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## PERSONAL DATA

Date of Birth: 30th January 1989 in Loerrach, Germany

Nationality: German

Marital Status: Married since December 2016

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

06.2025-08.2026	University of Basel, Postdoc and Assistant, Practical Theology, Prof. Dr. Andrea Bieler (60%)
02.2025-06.2025	Pontifical University Sant'Anselmo, Rome, attached to the chair <i>Pensiero e Forme dello Spirituale</i> , Prof. Dr. Isabella Bruckner
06.2021-05.2025	University of Bern, Doctoral Student in Practical Theology, Prof. Dr. David Plüss; topic: Lay preaching in the Swiss Reformed Church
04.2024-02.2025	University of Bern, Assistant, Practical Theology, Prof. Dr. David Plüss (25%)
01.2024-03.2024	University of Bern, Assistant for editing, Practical and Historic Theology, Prof. Dr. David Plüss and Prof. Dr. Martin Sallmann
Since 08.2022	University of Bern, Tutor (Liturgy) for the Practical Semester, KOPTA
09.2021-05.2022	University of Bern, Assistant, Systematic Theology, Prof. Dr. Magdalene L. Frettlöh (15%)
08.2021-05.2022	University of Bern, Assistant, Practical Theology, Prof. Dr. David Plüss (10%)
04.2011-09.2012	University of Freiburg i.B., Student Assistant in Ancient History, Prof. Dr. Peter Eich

## DEGREES AND QUALIFICATIONS

11.2023	<i>Certificate of Advanced Studies</i> : Teaching in higher Education, University of Bern, Switzerland
01.2020	Ordination to the Priesthood in the Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese of New Westminster, Canada

06.2019	Ordination to the Diaconate in the Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese of New Westminster Canada
2019	Ordination in the Swiss Reformed Church, Basel
2017	<i>Master of Theology</i> at the University of Basel
2017	<i>Bachelor of Theology</i> at the University of Basel
2016	<i>Bachelor of Arts</i> at the University of Basel in History and Theology with <i>Insignia cum Laude</i>

## ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

06.2025-08.2026	University of Basel
02.2025-06.2025	Pontifical University Sant'Anselmo, Rome
06.2021-05.2025	University of Bern
01.2020-04.2020	Vancouver School of Theology (Canada), Liturgy classes
09.2016-11.2016	Westcott House, Cambridge (UK)
08.2015-04.2016	Dormition Abbey Jerusalem, Theological Study Year
02.2014-07.2017	University of Basel (Switzerland), Theology and History
01.2013-06.2013	University of Durham (UK), Theology and History
04.2010-01.2014	University of Freiburg (Germany), Theology, History, and English
10.2009-03.2010	University of Constance (Germany), Law
2006-2009	Wirtschaftswissenschaftliches Gymnasium Loerrach (Highschool with focus on business, Germany); Abitur

## INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2024-2025	University of Bern, Assistant delegate of the MVUB in the task force scientificity (AG Wissenschaftlichkeit), chaired by the rector Virginia Richter
2023-2025	University of Bern, Member of Senate as representative of the academic assistants and Intermediate Staff Association
2023-2025	University of Bern, Member of the board of the Intermediate Staff Association (MVUB)
2023-2025	University of Bern, Member of the Commission for the Social fund SUB/MVUB
2021-2025	University of Bern, Member of the Competence Center for Liturgy, member of the author's commission for the Liturgy Blog ( <a href="http://liturgikblog.unibe.ch/">http://liturgikblog.unibe.ch/</a> )
2021-2023	University of Bern, Representative of the Theology Department in the Committee „Mittendrïn“, Noon prayer in the Pauluskirche Bern

## PUBLICATIONS

### Monographies

Frisch ans Wort: Eine Einführung für Prädikantinnen und Laienprediger, mit liturgischem Leitfaden, TVZ: Zürich 2024.

My Dishwasher Theology: Thinking about the Big Questions of Christian Faith, Resource Publications: Oregon 2021.

### Articles

How do we teach to preach? A comparison of homiletical teaching curricula for lay preachers and ordinands in the Swiss Reformed Church, in International Journal of Homiletics [in preperation].

“Solely an Act of Prayer” – and Power? Ordination in the Swiss Reformed Church and the question who ordains who, or not, in Studia Liturgica (2024), <https://doi.org/10.1177/00393207241271625>.

Wo laufen sie denn? Mein Gott, wo laufen sie denn? Viele Wege zum selben Ziel für den Laienpredigendendienst in der Schweiz, in Pastoraltheologie (PTh) 113.9 (2024), 435-452.

Ministry in the Highland Countries: Lay Readership and Ordained Ministry in the Swiss Reformed Church and the Church of Scotland, in Studia Liturgica (2024), <https://doi.org/10.1177/00393207241263360>.

### Collaboration

Plüss, David / Sallmann, Martin (eds.), Kriegs- und Krisenpredigt. Protestantische Predigten zu Zeiten gesellschaftlicher Umbrüche aus der Schweiz im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert, Chronos: Zürich [in preparation].

