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Education

Habilitation	2017 – present
University of Bern, Switzerland	
Master of Divinity	2014 – 2016
Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, USA	
Doctor of Philosophy in Intercultural Studies	2008 - 2014
Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, USA	
<i>Title: A Hermeneutic of Female Testimony in the Zurich Reformation (1504-1575)</i>	
Master of Global Leadership	2005 - 2008
Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, USA	
Master of Social Environment Oriented Youth Work	2005 - 2006
FHS, Rorschach, Switzerland	
Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies	2001 - 2005
Moody Theological Seminary, Chicago, USA	

Employment

Minister of St Andrew's United Church

Nanaimo, Canada

Jan 2019 - present

- Preaching
- Leading worship
- Counselling
- Spiritual formation
- Leadership
- Bible study
- Youth work
- Administration

Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin

2017 - present

Institute for Old Catholic Theology, University of Bern, Switzerland
Senior Research Associate and Teaching under Prof. Dr. Angela Berlis

- Teaching doctoral methods
- Editing, writing for publication, and translation

- Strategic planning – spirituality and liturgy
- Habilitation in Theology

Title: The Prayers and Ecumenical Works of a Sixteenth-century Woman

Director of the Center for the Academic Study of Christian Spirituality
Theologische Fakultät, UZH

2014 – October 2018

Lecturer and Research Fellow (Oberassistentin) Practical Theology

2014 – October 2018

Theological Seminar, University of Zurich, Switzerland
 Research Associate, Lecturer
 Post-Doctoral Research with Prof. Dr. Ralph Kunz

- Human subject research in character formation and spiritual practices
- Research in the philosophy of spirituality
- Research in evangelism and spirituality in European history
- Organization and funding of large international conferences
- Translation for publication, editing, and grant applications

Classes Taught at the University of Zurich

2011 – 2018

- Foundations of Practical Theology
- Spiritual Formation and Practices
- Liturgical Practices
- Introduction to Counseling
- Mentoring
- Philosophy of Spirituality
- Spirituality and Community
- Evangelism
- Christlike Spirituality
- Kerygma in Postmodernity: Faith and Culture
- Spirituality in the Church of the Word
- The Psalms and Spiritual Formation
- Women in the Reformation

Affiliate Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity and Spirituality

2016 - present

Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California.

Expertise in Distance Learning and hybrid teaching

- Self-Care and Spiritual Formation
- Theology of Suffering and Joy

Research Assistant and Mandated Teaching Staff in Practical Theology

2011 - 2014

Theological Seminar, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Adjunct Instructor of Contemporary Culture	2010 - 2011
Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, USA	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching Contemporary Culture, Culture between Modernity and Post Modernity 	
Research Assistant and Lecturer Reformation and Church History	2008 - 2014
Institute for Swiss Reformation History Theological Seminar, University of Zurich, Switzerland	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissertation: <i>A Hermeneutic of Female Testimony in the Zurich Reformation</i> • Teaching Women in Church History • Research on Gender and Testimony in the Reformation • Translation for publication in Practical Theology, Early and Modern Church History, Gender Studies, and numerous grant applications 	
Assistant in the Department of Intercultural Studies	2007 - 2011
Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, USA	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching Mentoring, Contemporary Culture, and Ecclesiology 	
Associate Pastor (Commissioned Deacon)(Sozialdeakonin)	2004 - 2008
Swiss Evangelical Reformed Church, Degersheim, Switzerland	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth and Children Ministry 	

Publications

Trinitarian Controversies, in John Calvin in Context, ed. R. Ward Holder: Cambridge University Press, 2019, Chapter 32. **2019**

“God my Lord is even stronger,” Exemplary Women of the Reformation with confidence in their convictions, in Christian History Magazine, Sept. 2019, Issue 131, 38-41.

Practical Theology: A Paradigm for Spiritual Formation in Higher Education, in Didaktikos, October 2019, 37-41.

