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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Education and Degrees

- 2007: “Habilitation” and acquisition of the *Venia legendi* for Assyriology at Heidelberg University.
- 1996: Ph.D. (summa cum laude) at Göttingen University. Dissertation topic: *Einleitung in die Sanherib-Inschriften (Introduction to the inscriptions of Sennacherib)*. Oral comprehensive exam in Assyriology, Egyptology, and Islamic Studies.
- 1989: B.A. (“Zwischenprüfung”) in Assyriology, Egyptology, and Semitic Studies at Heidelberg University.

### Employment

- Since 2008: Professor of Assyriology at Yale University.
- 2002-2008: Assistant Professor of Assyriology at Yale University.
- 2001-2002: Assistant Professor (“Wissenschaftlicher Assistent“) of Assyriology at Heidelberg University.
- 1998-2001: Research Assistant (“Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter“) in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Heidelberg University, within a research project, directed by Prof. S. M. Maul, on the pantheon, cultic topography, and cultic calendar of Assur (realized within the Leibniz Program of the German Research Council).
- 1997-1999: Lecturer for Akkadian at Mainz University, Fachbereich 15 (Philology).
- 1992-1996: Assistant at the Department for Cuneiform Studies, Göttingen University.
- 1988-1989: Assistant at the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Heidelberg University.

### **Research, fieldwork, traveling**

- Fall 2001: Epigrapher of the German archaeological mission at Assur (Qal'at Sherqat), Iraq.
- Since 1993: Several month-long stays in the British Museum, London and the Vorderasiatisches Museum, Berlin. Shorter work periods in the Iraq Museum, Baghdad, and the Princeton Theological Seminary.
- Since 1987: Extensive travels in Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Pakistan, India, Nepal, and China.

### **Grants and fellowships**

- 2005-2006: Morse Fellowship, Yale College.
- 1996-1998: Grant of the German Research Council for a post-doctoral position in the "Graduiertenkolleg" ([post-]graduate school) "Religion and Normativity" (founded by Prof. J. Assmann and Prof. Th. Sundermeier) at Heidelberg University.
- 1993: Grant of the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (German Academic Exchange Service) for a three-months period of work at the British Museum, London.
- 1988-1993: Full scholarship and stipend by the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German National Merit Foundation).

### **Teaching**

#### *Yale University:*

- Spring 2009 The Bible in Its Ancient Near Eastern Setting  
Mesopotamian Literary Predictive Texts  
Elementary Akkadian II
- Fall 2008 Assyrian Historical Texts  
Elementary Akkadian I
- Spring 2008 Myth and Ritual in the Ancient Near East  
Mesopotamian Scholarly Texts
- Fall 2007 Prophecy in the Ancient Near East
- Spring 2007 The Bible in its Ancient Near Eastern Setting.  
Sumero-Akkadian Bilingual Texts.
- Fall 2006 Assyrian and Babylonian Texts from 1<sup>st</sup> Millennium Assyria.  
Neo-Assyrian History.
- Spring 2005 Mesopotamian Mythology.  
The Neo-Babylonian Period.
- Fall 2004 [Together with John Darnell] Parallel Worlds: Egypt and Mesopotamia.  
Prophecy in Ancient Mesopotamia.

- Directed Studies: History and Politics (interdisciplinary study of western civilization, with readings from Herodotus, Thucydides, Plato, Aristotle, Polybius, Cicero, Livy, Tacitus, Augustine, and Aquinas).
- Spring 2004 Religion and Politics in the Ancient Near East.  
Mesopotamian Scholarly Texts.
- Fall 2003 Tales from Before Homer: Sumerian and Babylonian Literature.  
Neo-Assyrian History.
- Spring 2003 Assyrian Historiography.  
Assyrian Letters.
- Fall 2002 Sumero-Akkadian Bilingual Texts: Problems of Translation in Lugal-e.  
Divination in Assyria and Babylonia.

*Amman, Jordan, American Center of Oriental Research:*

- Summer 2004 Instructor in a USAID-sponsored training program for Iraqi Archaeologists and Assyriologists.

*Heidelberg University:*

- Spring 2002 Akkadian I.  
[Together with A. Sima:] The Arabs in the First Millennium BCE.
- Fall 2001 Cuneiform Text Commentaries.  
Sumerian City Laments.
- Spring 2001 The Babylonian Erra Epic.
- Fall 2000 Assyrian Royal Inscriptions: A Survey.
- Spring 2000 [Together with N. Heessel:] The “Harem” in the Ancient Near East.
- Spring 1999 Ishtar’s Descent to the Netherworld.
- Fall 1998 Babylonian Hermeneutics: Dream Interpretation, Divination, and Commentaries.
- Spring 1998 The Babylonian Gilgamesh Epic.
- Fall 1997 Mesopotamian Social Values as Reflected in Humorous Cuneiform Texts.
- Spring 1997 The Death of Kings.

*Mainz University:*

- Spring 1999 The Babylonian Epic of Creation.
- Fall 1998 Letters Written by Women from Mari and Tell al-Rimah.
- Spring 1998 Akkadian II.
- Fall 1997 Akkadian I.

