

Education

2014 - 2021	Habilitation at the Faculty of Theology in Heidelberg "Doctrine, interpretation and use of Scripture. The status of Scripture in and for contemporary dogmatics" Reviewers: Prof. Dr. F. Nüssel, Prof. Dr. P. Stoellger
2010 - 2013	Doctorate at the Faculty of Theology in Heidelberg (magna cum laude) "Public theology in the face of globalization. The <i>public theology</i> of Max L. Stackhouse" Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Dr. Dr. h.c. M. Welker
2003 - 2010	Studies of Theology in Göttingen and Heidelberg (summa cum laude)

Employment

Since 5/2019	Head of the department "Religion, Law and Culture", Interdisciplinary Protestant Research Institute (FEST Heidelberg)
Fall 2023	Visiting Professor at University of Zurich
Summer 2023	Visiting Professor at University of Heidelberg
Winter 2021/2022	Visiting Professor at University of Bonn
2018 - 2019	Assistant Professor at the Ecumenical Institute (Prof. Dr. F. Nüssel) at the Faculty of Theology in Heidelberg
2018 - 2019	Theological assistant in the office of Bishop Prof. Dr. J. Cornelius-Bundschuh, Evangelischer Oberkirchenrat Karlsruhe
2013 - 2018	Assistant Professor at the Chair of Systematic Theology (Prof. Dr. M. Hofheinz) at the University of Hanover
2011 - 2013	Lecturer at the Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg for the Ethical-Philosophical Foundation Course (EPG 1)

Professional Memberships

Scientific Society for Theology (WGTh, Systematic Theology Section)
 European Academy of Religion (EuARe)
 Society for Protestant Theology (GET)
 International Society for Empirical Research in Theology (ISERT)
 Network of German-speaking Researchers on Religion and Culture in Times of deep Mediatization (GeNetGeNet-ISMRC founding member)
 Member of the Heidelberg Center for Digital Humanities
 Working group "Digitalization" of the Protestant Faculty Association
 Member of the steering committee of the Fachgespräche Evangelische Ethik (FEE)
 Working Group "Theories in Digital Humanities" of the Digital Humanities Association Germany

Honors and Grants

2025/26	<i>Research Fellow in the study program "Theology and AI" at the Center for Theological Inquiry Princeton (on invitation of Prof. W. Storrar)</i>
2025	<i>Research Fellow at the Protestantse Theologische Universiteit Amsterdam (Ass. Prof. Dr. Kinga Zeller)</i>
Since 2023	Research Associate at the Faculty of Theology and Religion of the University of the Free State (Bloemfontein/South Africa)
8-9/2012	Research Fellow at <u>Beyers-Naudé-Center</u> for Public Theology Stellenbosch (Prof. Dr. D. Smit; Prof. Dr. N. Koopman, Prof. Dr. R. Vosloo)
9-11/2011	Research Fellow at <u>Abraham Kuyper Center</u> for Public Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary

Scholarship for promising Postdoctoral Researchers "Wege in die Forschung" (2024-2021)

PhD scholarship Konrad-Adenauer Foundation (2010-2013)

Service to the Profession

Editorial Boards

Co-Editor of the Online Encyclopedia of Systematic Theology "SysLex" (under construction)

Editorial Board of the Series „Theologie und Künstliche Intelligenz“

Co-Editor Cursor Zeitschrift für explorative Theologie (open access)

Co-Editor Series „FEST kompakt“ (open access)

Co-Editor of Chrismon

Advisory Boards

2023-2024 Academic Consultant for the program on "Theology and AI" at the Center for Theological Inquiry Princeton

Since 2022 Advisory Board of the Panel "Scripture and Theology" of the European Academy of Religion

Since 2020 Consultation partner of "Churches Online in Times of Corona" (CONTOC)

Since 2019 Advisory Board of the Global Network for Digital Theology (GNDT)
Panel Host for the Annual Conferences of GNDT
Host of Network Events online (Meet GNDT)

Reviews, Assessment and Mentoring

Reviews and Advisory for: German Research Foundation (DFG), Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and various Journals.

