

## **Curriculum Vitae and Publication List**

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### **Academic positions**

Professor (chair) of Biblical Studies, Stockholm School of Theology, 2015–

Professor (promoted) of New Testament Studies, Stockholm School of Theology, 2010–2015

Senior Lecturer in New Testament Studies, Stockholm School of Theology, 2002–2010

### **Academic qualifications**

Docent (New Testament) Uppsala, 2008.

ThD (New Testament), Uppsala 2002.

Master of Arts in Religion (Biblical Studies) Andrews, 1987.

### **Fellowships**

Visiting Fellow at Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, September 2012–May 2013, April–June 2014.

### **Academic assignments**

Advisory Board, *Ritual in the Ancient Mediterranean Series*, Routledge, 2019–

Editorial Committee, *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus*, 2015–

Editorial Secretary, *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* (Swedish Exegetical Annual), 2006–2013.

Co-chair, SBL Historical Jesus Section, 2011–2017

Steering Committee, SBL Historical Jesus Section, 2007–2017

Steering Committee, SBL Mind Society and Tradition Section, 2010–2016

Steering Committee, Nordic Network for the Cognitive Science of Religion, 2010–2014

Board Member, Swedish Academy for Biblical Studies, 2006–2014

Manuscript reviewing for Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Fortress, and others.

Manuscript reviewing for various international journals.

Expert assessments and evaluations for various applications, appointments, and promotions.

### **Supervision and Review**

PhD supervision (Linda Joelsson, Åbo, 2015; Lars-Göran Alm, Uppsala; Anne Sörman, Åbo; Petter Sundelius, Stockholm; Sara Häggström, Stockholm)

PhD Examination Committees (Hans Leander, Gothenburg, 2011; Martin Wessbrandt, Lund, 2017)

PhD Opponent (Leif Hongisto, Åbo, 2009)

PhD Pre-Examiner or Final Seminar (Göran Lennartsson, Lund, 2007; Tobias Hägerland, Gothenburg, 2008; Leif Hongisto, Åbo, 2009; Vojtech Kase, Helsinki, 2018)

### **Current Research projects**

Apocalypticism and apocalyptic language. An analysis of the Jesus tradition from the perspectives of conceptual metaphor theory and Ernst Cassirer's model for myth and language.

Dynamics of moral repair in antiquity. A comparative analysis of early Jewish, early Christian, and Greco-Roman ideals, practices, and rituals for forgiveness, reconciliation, atonement, compensation, and revenge. Funded by the Swedish Research Council 2017-2020.

## Memberships

Swedish Exegetical Society, Nathan Söderblom Society, Society of Biblical Literature, Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (SNTS), American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR).

## Publications

### Monographs

*Dirt, Shame, Status: Perspectives on Same-Sex Relationships in the Bible and Antiquity*. Revision and translation of *Smuts, skam, status*. In preparation.

*Etik och retorik i Jesustraditionen: kognitiva och psyko-biologiska perspektiv*. Stockholm: EHS, 2020. In preparation.

*Impurity in Early Judaism and the Jesus Tradition: Critical Issues and New Directions*. Resources for Biblical Studies. Atlanta: SBL Press. Manuscript accepted for publication. Forthcoming.

*Smuts, skam, status: Perspektiv på samkönad sexualitet i Bibeln och antiken*. Göteborg: Makadam, 2018.

*Scripture, Interpretation, or Authority? Motives and Arguments in Jesus' Halakic Conflicts*. WUNT 1:320. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013.

*Emotions in Biblical Law: A Cognitive Science Approach*. HBM 36. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2011.

*Issues of Impurity in Early Judaism*. ConBNT 45. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2010.

*Jesus and Purity Halakhah: Was Jesus Indifferent to Impurity?* ConBNT 38. Corrected reprint edition. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2010.

*Jesus and Purity Halakhah: Was Jesus Indifferent to Impurity?* ConBNT 38. Stockholm: Almqvist & Wiksell International, 2002.

### Edited volumes

*Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* (Swedish Exegetical Annual), 2007–2013

### Articles

“Retribution and Repair of Interpersonal Infringements in Voluntary Associations: Comparing Qumran, Greco-Roman *collegia*, and Early Christians”, in preparation.