**Organization of conferences, workshops, and panel discussions**

- Co-organizer of the Ancient Societies Workshop, Yale University (since 2009).
- Co-organizer of the panel discussion “Iraq Beyond the Headlines,” Yale University, April 1st, 2003.

- Co-organizer of the conference “Occidentalism? Appropriation, Modification and Rejection of Western Models of Thought and Action in Non-Western Cultures,” Heidelberg, June, 27th-28th, 1998.
- Co-organizer of the workshop “Commentaries Compared: Forms and Techniques of Commentaries in the Middle East and in China,” Heidelberg, October 17th-18th, 1997, with a contribution of my own.
- Co-organizer of the international conference “New Beginnings: The Staging of Cultural and Religious Innovations,” Heidelberg, November 9th-11th, 1997.

### **Service**

- Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Yale University, 2003/2004, 2004/2005, 2008/09.
- Member of the Dean’s Research Fellowships in the Humanities and Social Sciences Committee, Yale University, 2006/07, 2007/08.
- Member of the Libby Rouse/Ganzfried Fellowships Committee, Yale University, 2007/08.
- Member of the Humanities Degree Committee, Yale University, 2004.

### **Publications**

#### A. Monographs:

- *Keilschrifttexte aus Assur literarischen Inhalts III: Historische und historisch-literarische Texte* (Historical and Literary-historical Texts from Assur), Wissenschaftliche Veröffentlichungen der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft 121, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz 2009.
- *Einleitung in die Sanherib-Inschriften* (Introduction to the Inscriptions of Sennacherib), Archiv für Orientforschung, Beiheft 26, Vienna: Institut für Orientalistik 1997.
- [In cooperation with Michael Jursa] *Late Babylonian Letters from the Yale Babylonian Collection*, Yale Oriental Series 21, New Haven: Yale University Press (in press).
- *Origins of Interpretation: An Introduction to Assyrian and Babylonian Text Commentaries* (completed, successfully submitted as Habilitation thesis to the Faculty of Philosophy at Heidelberg University in 2007; to be published in *Guides to the Mesopotamian Textual Records*, Münster, Ugarit-Verlag).

#### B. Articles:

- “Assurbanipal at Der,” in: M. Luukko et al. (ed.), *Of God(s), Trees, Kings, and Scholars: Neo-Assyrian and Related Studies in Honour of Simo Parpola*, *Studia Orientalia* 106, Helsinki 2009, 51-64.

- “Babylonischer Humor” (Babylonian Humor), in: J. Marzahn & G. Schauerte (ed.), *Babylon: Mythos und Wahrheit* (catalogue of the Berlin exhibition), vol 1, Munich 2008, 463-64.
- “Sanheribs Baubericht auf dem Tonprisma VA 5634” (Sennacherib’s Building Account on the Clay Prism VA 5634), in: F. Pedde – S. Lundström, *Der Alte Palast in Assur: Architektur und Baugeschichte* (mit einem Beitrag von Eckart Frahm), Wissenschaftliche Veröffentlichungen der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft 120, Wiesbaden 2008, 201-204.
- [in cooperation with J. Oelsner]: “BRM 1, 22 (MLC 1805) – die Übernahme einer Bürgschaft betreffend” (BRM 1, 22 (MLC 1805): A Text Regarding a Pledge), in: *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2008, no. 9.
- “New Sources for Sennacherib’s First Campaign,” in: J. M. Córdoba & P. A. Miglus (ed.), *Assur und sein Umland*, ISIMU 6, Madrid 2003 (publ. 2007), 129-164.
- [in cooperation with K. Kleber] “A Not So Great Escape: Crime and Punishment According to a Document from Neo-Babylonian Uruk,” *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 58 (2006), 109-122.
- “Images of Assyria in 19th and 20th Century Scholarship,” in: S. Holloway (ed.), *Assyriology, Orientalism, and the Bible*, Sheffield 2006, 74-94.
- “Schulgi Sieger über Assur und die Skythen?” (Shulgi Conqueror of Assur and the Scythians?), *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2006, no. 25.
- “On Some Recently Published Late Babylonian Copies of Royal Letters,” *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2005, no. 43.
- “Observations on the Name and Age of Sargon II, and on Some Patterns of Assyrian Royal Onomastics,” *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2005, no. 44.
- “Wer den Halbschekel nicht ehrt: Nochmals zu Sanheribs angeblichen Münzen” (Honor the Half-Shekel: Another Look at Sennacherib’s Alleged Coins), *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2005, no. 45.
- “Nabû-zuqup-kenu, Gilgamesh XII, and the Rites of Du’uzu,” *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2005, no. 5.
- “Royal Hermeneutics: Observations on the Commentaries from Ashurbanipal’s Libraries at Nineveh,” *Iraq* 66 (2004), 45-50.
- “Vier Urkunden aus Umma” (Four Administrative Documents from Umma), in: H. Waetzoldt (ed.), *Von Sumer nach Ebla und zurück. Fs. G. Pettinato*, Heidelberg 2004, 45-53.
- “Esotericism in Mesopotamian Religions,” in S. I. Johnston (ed.), *Religions of the Ancient World: A Guide*, Cambridge, MA 2004, 644-645.
- [in cooperation with E. Payne] “Shuruppak under Rimush: A Rediscovered Inscription,” *Archiv für Orientforschung* 50 (2003/2004), 50-55.
- “Zwischen Dichtung und Wahrheit: Assur und Assyrien in den Augen der Nachwelt” (Between Fiction and Truth: Assur and Assyria in the View of Posterity), in: J. Marzahn, B. Salje (ed.), *Wiedererstehendes Assur: 100 Jahre deutsche Ausgrabungen in Assyrien*, Mainz 2003, 19-28.
- “Images of Ashurbanipal in Later Tradition,” *Eretz Israel* 27 (Hayim and Miriam Tadmor Volume), Jerusalem 2003, 37-48.

