

## CV, Rikard Roitto

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### RELEVANT DEGREES

Docent, New Testament Exegesis, Stockholm School of Theology, November 2015.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Religious Studies, Linköping University, January 2010. (Dissertation: *Behaving as a Christ-believer: A Cognitive Perspective on Identity and Behavior Norms in Ephesians*. Supervisor: Håkan Ulfgard.)

Master of Divinity, Lund University, 1998.

### BRIEF TIMELINE OF RELEVANT EMPLOYMENTS, STUDIES, AND FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

2009: Began working part time at Stockholm School of Theology towards the end of my doctoral studies.

2009: Defended my dissertation in December 2009 and got my Ph.D. degree in January 2010.

2010-2014: Employed by Stockholm School of Theology as a lecturer for a three year “extralektorat”. The period was extended about one year due to a number of part-time research leaves.

2014- Permanent position at Stockholm School of Theology as a University Lecturer.

2014-2015: Participation, 50% for two years, in the project *Ritual and Early Christian Religion*.

2017-2022 Participation, 60% for 4.5 years, in the project *Moral Repair in Antiquity*

### CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

University Lecturer [=Associate Professor], Stockholm School of Theology, 100%, since August 2010, permanent position.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

New Testament Studies (and to some degree Old Testament Studies, Church History and Practical Theology) for a total of about 8 years full time, both graduate and post-graduate level, first at Linköping University while writing my Ph.D., then with my current employer, Stockholm School of Theology. I have taught on all levels from basic to advanced courses, supervised theses, and developed new courses. I am currently supervisor for two PhD-students.

### FORMAL SCHOLARLY NETWORKS

- Board Member of: Svenska exegetiska sällskapet.
- Committee Member of: Mind, Society, and Religion program unit at SBL Annual Meeting.
- Member of: Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas.
- Member of: Society of Biblical Literature.
- Member of: International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion.
- Member of: Society for the Study of Cultural Evolution.
- Member of: Akademi för bibelvetenskap.

### INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE (selective)

(For paper presentations, see Publications below)

- Research visit, Scotland. During my time as a Ph.D.-student, I lived for 4,5 months in St. Andrews, Scotland, Aug.-Dec. 2005, and was supervised by prof. Philip Esler.
- Teaching, 1 month, at Union Theological Seminary, Dasmariñas, Philippines, January 2012.
- Conference, co-organizer. NordForsk Network Conference on the Cognitive Science of Religion in Biblical Research, Åbo, May, 2013.
- Conference, co-organizer. NordForsk Network Conference on Social and Cognitive Perspectives on the Sermon on the Mount, Helsinki, January, 2014.
- Participation, 50% for two years, in the project *Ritual and Early Christian Religion*, 2014-2015.
- Conference, co-organizer. Workshop on Rituals of Purification, Uppsala, Okt 2015.
- Conference, co-organizer, Kyrka i samtid, Stockholm, Feb 2017.

## Publications, Rikard Roitto

### Monograph and edited Volumes

Forthcoming. R. Uro, R. DeMaris, J. Day and R. Roitto (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Ritual*, Oxford UP.

Forthcoming. R. Roitto, C. Shantz, and P. Luomanen (eds.), *Social and Cognitive Perspectives on the Sermon on the Mount*, Equinox.

2011a. *Behaving as a Christ-Believer: A Cognitive Perspective on Identity and Behavior Norms in Ephesians*. Coniectanea Biblica New Testament Series. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eisenbrauns. [Revised version of my Dissertation.]

### Articles and Book Chapters

Forthcoming. "Rituals of Reintegration: Confession, Intercession, Penance", in Uro, DeMaris, Day and Roitto (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Literature*. Oxford UP. [Peer reviewed]

Forthcoming. "Perception of Risk in the Sermon on the Mount", in Roitto, Shantz, and Luomanen (eds.), *Social and Cognitive Perspectives on the Sermon on the Mount*. Equinox.

Forthcoming. "Forgiveness of the Sinless: A Classic Contradiction in 1 John in the Light of Contemporary Forgiveness Research", in G. Theissen and I. Czachesz (eds.), *Cognitive Science and Biblical Interpretation*. Sheffield Phoenix.

Forthcoming. "Enduring Shame as Costly Signalling: The Case of Public Confession of Sin According to Tertullian", *Journal of Cognitive Historiography*. [Peer reviewed]

Forthcoming. "1 John", in Tucker and Keucker (eds.), *T&T Clark Social Identity Commentary to the New Testament*. T&T Clark.

Forthcoming. "2 John", in Tucker and Keucker (eds.), *T&T Clark Social Identity Commentary to the New Testament*. T&T Clark.

Forthcoming. "3 John", in Tucker and Keucker (eds.), *T&T Clark Social Identity Commentary to the New Testament*. T&T Clark.

2017. "Paul's Theological Language of Salvation as Social and Embodied Cognition", pp. 301-330 in ed. Despotis, *Participation, Justification and Conversion: Eastern Orthodox Interpretation of Paul and the Debate between Old and New Perspectives on Paul*. Leiden: Brill.