Lienemann-Perrin, Christine, Metamorphosen des Weltchristentums: Ökumenische Theologie in globaler Perspektive, Kohlhammer: Stuttgart 2023.

Bäumlin, Klaus, Revolutionäre Geduld: Ausgewählte Aufsätze und Predigten, Zeitanlagen und Zwischenrufe (1969-2019), ed. by Magdalene L. Frettlöh, TVZ: Zürich 2022.

Frettlöh, Magdalene L./Zeindler, Matthias (eds.), Theologie am Nullpunkt: Karl Barth und die Krise der Kirche, TVZ: Zürich 2022.

## CONFERENCES, PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

### 1. Conferences with Paper

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| 10.2024 | Conference Towards Nicea 2025, Ecumenical Institute Bossey, Switzerland; paper: <i>The Creed of Nicaea – an Oath of Allegiance to the militia Christi: The Empowerment of the laos of God and the lost Impetus of Lay Leadership</i>                         |
| 06.2024 | Conference of the <i>Societas Homiletica</i> , Protestant Theological University, Groningen, Netherlands; paper: <i>How do we teach to preach? A Comparison of homiletical teaching curricula for Lay Readers and Ordinands in the Swiss Reformed Church</i> |
| 03.2024 | Liturgical Conference of the German Protestant Church (EKD), Hildesheim; presentation of a participative liturgy of the Lord's Supper  |

08.2023 Conference of the *Societas Liturgica*, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Ireland; paper: *Ministry in the Highland Countries: Lay Readership and Ordained Ministry in the Swiss Reformed Church and the Church of Scotland*

03.2023 Young Theologian's-Conference in Sibiu, Rumania;  
papers: *the Reformed Church in Switzerland, the Anglican Communion*;  
published output: A participative liturgy

## 2. Conferences without own paper

11.2024 On-life: Kommunikation des Evangeliums in der (Post-)Digitalität, Zürich;  
panel moderation

10.2024 20 Jahre Liturgisches Institut in Freiburg, Jubiläumstagung, Zürich

09.2024 Interfaith Dialogue in Times of War, Ginkgo-Fellowship Conference, Cairo, Egypt

09.2024 Trinational Conference of the directors of study for lay readers, Bad Herrenalb

08.2024 Conference of the *Associazione di Professori di Liturgia*, Padua, Italy

04.2024 Conference of the Society for the Study of Theology (SST), Warwick University, UK

09.2023 Kirchenbautag, Kompetenzzentrum Liturgik, University of Bern

08.2023 Liturgical Conference of the German Protestant Church (EKD), Hildesheim;  
invited guest for the subject "Last Supper"

03.2023 Kirche in Bewegung, Conference in Wabern bei Bern

07.2022 Symposium Prädikant:innen-Dienst (Lay Readers), Ev. Hochschule Freiburg i.B.

02.2022 Workshop, Bei allem, was gendergerecht ist?! Zur Frage nach gendergerechter Sprache in Forschung und Lehre, University of Bern

08.2021 Kirchenbautag, Kompetenzzentrum Liturgik, University of Bern

## 3. Project Presentations

12.2024 Die ehrenamtliche Verkündigung in Qualifikationsarbeiten: a workshop, Hildesheim;  
project presentation: *Die ehrenamtliche Verkündigung in der Schweiz: Eine Kartographie des Prädikant:innen- und Laienpredigtendienstes*

09.2024 Netzwerktagung, Praktisch-Theologisches Fach- und Nachwuchsforum, Göttingen;  
poster presentation

03.2024 Swiss-German Society of Practical Theology, Bern;  
project presentation: *Wird die Ausnahme die Regel? Die Laienpredigt in der Schweiz*

09.2023	Netzwerktagung, Praktisch-Theologisches Fach- und Nachwuchsforum, Tübingen; poster presentation
06.2022	Bi-national Colloquium, Ralligen; paper: Lay Readers in Switzerland
04.2022	Swiss-German Society of Practical Theology, Basel; paper: <i>Ehrenamtliche Verkündigung in der Schweiz und Deutschland</i>
11.2021	PhD Colloquium Basel-Bern; poster presentation

#### 4. Organization of Conferences

03.2025	Kirche in Bewegung, Bern; part of the orga team
11.2024	Onlife Kommunikation des Evangeliums in der (Post-)Digitalität, Zürich; part of the orga team
09.2021	Kirche in Bewegung, Bern; part of the orga team