- “Zerstörer, Bauherr, Reformier: der assyrische König Sanherib” (Destroyer, Builder, and Reformer: The Assyrian King Sennacherib), in: DAMALS, *Magazin für Geschichte und Kultur*, Oktober 2003, 24-29.
- “Für immer verloren? Die Plünderung des Irak-Museums in Bagdad” (Forever Lost? The Looting of the Iraq Museum in Baghdad), in: ANTIKE WELT 3/2003, 269-271.
- “Assur 2001: Die Schriftfunde” (Assur 2001: The Texts), in: *Mitteilungen der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft* 134 (2002), 47-86.
- “Zwischen Tradition und Neuerung: Babylonische Priestergelehrte im achämenidenzeitlichen Uruk” (Between Tradition and Innovation: Babylonian Scholars and Priests in Achaemenid Uruk), in: R. G. Kratz (ed.), *Religion und Religionskontakte im Zeitalter der Achämeniden*, Gütersloh 2002, 74-108.
- “Ein krypto-sumerischer Text König Adad-apla-iddinas aus Uruk” (A Crypto-Sumerian Inscription of King Adad-apla-iddina from Uruk), in: *Baghdader Mitteilungen* 32 (2001), 175-199, Tf. 1-4.
- “The Hermeneutics of Cuneiform Signs in Divination and Text Commentaries,” in: Magallat Afaq ‘Arabiya, Baghdad, March 2001 (in Arabic).
- “Wie ‘christlich’ war die assyrische Religion?” (How “Christian” Was Assyrian Religion?) (Review article of: S. Parpola, *Assyrian Prophecies*, SAA 9 [Helsinki 1998]), in: *Die Welt des Orients* 31 (2000/01), 31-45.
- “Die Wiege der Zivilisation in den Stürmen der Zeit” (The Cradle of Civilization in the Storms of the Ages), in: ANTIKE WELT 3/2001, 265-270.
- “Die Akitu-Häuser von Ninive” (The Akitu Houses of Nineveh), in: *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2000, no. 66.
- [in cooperation with R. Da Riva, Barcelona:] “Schamasch-schumu-ukin, die ‘Herrin von Ninive’ und das babylonische Königssiegel” (Shamash-shumu-ukin, the “Lady of Nineveh,” and the Babylonian Royal Seal), in: *Archiv für Orientforschung* 46/47 (1999/2000), 156-182.
- “Perlen von den Rändern der Welt” (Beads from the Margins of the World), in: K. Van Lerberghe, G. Voet (ed.), *Languages and Cultures in Contact – At the Crossroads of Civilizations in the Syro-Mesopotamian Realm* (Proceedings of the 42th RAI), Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta 96, Leuven 1999, 79-99.
- “Eine Feldkaufurkunde aus Munbaqa?” (A Field Sale Document from Munbaqa?), in: *Ugarit-Forschungen* 31 (1999), 175-185.
- [in cooperation with E. Braun-Holzinger, Mainz:] “Liebling des Marduk – König der Blasphemie. Große babylonische Herrscher in der Sicht der Babylonier und in der Sicht anderer Völker” (Favorite of Marduk – King of Blasphemy: Great Babylonian Rulers in Babylonian and Foreign Perspectives), in: J. Renger (ed.), *Babylon: Focus mesopotamischer Geschichte, Wiege früher Gelehrsamkeit, Mythos in der Moderne*, CDOG 2, Saarbrücken 1999, 131-156.
- “Nabû-zuqup-kenu, das Gilgamesch-Epos und der Tod Sargons II.” (Nabû-zuqup-kenu, the Gilgamesh Epic, and the Death of Sargon II), in: *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 51 (1999), 73-90.
- “Kabale und Liebe: Die königliche Familie am Hof zu Ninive” (Love and Intrigue: The Royal Family and the Nineveh Court), in: W. Seipel, A. Wiczorek (ed.), *Von Babylon bis*