Neujahrsblatt der Gesellschaft zu Frau Münster: Anna Bullinger Reinhart, Gesellschaft zu Fraumünster, 2018. **2018**

Huldrych Zwingli, in Martin Luther in Context, ed. David M. Whitford, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018, 257-264.

Introduction, Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality, Vol. 18, No. 2 (2018): Johns Hopkins University Press, ix-xiii.

Review of *Conversions: Gender and Religious Change in Early Modern Europe*, eds. Simon Ditchfield and Helen Smith, Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2017. *Renaissance Quarterly*, Sep 2018, Vol. 71, Issue 3, 1139-1140.

Review of *The Revelations of St. Birgitta of Sweden Volume 4: The Emperor's Book to Kings*, eds. Denise Searby and Bridget Morris, Oxford: University of Oxford Press, 2015. *The Sixteenth Century Journal* Volume XLIX, No. 1 (2018): 294.

2017

Evangelische Spiritualität und Bildung, in: Band 2: Handbuch Evangelische Spiritualität, ed. Peter Zimmerling, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2017, 291-315.

Cliché or Piety: Heinrich Bullinger and Women in Alsace, in: *From Zwingli to Amyraut. Exploring the Growth of European Reformed Traditions*, eds. Jon Balsarak and Jim West, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2017, 43-56.

Women from Then to Now: A Commitment to Mutuality and Literacy, in *The Protestant Reformation and World Christianity. Global Perspectives*, ed. Dale T. Irvin, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2017, 65-95.

Die First Lady der Zürcher Reformation. Doppelpunkt - Das evangelische Wochenmagazin, vol. 2017, No. 7 (2017): 10-11.

Die Reformation ist weiblich. Doppelpunkt - Das evangelische Wochenmagazin, vol. 2017, No. 1 (2017): 10-11.

Divine Action, Others, and Interfaith Dialogue. Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality 16, 2A (2016): 74–93.

2016

Church Reformation: Roles and Meaning for Women. Mission Sparks: Academic Journal of Asia and Region 2, (2016): 43-57.

Evangelism and Spirituality: Our Words and Life with God, in: *Sharing Good News: Handbook on Evangelism in Europe*, eds. Gerrit Noort, Kyriaki Avtzi and Stefan Paas, World Council of Churches, 2016.

A Historical Decoupage Arguing for the Particularity of Theology and Christian Spirituality in Higher Education in: *CEIŠ, Latvijas*

Universitātes Teoloģijas fakultātesteoloģisks, reliģijpētniecisks un kultūrvēsturisks izdevums 65 (2016).

Hör nicht auf zu singen Zeuginnen der Schweizer Reformation, ed. Rebecca A. Giselbrecht and Sabine Scheuter, Zurich: Theologischer Verlag, 2016.

Review of *Ethnographic Theology: An Inquiry into the Production of Theological Knowledge*. Natalie Wigg-Stevenson. *Ecclesial Practices* 3-2 (2016): 251-253.

Review of *Briefe von Januar bis Mai 1546*. Heinrich Bullinger. Ed. Reinhard Bodenmann, Alexandra Kess, and Judith Steiniger. *Heinrich Bullinger Werke: Zweite Abteilung Briefwechsel 16*. Zürich: Theologischer Verlag Zürich, 2014. In *Renaissance Quarterly* 69(1): 336-338.

Sacrality and Materiality: Locating Intersections, ed. Rebecca A. Giselbrecht and Ralph Kunz, Göttingen; Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2015.

2015

Review of *I-8 Ordinis primi tomus octavus: Iulius Exclusus, De civilitate morum puerilium, Conflictus Thaliae et Barbariei*. Edited Silvana Seidel Menchi, Franz Bierlaire, and René Hoven. *The Sixteenth Century Journal* XLVI (2015).

Review of *Erasmus of Rotterdam: Advocate of a New Christianity*, Christine Christ-von Wedel. *Zwingliana* 42 (2015): 279-282.