## ACADEMIC TEACHING

Spring 2024	Lecture: Gottesdienst (Co-Teaching, planning of concept, learning-outcomes, assessment, co-examiner in oral exams, teaching of units)
Fall 2023	Seminar: Öko-Theologie global: ökumenische und liturgische Aspekte, Ecumenical Institute Bossey (Co-Teaching, planning of concept, learning-outcomes, assessment, co-examiner in oral exams, teaching of units)
Fall 2023	Liturgy Tutorial, Practical Semester University of Bern (leading, conception, visiting services held by students, assessment)
Spring 2023	Homiletics Tutorial: „Gold im Mund“ (Co-Teaching, learning-outcomes, assessments, co-examiner oral exams)
Fall 2022	Liturgy Tutorial, Practical Semester University of Bern (leading, conception, visiting services held by students, assessment)
Spring 2022	Homiletics Tutorial: „Gold im Mund“ (Co-Teaching, learning-outcomes, assessments, co-examiner oral exams)
Fall 2021	Seminar: Einführung in das Studium der Theologie und Interreligiösen Studien (Co-Teaching, conception, learning-outcomes, assessment)

## NETWORKS & MEMBERSHIPS

### Academic

Since 2023	Societas Liturgica (SL)
Since 2023	Gingko Interfaith Fellowship

Since 2023	Schweizerische Theologische Gesellschaft (SThG)
Since 2023	Society for the Study of Theology (SST)
Since 2023	English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC)
Since 2022	Intermediate Staff Association of the University of Bern (MVUB)
Since 2021	Competence Centre for Liturgy, Uni
Since 2021	Mentoring-Program Theology, University of Bern
Since 2016	Forum Studienjahr Jerusalem e.V.

### Church

Since 2024	Vice-president of Parish Council, Thun-Strättligen
Since 2022	Grosser Kirchenrat (Church Parliament), Reformed Church Thun
Since 2023	Co-Representative for Lay Ministers/Readers Reformed Church, Canton of Bern
Since 2022	Commission for Lay Ministers/Readers Reformed Church, Canton of Bern
Since 2022	Member of the Commission for training and further education for Lay Ministers/Readers, Canton of Bern

## **PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

01.2023-01.2024	Interim-Minister at Reformed Church Thun-Stadt, Switzerland (25%)
05.2022-09.2022	Interim-Minister at Reformed Church Hilterfingen, Switzerland (25%)
Since 2021	Doctoral Student in Practical Theology, University of Bern, Switzerland
Since 2021	Manager of Stephany-Catering, Thun
09.2020-05.2021	Rector of St. Clement's Anglican Church in Lynn Valley, North Vancouver
09.2019-09.2020	Assistant Curate at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver
08.2018-08.2019	Assistant Curate at Basel Cathedral
06.2017-07.2018	Deacon at the Parish Gundeldingen-Bruderholz (70%)
2017	Assistant Deacon at Basel Cathedral (20%)

## **LANGUAGES**

English:	Fluent
Italian:	European Level B1/B2
French:	European Level B1
Arabic:	European Level A2
Latin:	Latinum

Ancient Greek: Graecum  
Bibl. Hebrew: Hebraicum

## MEDIA

Frischer Wind auf der Kanzel, Interview with ref.ch 21.06.2024; URL:  
<https://www.ref.ch/news/frischer-wind-auf-der-kanzel/>.

Trinitatis. Lesepredigt zu Eph 1,3-14, in: Maike Schult (ed.), Lesepredigten, Er ist unser Friede, Trinitatis bis letzter Sonntag des Kirchenjahres 2024, Textreihe VI/2, Leipzig 2024, 26-31.

Christvesper. Lesepredigt zu Gal 4,3b-7, in: Maike Schult (ed.), Lesepredigten, Er ist unser Friede, 1. Advent 2023 bis Pfingstmontag 2024, Textreihe VI/1, Leipzig 2023, 37-41.

Ich bin eher der Blumenstrausstyp. Lückenbüsserinnen oder Verkündigende auf Augenhöhe? In: Ensemble 66/08.2022, 16-17.

Neue Mode auf dem reformierten Laufsteg. Das Kollarhemd ist in; URL:  
<http://liturgikblog.unibe.ch/index.php/2023/05/17/neue-mode-auf-dem-reformierten-laufsteg-das-kollarhemd-ist-in/>.

DIY-Liturgien. Re-Analogisierung von Onlineangeboten; URL:  
<http://liturgikblog.unibe.ch/index.php/2022/11/09/diy-liturgien-re-analogisierung-von-onlineangeboten/>.

Das reformierte Ausgleichsventil zu liturgisch (eigentlich) Schönem. Der ‚promenadologische Einzug‘; URL: <http://liturgikblog.unibe.ch/index.php/2022/06/15/das-reformierte-ausgleichsventil-zu-liturgisch-eigentlich-schoenem-der-promenadologische-einzug/>.

Friedensgebete. Defibrillatoren für das Fürbittgebet; URL:  
<http://liturgikblog.unibe.ch/index.php/2022/04/13/friedensgebete-defibrillatoren-fuer-das-fuerbittgebet/>.

„Ein Ohr für Dich“: ZuhörerInnen am Münster gesucht, Radiointerview mit erf Medien, Life Channel, 9.02.2019 about my pastoral care project „Ein Ohr für Dich“ at Basel Cathedral, URL: <https://erf-medien.ch/radio/ein-ohr-fuer-dich-zuhoererinnen-am-muenster-gesucht/>.