- Jerusalem: Die Welt der altorientalischen Königsstädte*, Bd. 2 (exhibition catalogue, Mannheim), Milan 1999, 312-323.
- “704 v. Chr.” (704 B.C.), in: *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 1998, no. 116.
  - “Humor in assyrischen Königsinschriften” (Humor in Assyrian Royal Inscriptions), in: J. Prosecky (ed.), *Intellectual Life of the Ancient Near East* (Papers Presented at the 43rd Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Prague, July 1-5, 1996), Prague 1998, 147-162.
  - “The End of an Oddity,” in: *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 1998, no. 12.
  - “Anmerkungen zu den *alu*-Kommentaren aus Uruk” (Remarks on the *alu* Commentaries from Uruk), in: *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 1998, no. 11.
  - “Die Beine der Mißgeburt” (The Legs of the Anomaly), in: *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 1998, no. 10.
  - “Sanherib und die Tempel von Kuyunjik” (Sennacherib and the Temples of Kuyunjik), in: S. M. Maul (ed.), *tikip santakki mala basmu ... Eine Festschrift für Rykle Borger zu seinem 65. Geburtstag am 24. Mai 1994*, Cuneiform Monographs 10, Groningen 1998, 107-121.
  - “Ton vom Ton des Heiligen Hügels” (Clay from the Clay of the Holy Hill), in: *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 1995, no. 9.
  - “Imaginäre Gottheiten” (Imaginary Deities), in: *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 1994, no. 56.
  - “Die Bilder in Sanheribs Thronsaal” (The Images in Sennacherib’s Throne Room), in: *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 1994, no. 55.
  - “A Second Sumerian Inscription of Naram-Sîn of Uruk, Found in the Eanna Precinct,” appendix to E. von Dassow, “Naram-Sîn of Uruk: A New King in an Old Shoe-Box,” *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 61 (in press).
  - “Reading the Tablet, the Extā, and the Body: The Hermeneutics of Cuneiform Signs in Babylonian and Assyrian Text Commentaries and Divinatory Texts,” in: A. Annus (ed.), *Science and Superstition: The Interpretation of Signs in the Ancient World*, The Fifth Annual University of Chicago Oriental Institute Seminar (in press).
  - “The Learned King,” in: K. Radner – E. Robson (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Cuneiform Studies* (in press).
  - “Headhunter, Bücherdiebe und wandernde Gelehrte: Anmerkungen zum altorientalischen Wissenstransfer im ersten Jahrtausend v. Chr.” (Headhunters, Book Thieves, and Ambulating Scholars: Remarks on the Transfer of Knowledge in First Millennium Mesopotamia), in: H. Neumann (ed.), *Wissenskultur im Alten Orient*, CDOG 4 (in press since 2003).
  - “Hochverrat in Assur” (High Treason in Assur), in: N. Heeßel – S. M. Maul (ed.), *Heidelberger Assur-Forschungen*, Heidelberg (in press).
  - “Kommentare zu medizinischen Texten“ (Commentaries on Medical Texts), in: D. Schwemer (ed.), *Texte aus der Umwelt des Alten Testaments Neue Folge 5: Medizinische Texte*, Gütersloh (in press).
  - “Mensch, Land und Volk: Assur im Alten Testament” (Man, Land, and People: Assur in the Old Testament), in: J. Renger (ed.), *Assur: Gott, Stadt und Land*, CDOG 5 (in press).

- Catalogue entry no. 8 in: A. Goetze, *Yale Oriental Series* 15 (in press).
- “Warum die Brüder Böses planten: Anmerkungen zu einer alten *Crux* in Asarhaddons Ninive A-Inschrift” (Why the Brothers Planned Evil: Remarks on an Old *Crux* in Esarhaddon’s Nineveh A inscription), in: W. Arnold et al. (ed.), *Gedenkschrift für Alexander Sima*, Wiesbaden (in press).
- “Rising Suns and Falling Stars: Assyrian Kings and the Cosmos,” in: J. Hill et al. (ed.), *Cosmos and Politics in the Ideology of Kingship in Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia*, Philadelphia (in press).
- “The Great City: Nineveh in the Age of Sennacherib,” in *Bulletin of the Canadian Society for Mesopotamian Studies* (in press).
- “Revision, Commentary, and Counter-text: Politically Motivated Interpretations of the Babylonian Epic of Creation,” for: A. Tsukimoto (ed.), *Religion and Conflict in the Ancient Near East*, Tokyo (in press).
- “The Latest Sumerian Proverbs” (for a forthcoming Festschrift, in press).
- “Creation and the Divine Spirit in Babel and Bible” (for a forthcoming Festschrift, in preparation).
- “A New Astronomical Diary from 142 B.C.” (in preparation).
- Edition and discussion of texts related to the Bavian-Inschrift: K 100 (+) DT 166 (+) Rm 403 (in preparation).
- “Two Old Babylonian Documents” (in preparation).
- “The Assur Recension of “Ishtar’s Descent to the Netherworld” (edition of the text with new join, in preparation).