2016. "Dangerous but contagious altruism: recruitment of group members and reform of cooperation style through altruism in two modified versions of Hammond and Axelrod's simulation of ethnocentric cooperation", *Religion, Brain & Behavior* 6, 154-168. [Peer reviewed.]

2016. "Forgiveness, Ritual and Social Identity in Matthew: Obliging Forgiveness", pp. 187-210 in Jokiranta, Byrskog, and Hakola (eds.), *Social Memory and Social Identity in the Study of Early Judaism and Early Christianity*. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.

2015. "The Polyvalence of ἀφίημι and the Two Cognitive Frames of Forgiveness in the Synoptic Gospels", *Novum Testamentum* 57, 136-158. [Peer reviewed.]

2014. "Reintegrative Shaming and a Prayer Ritual of Reintegration in Matthew 18:15-20", *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* 97, 95-123. [Peer reviewed.]

2013. "Sinless Sinners who Remain in Him: Social Identity in 1 John", in B. Tucker and C. Baker (eds.), *The T&T Clark Handbook to Social Identity and the New Testament*. London: T&T Clark.

2013. "Is Covenantal Nomism only Jewish?", *Henoch* 58, 119-134. [Peer reviewed.]

2013. "A Cognitive Perspective on Identity and Behavioural Norms in Ephesians", in Uro, R. and, I. Czachesz (eds.), *Mind, Morality and Magic: Cognitive Science Approaches in Biblical Studies*. London: Equinox.

2012. "Practices of Confession, Intercession and Forgiveness in 1 John 1.9; 5.16", *New Testament Studies* 58, 232-253. [Peer reviewed.]

2008a. "Belong, Believe, Behave – a Cognitive Perspective on the Meaning and Social Dynamics of Identity and Behaviour Norms in the Primitive Christ-Movement", in Holmberg, B. (ed.), *Exploring Early Christian Identity*. Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck Verlag.

2008b. "Act as a Christ-Believer, as a Household Member or Both? – A Cognitive Perspective on the Relation Between the Social Identity in Christ and Household Identities in Pauline and Deutero-Pauline Texts", in Holmberg, B. and Winninge, M. (eds.), *Identity Formation in the New Testament*. Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck Verlag.

## Reviews

2014. Review of: Ilkka Pyysiäinen (ed.), *Religion, Economy and Cooperation* (DeGruyter, 2012). *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion* 2.

2014. Review of: Jens Schröter, *From Jesus to the New Testament: Early Christian Theology and the Origin of the New Testament Canon* (MBSEC, 1; Waco, Texas: Baylor University Press; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013). *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* 79.

2013d. Review of: Paul Trebilco, *Self-designations and Group Identity in the New Testament* (Cambridge, Cambridge U.P., 2011). *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* 78: 267-269.

2009. Review of: Petri Luomanen, Ilkka Pyysiäinen, and Risto Uro (eds.), *Explaining Christian Origins and Early Judaism. Contributions from Cognitive and Social Science* (Leiden: Brill, 2007), *Meddelanden* 24: 70-72. [[http://www.teol.lu.se/fileadmin/user\\_upload/ctr/pdf/patristik/meddelanden/MCPL-24-2009.pdf](http://www.teol.lu.se/fileadmin/user_upload/ctr/pdf/patristik/meddelanden/MCPL-24-2009.pdf)]

## Popular Science

2015. Review of: Olof Edsinger, *Domen: Evangeliets bortglömda dimension* (CredoAkademin förlag). *Sändaren* 2015.

2015. Review of: Marcus Borg, *Kristendomens hjärta* (Van Martens förlag). *Sändaren* 2015.

2015b. "Bibeln och nationalismen" in (ed.) Kjell-Åke Nordquist, *Sverige, Sverige Fosterland – teologi, politik och svenska väljare* (Studieförbundet Bilda).

2014d. Review of: Daniel Wärn, *Låt alla döpa er!* (Obadja media, 2013). *Sändaren*, 2014.

2013e. Review of: Anders Ekenberg, Jonas Holmstrand och Mikael Winninge (eds.), *2000 år med Paulus* (Uppsala: Bibelakademiförlaget, 2013). *Sändaren* 34, 2013.

2013f. Review of: Mikael Tellbe, *Tillbaka till framtiden* (Örebro: Libris, 2013). *Sändaren* 30, 2013.

2013g. 10 articles on the use of the Bible in different ecclesial contexts, in *Sändaren* 5-14, 2012, which were subsequently published as "Vägledande ord om bibelbruk och bibelsyn," in Ulla-Marie Gunner and Per Westblom (eds.), *Arvet och en gemensam framtid* (Stockholm: Verbum, 2013), 97-126.

