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Education

- 2014 Ph.D., Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Humanities,
Dissertation title: Traditions of Jeremiah and Baruch in the Late Second
Temple Period: Prophecy and Historical Consciousness
(Supervisor: Prof. Ida Fröhlich)
- 2004 M.A., Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Humanities
Department of Hebrew Studies
- 2002 M.A., Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Humanities,
Department of History

Librarian employment

- 2016- Jewish Theological Seminary – University of Jewish Studies, Hungary
Position: library director
- 2015 Jewish Theological Seminary – University of Jewish Studies, Hungary
Part-time position: Judaica librarian
- 2014 – 2015 National Széchényi Library, Hungary, Collection of Historical Interviews
Position: research fellow
- 2011 - 2014 Library of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Position: senior librarian, curator of the Kaufmann Collection
- 2008 - 2011 National Széchényi Library, Hungary
Position: head of department, Collection of Posters and Printed
Ephemera
- 2005 - 2007 National Széchényi Library, Hungary
Position: reference librarian

Academic employment

- 2016- Jewish Theological Seminary – University of Jewish Studies, Hungary,
Department of Judaic Studies
Assistant professor (taught courses: Ancient Jewish History, Medieval
Jewish History, Jewish apocrypha, Judaica book collections in Hungary)

2016	Eötvös Lóránd University, Faculty of Humanities, Department of Assyriology and Hebrew studies; External lecturer (taught course: Classical Hebrew text reading seminar)
2015-	Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary, Faculty of Humanities; External lecturer (taught courses: Religion of Ancient Israel, History of the Judaism, Cultural and Historical Background of the Old and New Testament, Mishnah and Talmud, Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah)
2008 - 2010	Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Department of Hebrew and Jewish Studies; External lecturer (taught courses: Qumran literature, Early Jewish and Rabbinical literature, Hebrew Manuscripts in Hungarian Libraries)
2005-2008	Hungarian Doctoral Fellowship at the Pázmány Péter Cath. University
2006-2009	Participant of Old Testament Apocrypha in Hungarian research project at the Pázmány Péter Catholic University (supported by The Hungarian Scientific Research Fund: OTKA, nr. 63156)

Grants and Fellowships

Fellowship of the Hungarian College of Leuven, Belgium (August-October 2006)

Grant of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Hungarian Scholarship Board (July-August 2005) - Hebrew Summer Ulpan at the University of Haifa

Three-years Doctoral Fellowship of the Hungarian State at Pázmány Péter Catholic University (September 2005 – August 2008)

Grant of the Hungarian Ministry of Education: Study tour in Israel and Egypt (July-August 1999)

Research Languages

Modern: English (pre-advanced), Italian (intermediate), German (reading), Hebrew (reading)
Ancient: Classical Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac, Greek, Latin (intermediate exam)

Membership in scholarly societies

2003 -	Hungarian Society for Hebrew and Jewish Studies
2004-2011	European Association of Biblical Studies
2010-	International Enoch Seminar
2011-	Hungarian Society for Ancient Studies
2014-	European Association for Jewish Studies

Areas of Particular Interest

Early Jewish Literature, Old Testament apocrypha, Qumran, Apocryphon of Jeremiah, Book of 2 Baruch, Hebrew illuminated manuscripts, micrographic Hebrew manuscripts, Development of the Hebrew Book printing, history of the Jewish manuscript and book collections in Hungary, the David Kaufmann Collection.

Prizes

Winner of the *2011 Competition* of the Hungarian Society of the Ancient Studies for young scholars (3rd place)

Publications**Edited volumes**

G. Xeravits, B. Tamási, X. Szabó (eds.): *Angyalok az ókortól Szent Tamásig* [Angels from the Antiquity to Saint Thomas of Aquin]. Budapest, L'Harmattan, 2012. (In Hungarian)

Articles and Book chapters

“Apocryphon of Jeremiah C form Qumran: Rewritten Prophetic Text or Something Else? “ In Zsengellér, J. (ed.): *Rewritten Bible after Fifty Years: Texts, Terms, or Techniques?* Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2014, pp. 203-219.