#### C. Encyclopedia Entries:

- “Geschichtsschreibung (Alter Orient und Israel)” (Historiography in the Ancient Near East and in Israel), in: *Der Neue Pauly*, Bd. 4, Stuttgart, Weimar 1998, 990-991.
- “Nimrod,” in: *Der Neue Pauly*, Bd. 8, Stuttgart, Weimar 2000, 950-951.
- “Ninos,” in: *Der Neue Pauly*, Bd. 8, Stuttgart, Weimar 2000, 951-952.
- “Ninyas,” in: *Der Neue Pauly*, Bd. 8, Stuttgart, Weimar 2000, 954.
- “Sanherib,” in: *Der Neue Pauly*, Stuttgart, Weimar 2001, 39.
- “Semiramis,” in: *Der Neue Pauly*, Stuttgart, Weimar 2001, 378-379.
- “Tiglatpilesar,” in: *Der Neue Pauly*, Stuttgart, Weimar (2002), 566-567.
- “Tukulti-Ninurta,” in: *Der Neue Pauly*, Stuttgart, Weimar (2002), 898.
- “Verschleppung / Deportation (Alter Orient und Ägypten)” (Deportation in the Ancient Near East and in Egypt), in: *Der Neue Pauly*, Stuttgart, Weimar 2003, 92-95.
- “Entzifferung (Alter Orient und Ägypten)” (Decipherment [Ancient Near East and Egypt]), in: *Der Neue Pauly, Rezeptions- und Wissenschaftsgeschichte*, Bd. 13, Stuttgart, Weimar 1999, 956-962.

All volumes of the *Neue Pauly* are in the process of also being published in English.

- “Ur,” in: *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*, fourth edition, Tübingen (in press).
- “Uruk,” in: *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*, fourth edition, Tübingen (in press).

All volumes of *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart* are in the process of also being published in English.

- “Prophetie” (Prophecy), in: *Reallexikon der Assyriologie und Vorderasiatischen Archäologie* 11, Berlin, New York 2006, 7-11.
- “*Rab shaqê*,” in: *Reallexikon der Assyriologie und Vorderasiatischen Archäologie*, Berlin, New York (in press).
- “Sanherib” (Sennacherib), in: *Reallexikon der Assyriologie und Vorderasiatischen Archäologie*, Berlin, New York (in press).
- “Tukulti-Ninurta II,” in: *Reallexikon der Assyriologie und Vorderasiatischen Archäologie*, Berlin, New York (in press).
  
- “Ashur (city),” in: *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, Berlin, New York (in press).
  
- “Ashur,” in: *Wiley-Blackwell’s Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, Oxford (in press).
- “Assyria,” in: *Wiley-Blackwell’s Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, Oxford (in press).
- “Kalhu,” in: *Wiley-Blackwell’s Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, Oxford (in press).
- “Nineveh,” in: *Wiley-Blackwell’s Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, Oxford (in press).

#### D. Book Reviews:

- Review of D. O. Edzard, *Geschichte Mesopotamiens* (München 2004), in: *Gnomon* 78 (2006), 365-367.
- Review of T. N. D. Mettinger, *The Riddle of Resurrection* (Stockholm 2001), in: *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie* 93 (2003), 294-300.
- Review of J. M. Russell, *The Writing on the Wall* (Winona Lake 1999), in: *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 60 (2003), 162-169.
- Review of B. Cifola, *Analysis of Variants in the Assyrian Royal Titulary from the Origins to Tiglath-Pileser III* (Napoli 1995), in: *Archiv für Orientforschung* 46/47 (1999/2000), 367-373.
- Review of K. Radner, *Die neuassyrischen Privatrechtsurkunden als Quelle für Mensch und Umwelt*, SAAS 6 (Helsinki 1997), in: *Die Welt des Orients* 30 (1999), 182-188
- Review of M. T. Larsen, *The Conquest of Assyria* (London 1996), in: *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 55 (1998), 799-804.
- Review of A. K. Grayson, *Assyrian Rulers of the Early First Millenium BC. II (858-745)*, *The Royal Inscriptions of Mesopotamia, Assyrian Periods 3*, Toronto, Buffalo, London 1996, in: *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung* 93 (1998), 304-318.
- Review of H. Tadmor, *The Inscriptions of Tiglath-Pileser III, King of Assyria* (Jerusalem 1994), in: *Archiv für Orientforschung* 44/45 (1997/1998), 399-404.

- Review of B. Oded, *War, Peace and Empire. Justifications for War in Assyrian Royal Inscriptions* (Wiesbaden 1992), in: *Archiv für Orientforschung* 42/43 (1995/1996), 238-244.
- Review of L. Verderame, *Le Tavole I-VI della serie astrologica Enuma Anu Enlil* (Rome 2002), for: *Archiv für Orientforschung* (in preparation).

#### E. Collaborative Projects:

- Contributions to K. Radner & H. Baker (ed.), *The Prosopography of the Neo-Assyrian Empire* (Helsinki 1998-):

Entries contributed:

Vol. 1, Part I: A (Helsinki 1998): Adanu, Adinu, Adanu, Ana-Assur-taklak, Assur-belu-usur, Assur-ili-muballissu, Assur-mukannis-ilija, Assur-remu-sukna, Assur-remuti, Assur-resi-sallim, Assur-sakip (Assur-sagibi), Assur-sabat, Assur-sabtanni, Assur-saddûa, Assur-saddûni, Assur-sakin-liti, Assur-sakin-[...], Assur-sarrani-muballissu, Assur-sarru-usur, Assur-sepe-usur, Assur-sezibanni, Assur-si'i, Assur-simti-sima, Assur-sumu-usabsi, Assur-..., Assur-[...].