Religious Intent and the Art of Courteous Pleasantry: A Few Letters from Englishwomen to Heinrich Bullinger, in: *Women During the English Reformations: Renegotiating Gender and Religious Identity*, ed. Julie A. Chappell and Kaley A. Kramer, New York: Palgrave, 2014, 45-67.

2014

Reforming a Model: Zwingli, Bullinger, and the Virgin Mary in Sixteenth-century Zurich, in: *Following Zwingli: Applying the Past in Reformation Zurich*, ed. Luca Baschera, Bruce Gordon and Christian Moser, Farnham: Ashgate, 2014 (*St Andrews Studies in Reformation History*), 137-174.

Review of *Reaktionen auf das Augsburger Interim: Der Interimistische Streit (1548-1549)*. (*Controversia et Confessio* Volume 1), ed. Irene Dingel. *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, XLV/2 (2014): 520-521 (with Judith Steinegger)

- Review of Calvin and His Influence, 1509-2009, ed. Irena Backus and Philip Benedict. *Zwingliana* 40 (2013): 238-243. **2013**
- Review of *The Stranger's Voice: Julia Kristeva's Relevance for a Pastoral Theology for Women Struggling with Depression*. *The Journal of Pastoral Theology* 22-2 (2013): 102-106 (with Isabelle Noth).
- Beza over polygamie, in Théodore de Bèze: *Zijn Leven, Zijn Werk*. Kampen: Uitgeverij Kok, 2012, 223-225. **2012**
- Review of *Early French Reform: The Theology and Spirituality of Guillaume Farel*, eds. Jason Zuidema and Theodore Van Raalte. *Zwingliana* 39 (2012): 179-180.
- Myths and Reality about Heinrich Bullinger's Wife Anna, in *Zwingliana* 38 (2011): 53-66. **2011**
- Zwingli und Bullinger: Väter des reformierten 'Wybsbilds', in *Kirche, Theologie und Politik im reformierten Protestantismus: Vorträge der 8. Emdener Tagung zur Geschichte des reformierten Protestantismus*, Neukirchen: Neukirchener Verlag 2011, 28-40.
- Review of Heinrich Bullinger, *Werke*:3, Abteilung: Theologische Schriften, Band 5: Pastoraltheologische Schriften, ed. Detlef Roth, Zürich, TVZ, 2009. *Zwingliana* 38 (2011): 229-231.
- Review of *Life Writing in Reformation Europe: Lives of Reformers by Friends, Disciples and Foes*, Irene Backus (St Andrews Studies in Reformation History) Aldershot-Burlington: Ashgate, 2008. *Zwingliana* 37 (2010): 200-202. **2010**
- Review of *Women and the Reformation*, Kirsi Stjerna, Wiley-Blackwell, 2008. *Zwingliana* 36 (2009): 175-176. **2009**
- Social Space for Degersheim: How a Church Can Integrate Social Space Oriented Youth Work*. FHS St. Gallen, Fachbereich Soziale Arbeit, 2006. **2006**

Conference Papers and Public Lectures

- Violence and the Beautiful Soul: Sixteenth-century Women at War, Religion & Violence: Inter-Religious Studies Conference, Vancouver School of Theology, May 26, 2019.
- Women and War: The Zurich Connection, KeyNote, Refo500 International Conference, Bologna Italy, May 15, 2019.

Regarding the Originality of Countess Anna Alexandria of Rappoltstein's Prayer, Renaissance Society of America, Toronto, March 17, 2019.

Love is the Practical Theology of Mission, speaker, Center for Missiological Research, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, September 19, 2018.

A Woman's Confession of Faith, paper, Society for Reformation Studies, Cambridge, April 11, 2018.

Everyday Spirituality: Reclaiming Forgotten Ways, speaker, VBG Zurich, March 27, 2018.