“Law and Emotion in Moral Repair: Circumscribing Infringement”, *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*, submitted and forthcoming.

“Jesus' Interpretation of the Torah”, in J. Schröter & C. Jacobi (eds.), Robert Brawley (transl.), *The Jesus Handbook* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans), submitted and forthcoming.

“Biblical Law and the New Testament”, in Bruce Wells (ed.), *Cambridge Companion to Law and the Hebrew Bible*, submitted and forthcoming.

“Purity as Popular Practice: Erasing the Anachronistic Divide between Household and Cult”, in conference proceedings from Schwerte, submitted and forthcoming.

“Altruism and Prosocial Ideals in the Sermon: Between Human Nature and Divine Potential”, in R. Roitto et al. (eds.), *Social and Cognitive Perspectives on the Sermon on the Mount* (London: Equinox, 2020), in press.

“Emotional Repression and Physical Mutilation? The Cognitive and Behavioural Impact of Exaggeration in the Sermon on the Mount”, in R. Roitto et al. (eds.), *Social and Cognitive Perspectives on the Sermon on the Mount* (London: Equinox, 2020), in press.

“The Role of Law in the Formation of the Pentateuch and the Canon”, in Pamela Barmash (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Biblical Law* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019), 257–74.

“Emotional Fear in Pentateuchal Legal Collections”, in R. Nikolsky et al. (eds.), *Language, Cognition, and Biblical Exegesis: Interpreting Minds* (London: Bloomsbury, 2019), 40–62.

“Viewing Oneself through Others' Eyes: Shame between Biology and Culture in Biblical Texts”, *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* 84 (2019), 51–80.

- “Purity and Impurity in Ancient Israel and Early Judaism”, in *Oxford Bibliographies in Jewish Studies* (online), 2019.
- “Purification”, in R. Uro et al. (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Rituals* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019), 220–244.
- “Levels of Explanation for Ideas of Impurity: Why Structuralist and Symbolic Models Often Fail While Evolutionary and Cognitive Models Succeed”, *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 9 (2018 [2019]): 74–99.
- “Emotional Ethics in Biblical Texts: Cultural Construction and Biological Bases of Morality”, *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* 6 (2017): 434–459.
- “Disgust in Body, Mind, and Language: The Case of Impurity”, in F. Scott Spencer (ed.), *Mixed Feelings and Vexed Passions in Biblical Literature: Exploring Emotions in Biblical Literature* (Atlanta: SBL, 2017), 97–115.
- “Jesu Interpretation der Tora”, in J. Schröter & C. Jacobi (eds.), *Jesus Handbuch* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2017), 402–416.
- “Sacrificial Interpretation in the Narratives of Jesus’ Last Meal”, in D. Hellholm et al. (eds.), *Sacred Meal, Communal Meal, Table Fellowship, and the Eucharist: Late Antiquity, Early Judaism, and Early Christianity* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2017), 477–502.