“Baruch as a Prophet in 2 Baruch.” In Henze, Matthias – Boccaccini, Gabrielle (eds.): *Fourth Ezra and Second Baruch: Reconstruction After the Fall*, ed. with the collaboration of Jason M. Zurawski (JSJSup164). Leiden – New York: E. J. Brill, 2013, pp. 195-217.

“The Sources of Authority in Second Baruch In Xeravits.” In Géza G. - Nicklas, Tobias - Kalimi, Isaac (eds.): *Scriptural Authority in Early Judaism and Ancient Christianity* (DCLS 16). Berlin-Boston: De Gruyter, 2013. pp. 225-250.

“Báruk mint próféta: Egy hagyomány recepciója a korai zsidó és keresztény, valamint a rabbinitus gondolkodásban.” [Baruch as a Prophet – Reception of the Ancient Tradition in the Early Judaism and Christianity, and Rabbinic Tradition], In Dobos Károly Dániel – Fodor György (eds.): „Vízió és valóság” címmel tartott zsidó-keresztény konferencia előadásai. Budapest, Új Ember- Márton Áron Kiadó: 2012, pp. 129-146. (In Hungarian)

“A qumráni Jeremiás apokrifon – avagy adalékok Jeremiás próféta szerepéhez a korai zsidó irodalomban.” [The Apocryphon of Jeremiah – Remarks on the Role of Prophet Jeremiah in the Early Jewish Literature], In Koltai Kornélia (ed.): A szívnek van két rekesze". Tanulmánykötet Prof. Dr. Schweitzer József tiszttetére 90. születésnapja alkalmából (Studia

Hebraica Hungarica 2 - MTA Judaisztikai Kutatócsoport ÉRTESÍTŐ 19, Budapest: L'Harmattan - Magyar Hebraisztikai Társaság, 2012), pp. 189-208. (In Hungarian)

"Angyalok a Qumráni Könyvtár anyagában." [Angels in the texts of the Qumran Library], In G. G. Xeravits, B. Tamási, X. Szabó (eds.): Angyalok az ókortól Szent Tamásig [Angels from the Antiquity to Saint Thomas of Aquin] ed.; Budapest: L'Harmattan, 2011. (In Hungarian)

"Prophesized History of the Postexilic Period and Polemics against Priests in 4Q390 from Qumran: Levite Authorship behind the Fragments?" In Károly Dániel Dobos, Miklós Kőszeghy (eds.), With Wisdom as a Robe: Qumran and Other Jewish Studies in Honour of Ida Fröhlich (Hebrew Bible Monographs, 21.), Sheffield: Phoenix Press, 2009. pp. 310-328.

""Ám a bölcsesség kincsesházait nem fosztják ki" - Lévi bölcsességi tanítása qumráni és geniza töredékekben. ["The Treasure Houses of Wisdom They Will not Plunder" - Tradition of Levi in Qumran and Genizah fragments.] In Ókor 2007/4. pp. 12-19. (In Hungarian)

"Qumráni szövegek – pártütő angyalok: A 'rossz' eredete a közösség világképében." [Qumran Texts – Fallen Angels: The Origin of Evil in the worldview of Qumran Community] In Ókor 2006/2. pp. 12-19. (In Hungarian)

Articles and catalogue essays about Hebrew manuscripts and books

with Klára Berzeviczy, Karl Georg Pfändtner: "Eine neue Handschrift des Kaiserlich-Königlichen Bibliotheksscheibers Aaron Wolf Herlingen aus Wien." In Codices Manuscripti – Zeitschrift für Handschriftenkunde, September 2010 (Heft 75), pp. 25-37.

with Klára Berzeviczy, Karl Georg Pfändtner: "Egy újonnan felfedezett Áron Wolf Herlingen kézirat (1730/1749)." In Boka L. – Sirató, I. (eds.): Érték és Értelmezés. Bibliotheca Scientiae et Artis. Gondolat-OSZK, 2010, pp. 241-256. (in Hungarian)

"The MS Kaufmann A 384 (Tripartite Mahzor).", In Die Wittelsbacher am Rhein. Die Kurpfalz und Europa. Hrsg. von A. Wieczorek, B. Schneidmüller, A. Schubert und S. Weinfurter, Verlag Schnell und Steiner, 2013, p. 229.

