

# Dr. Stephen Germany

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Universität Basel – Theologische Fakultät  
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## Education

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- 2016 Ph.D., Emory University  
Religion – Hebrew Bible, certificate in Jewish Studies  
  
Dissertation: “Parallel Narratives in Exodus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy and the Identification of Pre-Priestly Material in the Pentateuch”  
  
Dissertation committee: Jacob Wright, Carol Newsom, William Gilders, Reinhard Kratz
- 2011 M.T.S., Harvard University  
Specialization: Hebrew Bible
- 2008 B.A., Oglethorpe University  
Religious Studies, French, Spanish (*summa cum laude*)

## International experience:

- 2018– Universität Basel (teaching, research)
- 2014–2015 Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (research)
- 2014 Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (research)
- 2010, 2011 Brandeis-Middlebury School of Hebrew (language study)
- 2009 Technische Universität Dortmund (study)
- 2008 Universidad San Francisco de Quito (study)
- 2007, 2014 Archaeological excavations at Tel Halif, Israel (volunteer, staff)
- 2005–2006 Université Catholique de Lille (study)

## Pedagogical training:

- 2020– Certificate in university teaching (*Hochschuldidaktik*), University of Basel  
70 hours of coursework, planned completion in 2023
- 2018 “Lebendig kommunizieren in wissenschaftlichen Vorträgen und in der Lehre”  
Pedagogical workshop, Faculty of Theology, University of Basel, March 23, 2018
- 2011 Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity (TATTO), Emory University  
Three-day intensive workshop, August 22–24, 2011

## Language Competency:

- Ancient: Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic, Akkadian, Middle Egyptian, Ugaritic  
Modern: English (native), French, German, Hebrew, Spanish

## Work Experience

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- 2019– Post-Doctoral Fellow  
“Transforming Memories of Collective Violence in the Hebrew Bible”  
Swiss National Science Foundation Grant, Universität Basel
- 2018 Visiting Instructor  
Universität Basel – Theologische Fakultät
- 2016–2018 Academic Translator in Hebrew Bible Studies
- 2014 Research Assistant  
Seminar für Altes Testament, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 2012–2013 Student Intern, Bible Odyssey Website  
Society of Biblical Literature; Atlanta, Ga.

## Teaching Experience

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### University of Basel:

- 2022 The Megilloth (Ruth, Song of Songs, Qohelet, Lamentations, Esther)  
(BA/MA seminar, in German)  
Methods in the Study of the Hebrew Bible (BA/MA seminar, in German)
- 2021 Israel and the Nations: Cognitive Geography in the Prophetic Oracles on the Nations  
(BA/MA seminar with Hebrew, in German)  
Memory: Recent Theories and Ancient Mediterranean Texts  
(MA seminar, co-taught with Sonja Ammann and Jenna Kemp)  
Methods in the Study of the Hebrew Bible  
(BA/MA seminar, co-taught with Helge Bezold, in German)  
War and Kingship in Biblical Historiography (BA/MA seminar with Hebrew, in German)
- 2020 Jewish Apocalyptic Literature (BA/MA seminar, in German)
- 2019 The Twelve Tribes of Israel (BA seminar with Hebrew, in German)
- 2018 The Book of Exodus (BA seminar with Hebrew, in German)

### Emory University:

- 2013 Introduction to Jewish Civilization (Teaching Associate, with William Gilders)
- 2011–2012 Interpretation of the Old Testament (Teaching Assistant, with Joel LeMon)

## Leadership in Scholarly Exchange

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- 2022 “The Book of Samuel in the Shadow of Empires”  
Basel, 12–14 October, 2022  
Conference co-organizer (with Benedikt Hensel)
- 2022 “Book Seams in the Hexateuch III: The Book of Leviticus and its Literary Transitions”  
Online, March 15–16, 2022  
Conference co-organizer (with Christoph Berner and Harald Samuel)

2020 “Historical Narratives and Memorialization of Collective Violence in Antiquity”  
Webinar series, September 1 – December 15, 2020  
Conference co-organizer (with Sonja Ammann, Julia Rhyder, and Helge Bezold)

## Grants

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2021 Swiss National Science Foundation “Scientific Exchanges” grant for the conference  
“The Book of Samuel in the Shadow of Empires” (co-applicant: Benedikt Hensel)