- “A Perhaps Less Halakic Jesus and Purity: On Prophetic Criticism, Halakic Innovation, and Rabbinic Anachronism”, *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 14 (2016), 120–136.
- “Jehezkel”; “Jekabzeel”; “Jekameam”; “Jekamiah”; “Jekuthiel”; “Jered”; “Jeremoth”. Short articles in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2016).
- “Concern, Custom and Common Sense: Discharge, Hand-washing and Graded Purification”, in *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 13 (2015), 150–187.
- “Purity / Impurity”, in R. Segal & K. von Stuckrad (eds.), *Vocabulary for the Study of Religion* (Leiden: Brill, 2015), 3:166–170.
- “Purity and Persia”, in Roy E. Gane & Ada Taggar-Cohen (eds.), *Current Issues in Priestly and Related Literature: The Legacy of Jacob Milgrom and Beyond* (RBS; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2015), 435–462.
- “Theology: New Testament”, in Brent Strawn (ed.), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Bible and Law* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015), 2:384–400.
- “The Role of Disgust in Priestly Purity Law: Insights from Conceptual Metaphor and Blending Theories”, *Journal of Law, Religion and State* 3 (2014), 62–92.
- “Revelation, Interpretation, Tradition: Jesus, Authority and Halakic Development”, in S. Byrskog, T. Holmén, & M. Kankanniemi (eds.), *The Identity of Jesus: Nordic Voices* (WUNT 2:373; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014), 127–160.
- “Empathy and Ethics: Bodily Emotion as Basis for Moral Admonition”, in I. Czachesz & R. Uro (eds.), *Mind, Morality and Magic: Cognitive Science Approaches in Biblical Studies* (Bible World. Durham: Acumen, 2013), 213–234.
- “Jesus and the *Zavah*: Implications for interpreting Mark”, in C. Ehrlich, A. Runesson & E. Schuller (eds.), *Purity, Holiness, and Identity in Judaism and Christianity: Essays in Memory of Susan Haber* (WUNT 1:305; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013), 112–143.
- “Self-Preserving and Other-Oriented Concerns in the Jesus Tradition” in S.-O. Back & M. Kankaanniemi (eds.), *Voces Clamantium in Deserto: Essays in Honor of Kari Syreeni* (Åbo: Teologiska fakulteten vid Åbo universitet, 2012), 124–148.
- “Some Notes on Sacrificial Removal in Priestly Law”, in T. Davidovich (ed.), *Plogbillar & svärd: En festskrift till Stig Norin* (Stockholm: Molin & Sorgenfrei, 2012), 89–100.
- “Moralische Emotionen in der Jesusüberlieferung. Ein psycho-biologischer Beitrag zum Verhältnis von Selbsterhaltung und Nächstenorientierung” *Evangelische Theologie* 71 (2011): 288–306.
- “Jesus, Scripture and *Paradosis*: Response to Friedrich Avemarie: ‘Jesus and Halakic Purity’”, in R. Bieringer, F. Garcia Martinez, D. Pollefeyt & P.J. Tomson (eds.), *The New Testament and Rabbinic Literature* (SupJSJ 136; Leiden: Brill, 2010), 281–288.
- “4Q274, Fragment 1 Revisited – or Who Touched Whom? Further Evidence for Ideas of Graded Impurity and Graded Purifications”, *Dead Sea Discoveries* 17 (2010): 83–117.