An Historical-Critical Edition of the Writings of Anna Alexandria of Rappoltstein (1504-1581) and an Account of Her Life, lecture, Old Catholic Society, University of Bern, February 26, 2018.

Women in the Reformation, lecture, Reformed Church, Hittnau, January 19, 2018.

The Prayer Book and Spiritual Writings of Anna Alexandria von Furstenberg zu Rappoltstein, paper, American Association of Religion, Christian Spirituality Group, Boston, November 19, 2017.

A Priesthood of All Believers, roundtable, American Association of Religion, World Christianity Group, The Protestant Reformation in World Christianity, November 19, 2017.

Hör nicht auf zu singen – das feminine Gesicht der Reformation, lecture, Das Feuerwerk des Glaubens – 500 Jahre Reformation, Akademie Berlingen, Berlingen, November 15, 2017.

Spiritualität der Frauen der schweizerischen Reformation, lecture, Business and Professional Women, Basel, November 11, 2017.

Freude und Leiden der Frauen der schweizerischen Reformation, lecture, Reformed Church, Rüti, October 31, 2017.

Die Reformation und ihre Auswirkungen auf das Leben von Frauen damals, speaker, Wo kommen wir her, wo gehen wir hin, was steht an? Baden, October 28, 2017.

Frauen und Spiritualität, workshop, Wo kommen wir her, wo gehen wir hin, was steht an? Baden, October 28, 2017.

Toward Joy: Guilt in the Early Reformers, paper, Yale Consultation on Joy, Guilt, and Innocence, University of Fribourg, October 19-20, 2017.

500 Years Church Reformation – The Role and Impact on Women, plenary, Europäischen Arbeitsgruppe für ökumenische Beziehungen mit Indonesien (EUKUMINDO), Bretten Germany, 14-16 September 2017.

Freimaurer: eine Ersatzreligion? podium discussion, Bern Historical Museum, August 17, 2017.

Pray Without Ceasing: Perspectives in Spirituality Studies, moderation and devotions, Center for the Academic Studies of Christian Spirituality, University of Zurich, Kappel, June 26-29, 2017.

Renew the Thinking in Your Mind by the Spirit – Toward Embodied Theology for a Dynamic Church, plenary, A Renewed Theology for/within a Renewed Church, University of Fribourg, June 21, 2017.

Frauenehrung: Anna Bullinger-Adlischwyler, plenary, Frau Münster, Zurich, Gesellschaft zu Fraumünster – Sechseläuten, April 24, 2017.

Ein Gutes ergibt stets das andere – Zeuginnen am Abend vor und während der Schweizer Reformation, plenary, Journée Nationale de Commémoration et de Célébration – 500 Ans De La Réforme – 600 Ans Nicolas de Flue, Zug, April 1, 2017.

The Swiss Reformation, Its Men and Its Women, Leave Christians a Free Choice, lecture, Swiss Church, London, March 11, 2017.

Frauen der Reformationszeit, Veranstaltung zur Reformationsjubiläum der Reformierte Landeskirche, plenary, Glarus, February 10, 2017.

Leadership in the Church Now: Identity and Vision, Culture and Grace, lecture, Knox College, University of Toronto, February 8, 2017.

Rollen und Allianzen, plenary, Zwingli-Salon, Weinkeller Bodega Espanola, November 24, 2016.

Spiritual Formation setzt Geist voraus, plenary, Herbsttagung Spiritualität und Bildungsarbeit, plusbildung ökumenische Bildungslandschaft Schweiz, Quarten, November 22, 2016.

Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Agendi: A Contemporary Biblical Paradigm for Christian Spirituality and Character Virtue, Formation, Spirituality, Culture and Well-being Conference, Plenary Speaker, Excelsia College, Sydney Australia, October 4, 2016.

Anna Reinhart: Zürcher Wirtstochter und spätere Gattin von Ulrich Zwingli, was für ein wäsen vor und zu disen syten gewesen...Lebensbilder am Vorabend der Reformation, plenary, Kloster Kappel, September 18, 2016.