Vol. 1, Part II: B-G (Helsinki 1999): Barû (Barrû), Baslu, Batanu, Bel-ahhe, Bel-ahhe-iddina, Bel-ahhe-Marduk, Bel-ahhe-sallim, Bel-ahhesu, Bel-ahhe-[...], Bel-ahu-iddina, Bel-ahu-sallim, Bel-ahu-usur, Bel-ahu-[...], Bel-ali, Bel-asared, Bel-Kundi-ilaja, Bel-sar-ahhesu, Ekistura, Eresu, Erisu, Eris, Erisu.

Vol. 2, Part I: H-K (Helsinki 2000): Ikausu, Ik-Tessup, Ispakaja, Ispimatu, Janbi, Jabâ, Jabibê, Jabibu, Jadidâ, Jadidu, Jahulê, Jahutu, Jaja, Ja'iru, Jaisi, Jakmini, Jakmisi, Ja'la, Jala[...], Jali, Jaluzu, Japa', Jaqa-il, Jaqar-ahhe, Jaqirâ, Jaqiru, Jaqisu, Jarban, Jarhi, Jarî, Jasam, Jasime'il, Jasubaju, Jasumu, Jasâ, Jasanimu, Jaskur-ilu, Jasimu, Jatamâ, Jatana-el, Ja'tanu, Jatara, Jatmâ, Jatjahû, Karib-ilu.

Vol. 2, Part II: K-N (Helsinki 2001): Lamintu, Lulf, Mangas, Manije, Mansaku, Mantimeanhê, Marduk-nadin-ahhe, Marduk-sakin-sumi, Mattan-Ba'al, Menas(s)ê, Milki-asapa, Mitinti, Nabû-belu-usur, Nabû-sezibanni, Nahkê, Nathi-huru-ansini, Niharu.

Vol. 3, Part. I: P-S (Helsinki 2002): Sîn-ahhe-eriba.

- Service as external editorial advisor for the project *The Geography of Knowledge in Assyria and Babylonia*, directed by Eleanor Robson, Cambridge University (since 2007).
- Cooperation with the “Assur project,” directed by Johannes Renger (Berlin) on behalf of the Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft; work on the obelisk inscriptions from Assur (since 2008).
- External co-investigator in the project *Publicación y edición del archivo cuneiforme oficial mesoasirio “Assur M 8”* (Publication and edition of the Middle Assyrian cuneiform archive M 8 from Assur), directed by Jaume Llop Raduà, University of Barcelona (since 2008).
- External advisor for the project “*Imperium*” and “*Officium*” - *Comparative Studies in Ancient Bureaucracy and Officialdom* (realized within a “Nationales Forschungsnetzwerk

(National Research Network) of the Austrian Fund for the Promotion of Science), coordinated by Michael Jursa, University of Vienna (since January 2009).

#### F. Editorial Activities, Referee Work, etc.

- Editor and founder, together with Michael Jursa, of the series *Guides to the Mesopotamian Textual Record*, Münster, Ugarit-Verlag (since 2004). So far, three volumes have appeared, and several others are in an advanced state of preparation.
- Subject editor for Assyriology of the series *Culture and History of the Ancient Near East*, Leiden: Brill (since 2005).
- Member of the advisory board of *Zeitschrift für Orient-Archäologie*, Berlin, De Gruyter (since 2007).
- Expert witness in a restitution case involving the Vorderasiatisches Museum, Berlin (2006-2009).
- Consulting editor for the September 2004 issue of CALLIOPE (on ancient Assyria).
- Consulting editor for the entries “Babel” and “Assyria” for *World Book Encyclopedia*, Chicago (2008, 2009).
- Reader for the project *Royal Inscriptions of Mesopotamia: Assyrian Periods*, directed by Grant Frame, Philadelphia (2009).
- Referee for the Agence Nationale de la Recherche, Paris, and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Bonn (2009).
- Consultant for the *Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen*, a major German television station, for a program on the Assyrian king Sennacherib (2009).

#### **Membership in scholarly organizations and institutions**

- Member of the International Association of Assyriologists (since 2009).
- Corresponding Member of the German Archaeological Institute (since 2007).
- Member of the Society of Biblical Literature (2003/04).
- Member of the Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft (since 1998).