- “Evolution, Emotion and Exegesis: Disgust and Empathy in Biblical Texts on Moral and Ritual Issues”, in C.–R. Bråkenhielm (ed.), *Linnaeus and Homo Religiosus: Biological Roots of Religious Awareness and Human Identity* (Acta Universitatis Upsaliensis. Uppsala Studies in Faiths and Ideologies 23. Uppsala: Uppsala Universitet, 2009), 191–218.
- “Dirt and Disgust: Body and Morality in Biblical Purity Laws”, in B.J. Schwartz & D.P. Wright (eds.), *Perspectives on Purity and Purification in the Bible* (LHB/OTS 474; London: T&T Clark, 2008), 43–64.
- “The Christology of Early Christian Practice”, *Journal of Biblical Literature* 127 (2008): 591–614.
- “Son of Man and Early Christian Identity Formation”, in B. Holmberg & M. Winninge (eds.), *Identity Formation in the New Testament* (WUNT 227; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008), 97–122.
- “Son of Man as Kingdom Imagery: Jesus between Corporate Symbol and Individual Redeemer Figure”, in T. Holmén (ed.), *Jesus from Judaism to Christianity: Continuum Approaches to the Historical Jesus* (ESCO/LNTS 352; London: T & T Clark, 2007), 87–108.
- “Explaining Discrepancies in the Purity Laws about Discharges”, *Revue Biblique* 114 (2007): 348–371.
- “The Coming Son of Man Revisited”, *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 5 (2007): 157–176.
- “Twenty Years after Sigal: Jesus as Proto-Rabbinic Teacher of *Halakhah*”, in Phillip Sigal, *The Halakah of Jesus of Nazareth According to the Gospel of Matthew* (reprint edition; Studies in Biblical Literature 18; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2007), 195–211.
- “Standing Helpless at the Roar and Surging of the Sea: Reading Biblical Texts in the Shadow of the Wave”, *Studia Theologica: Nordic Journal of Theology* 60 (2006): 21–41.
- “Här är inte man eller kvinna – var någonstans? Om Paulus eskatologiska asexualitet i en aveskatalogiserad sexualiserad kontext”, in G. Gunner (ed.), *På spaning... från Svenska kyrkans forskardagar 2005* (Forskning för kyrkan 3; Stockholm: Verbum, 2006), 119–135.
- [together with MariAnne Ekedahl], “Induktiv teologi som meningsskapande: om erfarenhetens roll i själavård och texttolkning”, *Tro & Liv*, 65 (2006): 7–17.
- “Tolkning och respekt: Om bibeltolkning och homosexualitet”, in L. Ingelstam, J. Jonsson & B. Åqvist (eds.), *Spår av Gud: Vänbok till Valborg Lindgärde* (Studia Theologica Holmiensia 14; THS, 2006), 182–194.
- “The Good Samaritan and a Presumptive Corpse”, *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* 71 (2006): 131–144.
- “Texternas tillkomst och tradering” (part 4.1) in Dieter Mitternacht & Anders Runesson (eds.), *Jesus och de första kristna. Inledning till Nya testamentet* (Stockholm: Verbum, 2006), 180–200.
- “Tidiga Jesusbilder: om erfarenheten bakom och framför kristologin”, *Svensk Teologisk Kvartalskrift* 81 (2005): 49–66.
- “Response to Larry Hurtado: ‘To Live and Die for Jesus...’” (lecture at the Exegetical Day in Uppsala, 24/9 2004), *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* 70 (2005): 333–338.
- “Sectarian Gospels for Some Christians? Intention and Mirror Reading in the Light of Extra-Canonical Texts”, *New Testament Studies* 51 (2005): 561–578.
- “Forskningens betydelse för grundutbildningen”, *Tro & Liv* 62/5 (2003): 15–23.