Selection Committee Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

Service to the Institution

- Since 2019 Head of the "Religion, Law and Culture" department at FEST
- Personnel management
 - Administration
 - Financial managers for the projects
 - Strategy development with department heads and FEST management
 - Head of the working group "Digitalization" (2019-2022, with Dr. B. Held)
- Head of the Publications Committee of the FEST
- Since 2014 Member of the Systematic Theological Society of the Faculty of Theology at Heidelberg University
- 2021/2022 Self-administration of the Faculty of Theology Bonn and the Institute of Theology at the University of Cologne
- 2013 - 2018 Self-administration at the Institute for Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Hanover
- Representative of the WMA in the institute management
 - ERASMUS Coordinator and International Affairs Officer
 - Representative for the university information days
 - Representative of the WMA in two appointment committees
- 2010-2011 Employee in the Examination Office of the Heidelberg Faculty of Theology
- Supervision of MA theses, exams and Rigorosa
 - Development of new study regulations
 - Introduction of new study management software
- 2007 - 2009 Self-government of the Faculty of Theology at Heidelberg University
- Commission for the allocation of tuition fees
 - Study Commission

Service to the Church

- Since 2023 Member of the Chamber Network of the Protestant Churches in Germany (EKD)
Workstream Bible Hermeneutics
- Since 2019 Member of the steering committee of the network "Digitalization, Theology and Ethics" of the Protestant Churches in Germany (EKD)
- 2022 Member of the Working Group "Just Economy" for the Ecumenical Encounter Program of the Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC) in Karlsruhe
- 2016 - 2017 Member of the project management "What is mission? Faith in a pluralistic world" at the German Church Congress "Kirchentag" 2017
- 2014 - 2015 Member of the project management for the preparation of the panel series "Global Partnership" at the German Church Congress "Kirchentag" 2015
- 2009 - 2015 Delegate in the Association of Christian Churches in Germany (ACK)

Current Research Projects

- 2025-2030 Testimonials, witnesses and confessions. Political and theological implications (working group, including Prof. Dr. Hanna Reichel - Princeton, Dr. Clarissa Breu - Vienna, Prof. Dr. Marcia Pally - New York University, Prof. Dr. Dion Forster - Amsterdam, Prof. Dr. Henco van der Westhuizen – Blomfontein et al.)
- 2024-2032 Digital ecclesiology (workshops and collaborative monograph, including with Prof. Dr. Thomas Schlag - Zurich, Prof. Dr. Friederike Nüssel - Heidelberg, Prof. Dr. Sabrina Müller - Bonn, Prof. Dr. Florian Höhne – Erlangen et al.)
- 2022-2030 Inductive theology. Systematic theology in the tension between transparticularism and cultural turn (working group, led with Dr. L. Chilian, with Prof. Dr. Hanna Reichel - Princeton, Prof. Dr. Prof. Dr. Raúl Zegarra - Harvard/Universidad Católica de Lima, Dr. Natalie Wigg-Stevenson - Toronto, Dr. Henco van der Westhuizen – Bloemfontein et al.)
- 2026-2036 (Un)Mapping Theology beyond Western Narratives (with Prof. Dr. Raúl Zegarra - Harvard/Universidad Católica de Lima, Dr. Clifford Anderson - Yale, Dr. Evan Kuehn - Chicago)
- 2027-2030 Virtuality and reality. Religions as *augmented realities* (conference and PhD projects, with Dr. K. Kammler-Sücke/Psychology – in application process)
- Since 2024 Theology and activism (with Dr. Rasmus Nagel - Heidelberg)
- Since 2021 Founder and Co-Director of SysLex. Online-Encyclopedia for Systematic Theology (under construction)
- Since 2020 Co-Director of Research Network on Computational Theology "TheoLab"
- 2023-24 Conference „What Does Theology Do, Actually – Systematic Theology“, 30.05.-01.06.2024, Bonn (with Dr. M. Robinson/Bonn)
- 2022-25 Global Network for Public Theology (GNPT)
 Panel “Scripture and Media”, GNPT Conference, 08-11.09.2025, Pasadena (with Prof. T. Schlag/Zürich)
 Panel “Digital Public Theology”, GNPT Conference, 04.-06.10.2022, Curitiba (with Prof. T. Schlag/Zürich and Prof. S. Garner/Auckland)
- 2022-25 Conference “Theologie in der Informationsgesellschaft“, 23.-25.01.2025, Berlin (with Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. C. Markschies)
- Since 2019 Conference series “Theologies of the Digital”
- Further research areas
- Scriptural hermeneutics (habilitation and network "Authority of Scripture in Protestant Theology" with scholars from exegesis and systematic theology)
 - Contemporary Reformed confessions and their hermeneutics
 - Media anthropology
 - Public theology (especially reformed concepts in the USA, the Netherlands and South Africa, as well as globalization theories)
 - Ecumenical theology (esp. non-denominational churches and evangelicalism)