"Mózes öt könyve/Hamisá Humsé Torá." (ford. Bloch Móric) In Biblia Sacra Hungarica (essay in exhibition catalogue). Budapest: National Széchényi Library, 2008. pp. 218-219. (in Hungarian)

"Síré Davíd Ha-Melekh." (ford. Rosenthal Móric) In Biblia Sacra Hungarica (essay in exhibition catalogue). Budapest: National Széchényi Library, 2008. pp. 220-221. (in Hungarian)

"Mózes öt könyve izr. iskolák használatára." (ford. Führer Ignácz és Stern Mór) In Biblia Sacra Hungarica (essay exhibition catalogue). Budapest: National Széchényi Library, 2008. pp. 222-223. (in Hungarian)

Articles about library science

"Hatszázezer különleges könyvtári dokumentum és a Könyvtár 2.0 - Egy újszerű szolgáltatási forma terve a nemzeti könyvtárban." [Special documents and Library 2.0 – setting up an innovative service at the National Library of Hungary], In TMT – Könyvtár- és információtudományi szakfolyóirat. 56 (2009): 10 (In Hungarian)

"Introduction" In El cartel comercial moderno de Hungría 1924-1942/ Modern magyar kereskedelmi plakát – Valencia, Pentragraf, 2009. pp. 7-9.

"Poster-exhibition of the National Library in Valencia and Sevilla." In Mercurius 2009. pp. 24-25.

"Visual Documents in the National Library's Collection of Posters and Small Prints." In Bulletin 2008, National Széchényi Library, pp. 35-38.

"Képi dokumentumok a Nemzeti Könyvtár Plakát- és Kisnyomtatványtárában – A grafikai plakát-gyűjtemény múltja és jövője." [Visual Documents in the Collection of the Small Prints – the Past and Future of the Poster Collection], In Mercurius 2008, pp. 35 – 38. (In Hungarian)

"Displays in the National Relic Exhibition Area." In Bulletin 2008, National Library of Hungary, pp. 31-32.

Conference-papers

"Multidisciplinarity and Teaching Jewish Studies at the Budapest University of Jewish Studies" - EAJS Workshop: E Pluribus Unum? Multidisciplinarity in Jewish Studies Programmes and Teaching, Girona, Spain, May 28-29, 2017.

"Az angyalok, mint a "történelem" szereplői a qumráni eszmevilágban" [Angels as Actors of "History" in the Qumran Ideology] – Conference on the Angels and Demons, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest, May 11, 2017. (In Hungarian)

"Az Országos Rabbiképző Intézet Könyvtára első hetven éve" [The First Seventy Years of the Library of the Budapest Rabbinical Seminary] – Schweitzer-lectures, organized by the Hungarian Society for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Budapest, Hungary, February 14, 2017. (In Hungarian)

"The History of the Library Collections of the Budapest University of Jewish Studies, Hungary from the foundation to the present time" - "Always Hungarian" – The Jews of Hungary through the Vicissitudes of the Modern Era, International Conference of the Dahan Center at the Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv, Israel, May 30-31, 2016.

"Világosság és sötétség a qumráni szövegek fényében" [Lightness and Darkness in the Light of the Qumran texts] - The Conference of the Doctoral School at the JTS – University of Jewish Studies, Hungary, Budapest, November 26, 2015. (In Hungarian)

„Uralkodók és Velence szolgálatában: Don Jichak Abravanel politikai pályája és állameszméje” [In the Service of Kings and Venice: The Political Career of Don Isaac Abravanel and his Concept of Government.] – Annual Conference of the Hungarian National Library, Budapest, November 25, 2015. (In Hungarian)

“Levi, Levites and Worship in Qumran” - Various Aspects of Worship in Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature: International Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature, organized by Sapientia College of Theology of Religious Orders, Budapest, June 28- July 1, 2015.

“From Jeremiah to Jeremiah: Response to the conference paper of Prof. M. Henze and L. I. Lied” – Jeremiah's Scriptures: Production, Reception, Interaction, Transformation: international Conference, organized by The University of Zurich, Ascona, Switzerland, June 22-23, 2014

“Parabiblikus szövegek és újraírt prófériák: műfaji kérdések a qumráni Jeremiás-apokrifon kapcsán” [Parabiblical Texts and Rewritten Prophecies: generic questions regarding the Qumranic Apocryphon of Jeremiah] – The Graduate meeting of the Hungarian Society for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Budapest, April 19 2014. (In Hungarian)

“Jeremiah in the Deuterocanonical Literature” - Aspects of the Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature – International Conference, Sapientia College of Theology of Religious Orders, Budapest, June 3-4, 2013.