2020 Fritz Thyssen Stiftung grant for the conference “Book Seams in the Hexateuch, Part III”  
(co-applicants: Christoph Berner and Harald Samuel)

2014–2015 Fulbright Research Grant (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)

2014–2015 DAAD Research Grant (declined in favor of the Fulbright Research Grant)

2011–2016 Tam Institute for Jewish Studies Doctoral Fellowship, Emory University

2011 Kathryn Davis Fellows for Peace, Middlebury College (School of Hebrew)

2009 DAAD Undergraduate Scholarship (Technische Universität Dortmund)

2004–2008 James Edward Oglethorpe Scholarship, Oglethorpe University

## Awards

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2021 University of Basel Teaching Excellence Award  
(Credit Suisse Award for Best Teaching in the category “Future Talents”)

2010 Distinguished Student Award, Middlebury College Language Schools

2009 James Edward Oglethorpe Award, Oglethorpe University

2009 Sally Hull Weltner Award for Scholarship, Oglethorpe University

2008 President’s Citizenship Award, Oglethorpe University

## Publications

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### Monographs:

In progress: *Kingmakers and Kingbreakers: Philistines, Arameans, and Historical Patterning in Samuel–Kings*  
(anticipated publication in fall 2023).

*The Exodus-Conquest Narrative: The Composition of the Non-Priestly Narratives in Exodus–Joshua.*  
Forschungen zum Alten Testament 115. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2017.

### Articles (peer reviewed):

“The Theological Function of the Philistines and Arameans in Chronicles compared to Samuel–Kings.”  
*Religions* (forthcoming 2023).

“Saul and David, Israel and Judah: The Book of Samuel as Paradigmatic History.” *Vetus Testamentum*  
(forthcoming 2023, online pre-print in fall 2022).

“Scribal Cartography in Numbers 32, Deuteronomy 2–3, and Joshua 12–13.” *Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins* 137:2 (2021): 142–166.

“Self-Defense as a *casus belli* in Ancient Mesopotamian and Hittite Literature and in the Hebrew Bible.” *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* 10 (2021): 30–44.

“Die Bearbeitung des deuteronomischen Gesetzes im Lichte biblischer Erzählungen.” *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 131 (2019): 43–57.

“Concepts of Land in Numbers and Joshua.” *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* 8 (2019): 313–331.

“The Hexateuch Hypothesis: A History of Research and Current Approaches.” *Currents in Biblical Research* 16:2 (2018): 131–156.

### **Book Chapters:**

“Memorializing Saul’s Wars in Samuel and Chronicles.” In *Collective Violence and Memory in the Ancient Mediterranean*. Edited by Sonja Ammann, Helge Bezdold, Stephen Germany, and Julia Rhyder. Culture and History of the Ancient Near East. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming 2023.

“Barzillai the Gileadite (2 Sam 19:32–44) and the Biblical Discourse on Diaspora during the Persian Period.” In *Yahwistic Diversity and the Hebrew Bible II: Perspectives from ‘Outside the Land’, Egypt, and Transjordan in Biblical Traditions*. Edited by Benedikt Hensel, Bartosz Adamczewski, and Dany Nocquet. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming 2022.

“The Transition from Deuteronomy 34 to Joshua 1: The Attestation of the Book-Seam in the Early Textual Witnesses and its Literary-Historical Implications.” In *Book-Seams in the Hexateuch II: The Book of Deuteronomy and its Literary Transitions*. Edited by Christoph Berner, Stephen Germany, and Harald Samuel. Forschungen zum Alten Testament. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming 2022.

“Reconsidering the Historical Background of the ‘Edom Texts’ in Samuel–Kings.” In *About Idumea and Edom: Recent Research and Approaches*. Edited by Benedikt Hensel, Ehud Ben Zvi, and Diana Edelman. Worlds of the Ancient Near East and Mediterranean. London: Equinox, 2022.

“The Literary Relationship between Genesis 50–Exodus 1 and Joshua 24–Judges 2.” Pages 385–400 in *Book-Seams in the Hexateuch I: The Literary Transitions between the Books of Genesis/Exodus and Joshua/Judges*. Edited by Christoph Berner and Harald Samuel. Forschungen zum Alten Testament 120. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2018.