- "Jesus och de första kristna tolkar bibeln"
- "Bibeltexten som Gudsmöte"
- "Så uppstod bibelsynsdebatten"
- "Bibeltolkning i frikyrkans ungdom"
- "Lek inför Guds ansikte med texterna"
- "Själavård i psykologins tidevarv"
- "Den förtryckte har tolkningsföreträdare"
- "Att låta texten göra motstånd mot tolkaren"
- "Att använda bibeln för att förnya församlingen"
- "Respons på läsarrespons"

2011b. Review of: Cristina Grenholm, *Levande teologi* (Stockholm: Verbum, 2010). *Sändaren* 14, 2011.

2011c. Review of: Martin Lind, *Salt, bröd och vin: en pilgrimsteologi* (Stockholm: Verbum, 2011). *Sändaren* 16, 2011.

2011d. Review of: Timothy Keller, *Varför ska jag tro på Gud [Eng. The Reason for God]* (Stockholm: Credoakademin, 2011). *Sändaren* 24, 2011.

2011e. "Vin i Bibelns värld", <http://www.bibeln.se/bibelvetenskap/artiklar/2011/04/20/vin-i-bibelns-varld/>.

### **Conference-papers and Official Lectures in Scholarly Contexts**

"Act as a Christ-Believer, as a Household Member or Both? – A Cognitive Perspective on the Relation Between the Social Identity in Christ and Household Identities in Pauline and Deutero-Pauline Texts": Nordic New Testament Conference, Lund/Helsingborg, Aug 2007.

"A Cognitive Perspective on Identity and Behavioural Norms in Ephesians". SBL international meeting, Auckland, New Zealand, July 2008.

"Is Covenantal Nomism only Jewish?", Nordic New Testament Conference, Joensuu, Finland, June 2010.

"A Cognitive Perspective on Identity and Forgiveness in New Testament Texts", presented at the symposium Cognitive Sciences and the Bible, Stockholm, Sept 2010.

"Forgiveness of the Sinless: A Classic Contradiction in 1 John in the Light of Contemporary Forgiveness Research". Society of Biblical Literature, London, June 2011.

"Forgiveness in the New Testament, behavioural perspectives", Union Theological Seminary, Dasmariñas, Philippines, January 2012.

"Forgiveness of the Sinless", Johannine Literature Workshop, Copenhagen, June 2012.

"Jesu förlåtelseetik, dålig för dig men bra för andra?", symposiet "Offer, försoning, förlåtelse", Stockholm 2012.

"Forgiveness as Network Maintenance in Early Christianity". The Context Group International Meeting, Järvenpää, Finland, June 2012.

"Forgiveness as Network Maintenance in Early Christianity". Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, USA, November 2012.

"The Polyvalence of ἀφίημι and the Two Cognitive Frames of Forgiveness in the Synoptic Gospels". NordForsk Network Conference on Cognitive Linguistics in Biblical Research, Oslo, January, 2013

"Enduring Shame as Costly Signalling: The Case of Public Confession of Sin According to Tertullian". NordForsk Network Conference on the Cognitive Science of Religion in Biblical Research, Åbo, May, 2013.

"Sinless Sinners who Remain in Him: Social Identity in 1 John". NordForsk Network Conference on Memory Studies and Social Identity in Biblical Research, Lund, November, 2013.

"Public Confession as Costly Signalling in Early Christianity", Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore, USA, November 2013.

"The Polyvalence of ἀφίημι and the Two Cognitive Frames of Forgiveness in the Synoptic Gospels", Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore, USA, November 2013.

“Perception of Risk in the Sermon on the Mount”. NordForsk Network Conference, Helsinki, January, 2014.

“Forgiveness Rituals in Early Christianity”, Workshop, Heidelberg, May 2014.

“Reintegrative Shaming and a Prayer Ritual of Reintegration in Matthew 18:15-20”, and “Perception of Risk in the Sermon on the Mount”, SBL, San Diego, November 2014

“Embodied Cognition in Early Christian Baptism”, Workshop, Vancouver, November 2014.

“The importance of embodied cognition for the cultural evolution of baptismal theology”, Workshop, Trends and Challenges in the Cognitive Science of Religion, Helsinki, March 2015.

“Baptism Reconsidered: Emotion, Bodily Experience and the Cultural Evolution of the Baptismal Ritual”, Public Lecture, Helsinki, April 2015.

“The drift toward increasing sensory pageantry in early Christian baptism”, Nordic New Testament Conference, Aarhus, June 2015.

“Why did early Christians begin to interpret baptism as effecting forgiveness of sins?”, Workshop on Rituals of Purification, Uppsala, Oct 2015.

“The cultural evolution of baptismal theology”, Society of Biblical literature, Nov 2015.

“The cultural evolution of baptismal rituals”, European Association for the Study of Religions, Helsinki, June 2016.

“The Ritual of Public Confession of Sins as Costly Signalling”, Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, Nov 2017.

“The Embodied Experience of the Early Christian Symposium and Paul's Language of Salvation and Justification”, Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, Nov 2017.

“Idealized Identity, Internal Conflict, and Fuzzy Social Boundaries in the Network of Johannine Communities: 1-3 John Among Voluntary Associations”, New Testament Society of Southern Africa, Potchefstroom, Apr 2018.