### Invited lectures

- “Counter-Texts, Commentaries, and Adaptations: Politically Motivated Responses to the Babylonian Epic of Creation,” Ancient Societies Workshop, Yale University, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.
- “The Many Faces of an Assyrian Royal Advisor: Observations on the Scientific, Literary, and Political Texts of Nabû-zuqup-kenu,” one-day conference on “The King and the Gods: The Interplay of Power, Propaganda, Scholarly Learning, and Religion in Ancient Assyria,” Brown University, Department of Egyptology and Western Asian Studies, Providence, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- “The Reception History of the Babylonian Epic of Creation,” Working Group on “Memory and Identity in the Ancient World,” Department of Near Eastern Studies, The University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- “Babylonian and Assyrian Text Commentaries,” Department of Near Eastern Studies, The University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- “The Hermeneutics of Cuneiform Signs in Divination and Text Commentaries,” Symposium on “Science and Superstition: The Interpretation of Signs in the Ancient World,” The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, Chicago, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- “The Epic of Gilgamesh,” World Performance program, Yale University, New Haven, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- “Interpreting the Interpreters: The Cuneiform Commentary Tradition,” Conference on Evidence and Inference in Ancient Near Eastern Studies, University College, London, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
- “New Light on a Dark Age: Assurnasirpal I, the White Obelisk, and the Bed of Ishtar,” Harvard GSAS Workshop on the History and Historiography of the Ancient Near East,” Harvard University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
- “Rising Suns and Falling Stars: Assyrian Kings and the Cosmos,” UPenn International Conference 2007: Experiencing Power – Generating Authority: Cosmos and Politics in the Ideology of Kingship in Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia, Philadelphia, University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, November 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
- “Origins of Interpretation: Babylonian and Assyrian Commentaries,” Seminar at the University of Toronto, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
- “City Beloved of Ishtar: Nineveh in the Age of Sennacherib,” 2007 Symposium of the Canadian Society for Mesopotamian Studies: Nineveh and Babylon: Imperial and Symbolic Capitals, Toronto, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
- “Vom Tod des Königs zur Geburt des Teufels: Anmerkungen zum altorientalischen Hintergrund der Lucifer-Gestalt” (From the Death of the King to the Birth of the Devil: Remarks on the Ancient Near Eastern Background of Lucifer), lecture before the Faculty of Philosophy, Heidelberg University, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

- “New Light on Syrian and Assyrian History: Observations on Some Unpublished Texts from Assur,” Middle Eastern Culture Center, Tokyo, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005.
- “High Treason in Assur,” Chuo University, Department of Western History, Tokyo, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 (repeated on May 12, 2005, at the Oriental Club of New Haven).
- “Revision, Commentary, and Counter-text: Politically Motivated Interpretations of the Babylonian Epic of Creation,” Annual Meeting of the International Association for the History of Religions, Tokyo, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005.
- “The Splendor and the Misery: New Light on the Reign of Esarhaddon, King of Assyria,” University College London, Department of History, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005.
- [together with Kathryn Slanski] “A New Generation of Iraqi Scholars,” lecture given at the panel discussion “Iraq beyond the Headlines III,” Yale University, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
- “Babylonian Scholarship in the Achaemenid Period,” Baltimore, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Near Eastern Studies, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
- “Mensch, Land und Volk: Assur im Alten Testament” (Man, Land, and People: Assur in the Old Testament), V. Internationales Colloquium der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft, Berlin, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
- “Celebrating Atrocities: The Assyrian Rhetoric of War,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
- “Images of Assyria in the 19th and 20th Centuries, and their Hidden Agendas,” lecture given at the “Assyriology and the Bible Consultation,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, Georgia, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003.
- [together with Karen Foster] “Art, Architecture, War,” lecture given at the panel discussion “Iraq beyond the Headlines II,” Yale University, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003.
- “Bombs over Babylon,” lecture given at the panel discussion “Iraq beyond the Headlines,” Yale University, Sudler Hall, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003.
- “The Arabs in Cuneiform Sources: New Perspectives and Old Problems,” Oriental Club of New Haven, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003.
- “Intertextualität und Re-enactment: Überlegungen zur Rezeptionsgeschichte der mittelassyrischen historischen Epen” (Intertextuality and Re-enactment: Reflections on the Reception History of the Middle-Assyrian Historical Epics), Berlin, Freie Universität, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002.
- “The Transfer of Knowledge and the Recruitment of Scholars in Assyria and Babylonia,” Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Yale University, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002.
- “Headhunter, Tafelräuber und wandernde Gelehrte: Anmerkungen zum altorientalischen Wissenstransfer im ersten Jahrtausend v. Chr.” (Headhunters, Tablet Robbers, and Ambulating Scholars: Remarks on the Transfer of Knowledge in First Millennium Mesopotamia), IV. Internationales Colloquium der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft, Münster, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2002.
- “Alles wimmelt von Kommentaren: Anmerkungen zu den pragmatischen und esoterischen Dimensionen der assyrisch-babylonischen Hermeneutik” (Commentaries Everywhere: Remarks on the Pragmatic and Esoteric Dimensions of Assyrian and Babylonian