### **Edited Volumes:**

*Book-Seams in the Hexateuch II: The Book of Deuteronomy and its Literary Transitions*. Co-edited with Christoph Berner and Harald Samuel. Forschungen zum Alten Testament. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming 2022.

*The Book of Samuel in the Shadow of Empires*. Co-edited with Benedikt Hensel. Research on Israel and Aram in Biblical Times / Orientalische Religionen in der Antike. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming 2023.

*Collective Violence and Memory in the Ancient Mediterranean*. Co-edited with Sonja Ammann, Helge Bezdold, and Julia Rhyder. Culture and History of the Ancient Near East. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming 2023.

## Reference Materials:

“מסכה/נסך,” “גזה,” “מים,” “מזבח”. Pages 627–32, 657–63, 925–28, 991–93 in *Theologisches Wörterbuch zu den Qumrantexten, Band II*. Edited by Heinz-Josef Fabry and Ulrich Dahmen. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 2013.

## Reviews:

Frevel, Christian. *Im Lesen verstehen: Studien zu Theologie und Exegese*. Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft 482. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2017. In: *Review of Biblical Literature* [www.bookreviews.org], published January 24, 2019.

Köckert, Matthias. *Von Jakob zu Abraham. Studien zum Buch Genesis*. Forschungen zum Alten Testament 147. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2021. In: *Review of Biblical Literature* [www.bookreviews.org], published April 22, 2022.

Schmid, Konrad and Jens Schröter. *Die Entstehung der Bibel: Von den ersten Texten zu den heiligen Schriften*. Munich: C. H. Beck, 2019. In: *Theologische Zeitschrift* 76:1 (2020): 93–96.

“Old Testament Abstracts Online.” *Religious Studies Review* <http://doi.org/10.1111/rsr.15038>

## Conference Presentations

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“Israel, Judah, and Historical Typology in the Book of Samuel.” The Book of Samuel in the Shadow of Empires: Relations between Israel, Judah, and Neighboring Nations in Historical, Compositional, and Theological Perspective, Basel, October 2022.

“David and Inaros: Comparing Memories of Imperial Domination in the Book of Samuel and in Demotic Literature.” Workshop of the ERC project “From Texts to Literature: Demotic Egyptian Papyri and the Formation of the Hebrew Bible,” Paris, September 2022

“Reconsidering the Religio-historical Background of the ‘Uncircumcised Philistine’ Motif in the Book of Samuel.” 24<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament (IOSOT), Zürich, August 2022

“Transforming Memories of Assyrian Imperialism in the Hebrew Bible and Egyptian Literature.” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Salzburg, July 2022

“Judahite Interests in Transjordan? Comparing the Biblical and Extrabiblical Evidence.” Transjordan in Biblical Traditions: Exploring New Avenues and Perspectives for Future Research on Ancient Transjordan from Hebrew Bible Studies and Related Fields, Oldenburg, July 2022

“Yahwistic Communities in Persian-Period Gilead? Biblical and Extrabiblical Perspectives.” European Association of Biblical Studies annual meeting, Wuppertal, August 2021 (online)

“Von Königsmachern und Verwüstern: Die Philister und Aramäer in der Geschichtsschreibung von Samuel–Könige.” Forschungsseminar Altes Testament, Universität Zürich (online), November 2020

“Memorializing Saul’s Wars in Samuel and Chronicles.” Historical Narratives and the Memorialization of Collective Violence in Antiquity, Basel, September 2020 (online lecture series)