Spiritual Formation in Post-Secular Culture, Spirituality and Theology: Visions, Postsecularism and Religion, plenary, University of Latvia, May 30, 2016.

Four of the Preacher's Sermons Made Me Cry: Exchanges between Women from Alsace and the Zurich Reformers, Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Vancouver, October 24, 2015.

Sensus Spiritualis - Embodiment and the Aging Face, Paradox and Promise in the Pilgrimage of Aging, 6th International Conference on Ageing and Spirituality, California Lutheran Homes, Center For Spirituality and Aging, Los Angeles, October 5, 2015.

Centering the Academic Study of Christian Spirituality: A Historically Justified Appeal for European Networks and Interdisciplinary Ecumenical Research, The Interplay between Theology and Other Disciplines in Research and in Theological Education, International Conference, University of Latvia, April 15, 2015.

Reformiert, spirituell und weiblich unterwegs im sechzehnten Jahrhundert, Hör nicht auf zu singen: Zeugnissen der Schweizer Reformation, plenary, University of Zurich, August 21, 2014.

On Sacramentality and Testimony, Sacrality and Materiality: Locating Intersections, European Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality, paper, University of Zurich, January 8, 2014.

Universitas Turicensis (1833-1945): The University of Zurich in Relation to the Reformed State Church of Zurich, Christian Faith and the University, paper, Montreal, September 27, 2013.

Catechism, Confessions and Women in the Palatine, paper, Sixteenth Century Society Conference, paper, San Juan, October 26, 2013.

Oh, happy me, to be possessed by such a friend and so wise a counselor': Words of Wives, Queens, and Other Women Addressed to Heinrich Bullinger, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, paper, Cincinnati Ohio, October 27, 2012.

Transfer and Translation: Recovering/representing/rephrasing Early Modern Texts on and by Women," Attending to Early Modern Women: Remapping Routes and Spaces, workshop, Milwaukee, June 23, 2012.

Female Archetypes in Bullinger's Commentary on the New Testament, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, paper, Fort Worth, October 28, 2011.

Zwingli und Bullinger: Väter des reformierten Wybsbilds, der 8. Emdener Tagung zur Geschichte des reformierten Protestantismus, Emden, March 21, 2011.

Demythologizing Women in the Zurich Reformation: Margaret Hottinger and Anna Reinhart Compared, RefoRC Conference, paper, Zurich, May 5, 2011.

The Kitchen Table: Myths and Reality about Heinrich Bullinger's Wife Anna, Sixteenth Century Society Conference, paper, Montreal, October 15, 2010.

Locating the Philosophy of Paul Ricœur," Center for Missiological Research at Fuller Theological Seminar, colloquium, Pasadena, June 9, 2010.

Die Mission der Frau bei der Ausbreitung der Reformation, Schweizerischer Protestantischer Volksbund, Bassersdorf, April 15, 2010.

Research Projects

Book Project: Loving God, Self, and Others – The Great Commandment: spiritual formation, self-care, participation in mission

Habilitation: *A Spiritual and Ecumenical Sixteenth-century Woman*; a biography and edition of the prayer book, confession of faith, and correspondence of Countess Anna Alexandria of Rappoltstein – History, Spirituality, Early Ecumenical Questions

Awards

George und Della Hummel Scholarship

Charles E. Fuller Scholarship

Fuller Women's Legacy Award

Affiliations/Memberships

American Association of Religion	Since 2014
American Historical Association	Since 2015
American Society of Missiology	Since 2010
Research Associate at Vancouver School of Theology	Since 2018
Renaissance Society of America	Since 2013
Sixteenth Century Society and Conference	Since 2008
Society for Ricœur Studies	Since 2013
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality; Editorial Board of <i>Spiritus: The Journal</i> ; member of the International Relations Committee	Since 2013
Society of European Women in Theological Research	Since 2011
Society for the Study of Early Modern Women	Since 2008