- Hermeneutics), Altorientalisches Seminar der Freien Universität, Berlin, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001.
- “Sanheribs Kampf mit Babylon und das Tukulti-Ninurta-Epos: Anmerkungen zu den politischen und literarischen Dimensionen einer *imitatio*” (Sennacherib’s Babylonian War and the Tukulti-Ninurta Epic: Remarks on the Political and Literary Dimensions of an *imitatio*), Mainz University, Fachbereich 15, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2000.
  - “Die Entzifferung der Keilschrift und die Wiederentdeckung der ersten Hälfte der Geschichte” (The Decipherment of Cuneiform Writing and the Rediscovery of the First Half of History), lecture given on the occasion of an “open house” at Heidelberg University, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1999 (repeated June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2000).
  - “Die Vorteile der babylonischen Sprachverwirrung” (The Advantages of the Babylonian Confusion of Tongues), invited lecture given in the frame of an interdisciplinary series of talks (“Ringvorlesung”) on “Language, Script, Writing,” Göttingen, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1998.
  - “Zwischen Philologie und Kabbalistik: Anmerkungen zu den babylonischen und assyrischen Textkommentaren” (Between Philology and Kabbalah: Remarks on Babylonian and Assyrian Text Commentaries), Seminar für Orientalistik, Vienna, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1998.
  - “Zwischen Tradition und Neuerung: Babylonische Priestergelehrte im achämenidenzeitlichen Uruk” (Between Tradition and Innovation: Babylonian Scholars and Priests in Achaemenid Uruk), invited lecture given at the conference “Mesopotamien in der Achämenidenzeit,” organized by the association “Altorientalisch-hellenistische Religionsgeschichte des ersten Jahrtausends v. Chr.” of the Wiss. Ges. f. Theologie, Sektion AT, Göttingen, Theologicum, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1998.
  - [In cooperation with E. Braun-Holzinger, Mainz:] “Liebling des Marduk – König der Blasphemie. Große babylonische Herrscher in der Sicht der Babylonier und in der Sicht anderer Völker” (Favourite of Marduk -- King of Blasphemy: Great Babylonian Rulers in Babylonian and Foreign Perspectives), II. Internationales Colloquium der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft, Berlin, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1998.

#### **Conference papers**

- “New Light on a Dark Age: Assurnasirpal I, the White Obelisk, and the Bed of Ishtar,” 54e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, “Organization, Representation and Symbols of Power in the Ancient Near East,” Würzburg, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008.
- “Bruderkriege im Vergleich: Asarhaddons Thronfolgerzählung und die biblische Josefsgeschichte” (Wars Between Brothers in Comparative Perspective: Esarhaddon’s Succession Account and the Biblical Story of Joseph), 52e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, “War and Peace in the Ancient Near East,” Münster, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006.
- “Commentaries, Lexicography, and Cuneiform Quotation Marks,” 51e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, “Lexicography,” Chicago, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005.
- “Royal Hermeneutics: Observations on the Commentaries in Ashurbanipal’s Library at Nineveh,” 49e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, “Nineveh,” London, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

- “The Hermeneutics of Cuneiform Signs in Divination and in Text Commentaries,” paper given at the conference “The Fifth Millennium for the Invention of Writing in Mesopotamia [sic],” Baghdad, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2001.
- “Images of Ashurbanipal in the 19th and 20th century,” 45e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, “Historiography,” Cambridge, MA, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1998.
- “Wenn der König im Feindesland fällt. Zur religiös-literarischen Bewältigung eines historischen Unglücksfalls” (When the King Dies in Enemy Country: Religious and Political Strategies to Overcome a Historical Calamity), 44e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, “Landscapes – Territories, Frontiers and Horizons in the Ancient Near East,” Venice, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1997.
- “Humor in assyrischen Königsinschriften” (Humor in Assyrian Royal Inscriptions), 43e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, “Intellectual Life of the Ancient Near East,” Prague, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1996.
- [In cooperation with C. Peust, Göttingen:] “Ägyptische Hieroglyphen und babylonisch-assyrische Keilschrift – Warum komplexe Graphiesysteme ‘leistungsfähiger’ sind als Alphabetschriften” (Egyptian Hieroglyphs and Babylonian-Assyrian Cuneiform Writing: Why Complex Writing Systems are More Productive than Alphabetic Scripts), 18. Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft, panel: Multiliteralismus: fremde Schriften, Fremdes schreiben und Schriftwechsel, Freiburg, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 1996.
- “Sabäische Schätze am assyrischen Hof” (Sabaeen Treasures at the Assyrian Court), 42e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, “Languages and Cultures in Contact – At the Crossroads of Civilizations in the Syro-Mesopotamian Realm,” Leuven, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1995.
- “Sanheribs agrarische Aktivitäten nach veröffentlichten und unveröffentlichten Inschriften” (Sennacherib’s Agricultural Projects According to Published and Unpublished Inscriptions), poster presented at the 41e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, “Landwirtschaft im Alten Orient,” Berlin, July 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>, 1994.

### **Future projects**

- A short history of Mesopotamia (for Reclam: Stuttgart).
- A history of Assyria (editor, for Wiley-Blackwell: Oxford)
- [in cooperation with Michael Jursa] Full edition of the Late Babylonian letters from the Yale Babylonian Collection published by us in the form of autographs in *Yale Oriental Series* 21.
- Full edition of the economic and administrative texts found during the excavations in Assur, Iraq, in 2001.
- A comprehensive study of the colophons on cuneiform texts of the 1<sup>st</sup> millennium.
- Edition and discussion of the writings of the Assyrian scholar and royal advisor Nabû-zuqup-kenu (in cooperation with Ann Guinan, Philadelphia, Nils Heessel, Heidelberg, and Francesca Rochberg, Berkeley).
- A history of the year 671 BCE.
- A history of Nineveh, 705-612 BCE.