codes” (\$ CAN 63,000). |

Scholarships

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| 1995-96 | Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$ 12,000) |
| 1989-94 | McMaster Graduate Scholarships (about \$ 5,000 yearly) |
| 1992-93 | The Swedish Fredrika-Bremer Foundation (\$ 3,000) |
| 1991-92 | The Sweden-America Foundation Graduate Scholarship (\$ 8,000) |
| 1988-89 | Rotary International Graduate Scholarship (\$ 25,000) |

1985 The Swedish Theological Institute Scholarship for studying in Jerusalem
(\$ 15,000)

Leave of Absence

1993 - 1999 I stayed home taking care of my two sons, Jacob (born July 2, 1993) and Max (born Aug 5, 1996).

Memberships

Society of Biblical Literature
Canadian Society of Biblical Studies
Nordic Network in Qumran Studies (A network of Scandinavian scholars, sponsored by NorFa)
Svenska Exegetiska Sällskapet

Languages

Ancient: Hebrew, Greek
Modern: English and Swedish (fluently); German and French (reading skills)