### Book Reviews

- Review of Marcus J. Borg & John Dominic Crossan, *Den radikale Paulus: Kyrkans konservativa ikon som progressiv visionär* (Helsingfors: Tomas von Martens, 2016). *Svensk Kyrkotidning* (2018).
- Review of Elizabeth W. Goldstein, *Impurity and Gender in the Hebrew Bible* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2015). *Review of Biblical Literature* 18 (2016).
- Review of Thomas Hieke, *Levitikus 1-15* (HthKat; Freiburg: Herder, 2014). *Review of Biblical Literature* 18 (2016).
- Review of Eve Levavi Feinstein, *Sexual Pollution in the Hebrew Bible* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014). *Review of Biblical Literature* 18 (2016).
- Review of Daniel Boyarin, *The Jewish Gospels: The Story of the Jewish Christ* (New York: The New Press, 2012). *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 78/4 (2016), 768.
- Review of Mira Balberg, *Purity, Body, and Self in Early Rabbinic Literature* (Berkeley, Los Angeles/London: University of California Press, 2014). *History of Religions* 55 (2015), 231-235.

- Review of Susan Haber, *"They Shall Purify Themselves": Essays on Purity in Early Judaism* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2008). *Hebrew Studies Journal* 56 (2015), 430-433.
- Review of James D. G. Dunn, *Jesus, Paul, and the Gospels* (Grand Rapids/Cambridge: Eerdmans, 2011). *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 74 (2013).
- Review of Hans Leander, *Discourses of Empire: Mark's Gospel from a Postcolonial Perspective* (Göteborg: Institutionen för litteratur, idéhistoria och religion, University of Gothenburg, 2011). *Sändaren* (2012).
- "Dialog eller apologetik?" Review of Anders Runesson, *O att du slet itu himlen och steg ner! Om Jesus, Jonas Gardell och Guds andedräkt* (Artos/Libris, 2011). *Svensk Kyrkotidning* 108/1 (2012): 11-12.
- Review of David A. Fiensy, *Jesus the Galilean: Soundings in a First Century Life* (Piscataway, N.J.: Gorgias, 2007). *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 3 (2009): 172-173.
- Review of William K. Gilders, *Blood Ritual in the Hebrew Bible: Meaning and Power* (London: John Hopkins, 2004). *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* 74 (2009): 221-223.
- Review of Hannah K. Harrington, *The Purity Texts* (London/New York: T & T Clark, 2004) och Ian C. Werrett, *Ritual Purity and the Dead Sea Scrolls* (Leiden: Brill, 2007). *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* 74 (2009): 226-228.
- Review of Bernard S. Jackson, *Essays on Halakhah in the New Testament* (Leiden: Brill, 2008). *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* 74 (2009): 238-240.
- Review of Jay Sklar, *Sin, Impurity, Sacrifice, Atonement: The Priestly Conceptions* (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2005). *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* 74 (2009): 269-271.
- Review of Jonas Gardell, *Om Jesus* (Stockholm: Nordstedts, 2009). *Tro & Liv* 68/3 (2009): 48-52.
- Review of Jonas Gardell, *Om Jesus* (Stockholm: Nordstedts, 2009). *Finsk Tidskrift* 6-7 (2009): 368-372.
- Review of Clinton Wahlen, *Jesus and the Impurity of Spirits in the Synoptic Gospels* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2004). *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* 73 (2008): 213-215.
- Review of Roland Deines, *Die Gerechtigkeit der Tora im Reich des Messias* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2004). *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* 73 (2008): 284-286.
- Review of Magnus Zetterholm, *Lagen som evangelium? Den nya synen på Paulus och judendomen* (Lund: Studentlitteratur, 2006). *Svensk Kyrkotidning* 14-15 (2007): 183-185.
- "Födelsen av en ny tro?" Review of John Shelby Spong: *En ny kristendom för en ny värld: Om den traditionella trons död och födelsen av en ny tro* (Stockholm: Verbum, 2005). *Tro & Liv*, 65 (2006): 38-44.
- Review of Martin Hengel & Anna Maria Schwemer, *Der Messianische Anspruch Jesu und die Anfänge der Christologie*, WUNT 138 (Tübingen, Mohr Siebeck, 2001). *Svensk Teologisk Kvartalskrift*, 81 (2005): 137-139.
- Review of Birger Gerhardsson, *Memory and Manuscript: Oral Tradition and Written Transmission in Rabbinic Judaism and Early Christianity* [1961] with *Tradition and Transmission in Early Christianity* [1964] (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 1998) samt Birger Gerhardsson, *The Reliability of the Gospel Tradition* (Peabody: Hendrickson, 2001). *Svensk Teologisk Kvartalskrift* 80 (2004): 136-138.
- Review of Mark D. Nanos (red.), *The Galatians Debate: Contemporary Issues in Rhetorical and Historical Interpretation* (Peabody: Hendrickson, 2002). *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* 69 (2004): 294-297.
- Review of Anders Sjöberg, *Vem är den mannen?* (Örebro: Libris, 1998). *Svensk Kyrkotidning* 99/23-24 (2003); *Tro & Liv* 62/3-4 (2003): 47-49
- Review of Sven Hillert, *Frälsning för alla? En biblisk vision* (Stockholm: Verbum, 2002). *Tro & Liv* 62/5 (2003): 48-49.
- Review of Bengt Holmberg, *Människa och mer* (Lund: Arcus, 2001), i *Svensk Teologisk Kvartalskrift* 78/4 (2002): 189-191.