- “Israelite and Judahite Military Alliances between Myth and History: Case Studies from the Former Prophets.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 2019
- “Davids Kriege in 1 Chr 18–20.” Deutschschweizerische Sozietät Altes Testament, Zürich, September 2019
- “Delegitimizing Intrareligious Violence in Josh 22: An Argument from the Periphery to the Center.” Religiöse (De-)Legitimationsansätze von Gewalt in der Antike, Mainz, September 2019
- “Divine and Human Agency in the Conquest Accounts in Joshua and Judges.” Celtic Conference in Classics, Coimbra, June 2019
- “Self-Defense as a *casus belli* in Ancient Near Eastern and Biblical Literature.” Basel–Göttingen–Lausanne Graduate Meeting, Göttingen, June 2019
- “The Literary Transition from Deuteronomy 34 to Joshua 1.” Buchnähte im Hexateuch III: Das Deuteronomium und seine Buchübergänge, Göttingen, September 2018
- “Concepts of Land in Numbers and Joshua.” Basel–Göttingen–Lausanne Graduate Meeting, Basel, May 2018
- “Die Bearbeitung des deuteronomischen Gesetzes im Lichte biblischer Erzählungen. Fallbeispiele einer ‘umgekehrten’ Abhängigkeitsrichtung von Gesetzes- und Erzähltexten im Alten Testament.” Workshop ‘Forschungen zum Alten Testament in Göttingen’; Göttingen, November 2017
- “The Reception of the Laws of Deuteronomy in the Book of Judges.” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting; Berlin, August 2017
- “The Compositional Horizon of the Verb ‘yarash’ (Qal and Hiphil) in Deuteronomy and Joshua: A Re-evaluation.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting; Atlanta, November 2015
- “Identifying Post-Priestly Material in the Sinai Pericope (Exod 19–24; 32–34): Some Methodological Considerations.” Hebrew Bible, Septuagint, and Other Scriptural Traditions: Exploring the Interface between Literary and Religious History; Berlin, June 2015
- “The Transitions between the Books of Joshua/Judges and Genesis/Exodus: Some Further Considerations.” Tagungsreihe Buchnähte im Hexateuch II: Der Übergang zwischen den Büchern Josua und Richter; Göttingen, March 2015
- “Do Num 13–14 and Deut 1:19–46 Preserve Traces of a Pre-Priestly Spy Story?” Seminar für Altes Testament – Doktorandenkolloquium; Göttingen, December 2014
- “From King to Community: Collective Sin as the Cause of Exile in the Deuteronomistic History.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting; Baltimore, November 2013
- “Ancient Near Eastern Offering Scenes and Biblical Ritual Texts: A Comparison of Iconographic and Textual Representations of Ritual Practice.” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting; St. Andrews, July 2013

“Did the Achaemenids Impose a Change in the Sacrificial Cult at the Judean Temple at Elephantine?” Hekhal: The Irish Society for the Study of the Ancient Near East: First Annual Symposium, “The Other Temples”; Dublin, May 2012

“Abraham’s Ten Trials and the Exodus Narratives in the Book of Jubilees and Rabbinic Literature.” Oglethorpe University Symposium in the Liberal Arts and Sciences; Atlanta, March 2012

“Forces of Nature in Jewish and Christian Apocalyptic Literature.” 16. Symposium der Studierenden der Religionswissenschaft; Heidelberg, May 2009

## Contributions to Public Scholarship

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“Der Feind im Inneren. Alttestamentliche Kriegserzählungen als Beitrag zur Identitätsbildung.” *Prospektiv: Theologisches und Religionswissenschaftliches aus Basel*, no. 15 (2022): 7.

“Abraham and Isaac in Gerar Foreshadows Judea under Persian Rule.” TheTorah.com, published fall 2021. <https://www.thetorah.com/article/abraham-and-isaac-in-gerar-foreshadows-judea-under-persian-rule>

## Translations (selection)

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Berlejung, Angelika. *Divine Secrets and Human Imaginations: Studies on the History of Religion and Anthropology of the Ancient Near East and the Old Testament*. *Orientalische Religionen in der Antike* 42. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2021.

Briant, Pierre. “Persia and the Persians.” Pages 379–415 in *The World Around the Old Testament: The People and Places of the Ancient Near East*. Edited by Bill T. Arnold and Brent A. Strawn. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2016.

Kratz, Reinhard G. “The Analysis of the Pentateuch: An Attempt to Overcome Barriers of Thinking.” *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 128 (2016): 529–561.

Römer, Thomas. “The Invention of History in Ancient Judah and the Formation of the Hebrew Bible.” *Die Welt des Orients* 45 (2015): 255–272.

Schipper, Bernd U. *Proverbs 1–15*. Hermeneia. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2019.

Translation of *Sprüche (Proverbia)*, *Teilband 1*. *Biblischer Kommentar Altes Testament* 17. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2018.