## Conference papers and presentations

- “Law and Emotion in Moral Repair: Circumscribing Infringement.” SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, 23-26 November 2019.
- “Emotioner och lag i regleringen av moraliska övertramp: en bibelvetare tolkar text utifrån ett evolutionärt perspektiv.” Umeå universitet 24 April 2019.
- “Purity for the Sake of Heaven or Humanity: Erasing the Anachronistic Divide between Household and Cult”. 10<sup>th</sup> Schwerter Qumrantagung: Reinheit im antiken Judentum und frühen Christentum, Schwerte, 10-12 February 2019
- “Original Survival and Moral Repair: An Exegete Reads Ancient Experience with Evolutionary Theory”. Reclaiming Radical Theology: Sin and Grace in a Postsecular Age, Stockholm 7–9 November 2018.
- “Viewing Oneself through Others’ Eyes: Shame between Biology and Culture in Biblical Texts”. Keynote lecture at the Exegetical Day (Swedish Exegetical Society), Stockholm, 8 October 2018.
- “Apocalyptic Imagery and the Historical Jesus: Social and Emotional Functions of Myth and Metaphor”. CISSR, Bertinoro, 27–30 September 2018.
- “Retributions and Repair of Norm Infringements in Qumran, Associations, and Paul”. SBL International Meeting, Helsinki, 30 July–3 August 2018.
- “Dynamics of Moral Repair in Antiquity”. University of Bristol, 18 June 2018.
- “Cognitive Frames of Morality in Antiquity”. Presentation together with Rikard Roitto. Nordic New Testament Conference, Reykjavik, 8-11 June 2018.
- “Forgiveness and Revenge Between Biology and Culture: Applying Cognitive and Bio-Psychological Perspectives to Ancient Texts”. North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, 7 February 2018.
- “Forgiveness and Revenge Between Biology and Culture: Applying Cognitive and Bio-Psychological Perspectives to Ancient Texts”. Symposium: Reconciliation. Umeå, 15–16 December 2017.
- “Funktionell teism”. Bortom det övernaturliga, Stockholm, 16 October 2017.
- “Between Human Nature and Divine Potential: Empathy, Altruism, and Non-Retaliation in Second Temple Texts”. World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, 6–10 August 2017.
- “Jesus and the Changing Role of Torah”. Reutlingen 30 June–1 July 2017.
- “Lagens förändrade roll”. Research day, Stockholm, 3 February 2017.
- “The Cognitive and Behavioural Impact of Hyperbole in the Jesus Tradition”. SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, 19–22 November 2016.
- Response at book review session (Joseph Lam: *Patterns of Sin in the Hebrew Bible*, OUP, 2016). SBL Annual Meeting, 19–22 November 2016.
- “A Perhaps Less Halakic Jesus and Purity: On Prophetic Criticism, Halakic Innovation, and Rabbinic Anachronism”. SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 21–24 November 2015.
- Response to papers at the section Mind, Society, and Religion, SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 21–24 November 2015.
- “Cause and Effect and Levels of Explanation for Ideas of Impurity: Why Structuralist and Symbolic Models Often Fail While Evolutionary and Cognitive Models Succeed”. Workshop: Jewish and Christian Rituals of Purification in Antiquity, Uppsala, 21–23 October 2015.
- “The Emotional Force of Hyperbole: Evocative Effects of Literal Imagination in the Sermon on the Mount”. Nordic New Testament Conference, Aarhus, 29 May–2 June 2015.
- “The Good Man Jesus and Philip Pullman’s Use of Sources”. SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, 22–25 November 2014.
- “Emotional Disgust and Conceptual Blending in Jewish Purity Law”. Law and Emotion in Comparative Perspective, Cardozo Law School, New York, 27–28 April 2014.
- “Paul and Resurrection: A Stoic Perspective”. IFFEC Study trip, Athens, 4–11 January 2014.
- “Persian Period Purity Practices”. SBL Annual Meeting, Baltimore, 23–26 November 2013.
- “The Synoptic Conflict Narratives in the Light of Halakic Development”. SBL Annual Meeting, Baltimore, 23–26 November 2013.
- “Impurity and Disgust Once Again: Bodily Emotion and Conceptual Metaphor”. Body, Brain, Behaviour, Åbo Akademi, 16–18 May 2013.

“Apocalypticism as World View and Linguistic Metaphor: A Cognitive Approach to Jesus’ Utopian Language”. University of Sheffield, 29 April 2013.

“Jesus’ Conflicts within the Framework of Halakic Development”. University of Durham, 22 April 2013.

“Brains, Bodies and Behaviour: Finding More than Ideas Behind Religious Texts”. Panel discussion: CSR, A New Tool for Biblical Scholars, SBL Annual Meeting, Chicago, 17–20 November 2012.

“Apocalypticism as World View and Linguistic Metaphor: Attempting a Cognitive Approach to Jesus’ Utopian Language”. SBL Annual Meeting, Chicago, 17–20 November 2012.

“Jesus, Authority and Halakic Development”. University of Cambridge, 23 October 2012.

“Why the Rush? Revisiting Jesus’ Apocalyptic Mission”. The Mission of Jesus: A Nordic Symposium on the Historical Jesus, Lund, 7–10 October, 2012.

“Försoning, rättvisa, kompensation”. Symposium: Offer, Försoning, Förlåtelse, Stockholm, 26 September 2012.

Response to Stephen Finlan, Sacrificial Images in the New Testament. Exegetical Day (Swedish Exegetical Society), Uppsala, 24 September 2012.

Response to Bas van Os, *Psychological Analyses and the Historical Jesus: New Ways to Explore Christian Origins*. SBL Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 19–22 November 2011.

“Emotions in Pentateuchal Legal Collections”. Cambridge University, 18 May 2011.

“Empati, rättvisa och försoning: Jesustraditionen och den mänskliga naturen i psyko-biologisk belysning”. Inauguration lecture. Stockholm, 23 March 2011.

“Emotions, Ritual and Morality in Pentateuchal Law”. Cognitive Science and the Bible: A Symposium about the Use of Methods from the Cognitive Sciences in Biblical Studies. Stockholm, 21–22 October 2010.

“Jesus as Teacher, Prophet, and/or Charismatic: The Locus of Authority and the Dangers of Crypto-Christology”. The Identity of Jesus – Nordic Symposium on the Historical Jesus, Åbo, 3–6 October 2010.

“Emotions in Biblical Law”. SBL International Meeting, Tartu, 25–29 July 2010.

“Emotional Fear in Pentateuchal Law”. SBL International Meeting, Tartu, 25–29 July 2010.

“Emotional Fear in Biblical Law Codes”. First International Workshop on the Cognitive Study of Religious Texts, Groningen, 2–4 March 2010.

“Skrift, tolkning, auktoritet? Frågan om motiv i Jesu konflikter kring samtida lagtolkning”. Church of Sweden Research Days, Stockholm, 2–3 December 2009.

“Meier’s Marginal Jew on Purity: Rethinking the Historical Evidence”. Review Session about John P. Meier, *A Marginal Jew*, vol. 2, SBL Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 20–24 November 2009.

“Impurity, Ritual and Emotion: A Psycho-Biological Approach”. Workshop on Ritual in Early Judaism and Early Christianity, Helsinki, 26–29 August 2009.

“Sense of Justice: An Emotional Cognitive Science Approach to Ritual and Moral Reconciliation”. SBL International Meeting, Rome, 30 June–4 August 2009.

Respondent at the conference What the Gods Demand: Blood Sacrifice in Mediterranean Antiquity, Boston, 19–21 November 2008.

“Scripture, Interpretation or Authority? Tracing the Motives in Jesus’ Conflicts on Legal Issues”. SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, 17–20 November 2007.

“Emotions, Biblical Interpretation, and the Ethics of Ethnicity”. SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, 17–20 November 2007.

“Daniel, Son of Man and Early Christian Identity Formation”. Nordic New Testament Conference, Helsingborg, 18–22 August 2007.

“Empathy and Ethics: Bodily Emotion as Basis for Moral Admonition”. SBL International Meeting, Vienna, 22–26 July 2007.

“Evolution, Emotion and Exegesis: Disgust and Empathy in Biblical Texts on Moral and Ritual Issues”. Linnaeus & Homo Religiosus, Uppsala, 30 May–2 June 2007.

“From Eschatology to Ethics and Back Again: The Coming Son of Man Revisited”. SBL Annual Meeting, Washington, 18–21 November 2006.

- “The Christology of Early Christian Practice”. SBL International Meeting, Edinburgh, 2–6 July 2006.
- “Jesus, Scripture and *Paradosis*: Response to Friedrich Avemarie: ‘Jesus and Halakhic Purity’”.  
Response at colloquium: The New Testament and Rabbinic Judaism, Leuven 16–17 January, 2006.
- “Dirt and Disgust: Body and Morality in Biblical Purity Laws”. SBL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 19–22 November 2005.
- “När eskatologin blir etik: Människosonen som kollektiv gudsríkessymbol”. Exegetikens teologiska relevans, Stockholm, 11 November 2005.
- “Här är inte man eller kvinna – Var någonstans? Om Paulus eskatologiska asexualitet i en avskatologiserad sexualiserad kontext”. Church of Sweden Research Conference, Uppsala 17–18 October 2005.
- “Son of Man as Kingdom Imagery: Jesus Between Corporate Symbol and Individual Redeemer Figure”. EABS Annual Meeting, Dresden, 7–10 August 2005.
- “Standing Helpless at the Roar and Surging of the Sea: Reading Biblical Texts in the Shadow of the Wave”. SBL International Meeting, Singapore, 26 June–1 July 2005.
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