“The Place and Status of the Apocryphon of Jeremiah in the Qumran Library” - Libraries and Cultural Memory – International Conference, organized by the Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest, October 17-18, 2012.

“Prophecies of Baruch in 2 Baruch: Individual Authorship and Collective Tradition behind the Text” - European Association of Biblical Studies, Thessaloniki Meeting, August 8-11, 2011.

“Apocryphon Jeremiah C from Qumran: Rewritten Scriptural Text or Something Else?” - “Rewritten Bible” after 50 years: Texts, Terms, or Techniques? International Conference on the phenomenon of „Rewritten Bible”, Budapest, July 10-13, 2011.

“Baruch as a Prophet in Second Baruch” - Sixth Enoch Seminar: Second Baruch and Fourth Ezra: Jewish Apocalypticism in Late First Century Israel, Milan, Italy, June 26-30, 2011.

“Epochs and Symbols in 2 Baruch” - Third Enoch Graduate Seminar, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Piliscsaba, Hungary, July 19-24, 2010.

“The Authority of 2 Baruch’ International Conference on Early Jewish Literature” - The Concept of Authority in Early Judaism and Christianity, Sapientia College of Theology of Religious Orders, Budapest, May 18-21, 2010.

“Egy újonnan felbukkant Aaron Wolff Herlingen-kézirat” [A Newly Discovered Manuscript of Aaron Wolf Herlingen] - Annual Conference of the Hungarian National Library, Budapest, January 25, 2010. (In Hungarian)

“A szentély pusztulásának emlékezete Báruk szír apokalipszisében és más apokrifekben” [Cultural Memory of the Destruction of the Holy Temple in the Syriac Apocalypse of Baruch and Other Apocrypha] – Cultural Memory in the Old Testament Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha, OTKA Symposium, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Piliscsaba, Hungary, November 13, 2008. (In Hungarian)

“Prophesized History of the Postexilic Period and Polemics against Priests in 4Q390 from Qumran: Levite Authorship behind the Fragments?” - Second Enoch Graduate Seminar, USA, Princeton University, June 18-20, 2008.

“Kultusz-ellenes polémia és történeti korszakolás egy qumráni iratban (4Q390) [Polemics against the Religious Cult and Periodization of the History in a Qumranic Fragment (4Q390)] - 8th Conference of the Hungarian Society of the Ancient Studies, Szeged, Hungary, May 22-25, 2008. (In Hungarian)

“Héber kéziratok az Országos Széchényi Könyvtárban” [Hebrew Manuscripts in the National Library] - Annual Conference of the National Library of Hungary, Budapest, December 8, 2008. (In Hungarian)

“Prófécia és történetszemlélet Báruk szír apokalipszisében” [Prophecy and Historical Consciousness in the Syriac Apocalypse of Baruch], Pázmány Péter Catholic University, , Piliscsaba, Hungary, November 22, 2007. (In Hungarian)

“A bűn eredete Qumránban” – [The Origin of the Evil in Qumran] - Annual Conference of the National Library of Hungarian, Budapest, December 10, 2007. (In Hungarian)

“Beliál szerepe a qumráni közösség történelemszemléletében” [The Role of Belial in the Worldview of Qumran Community] - 7th Conference of the Hungarian Society of the Ancient Studies, Debrecen, Hungary May 28, 2006. (In Hungarian)

Public lectures and events:

Presentation of Exhibition “Jewish Manuscripts and Ritual Objects”, the facsimile exhibition of the Israel Museum in the National Library of Hungary – Program of the Hungarian Jewish Cultural Association (MAZSIKE), Budapest, May 6, 2016. (In Hungarian)

“David Kaufmann and His World-famous Collection” – Jewish Free University at the Budapest University of Jewish Studies, Hungary, April 18, 2016. (In Hungarian)

“The Ideology of Aniconism in Judaism and the Medieval Hebrew Manuscripts”, the lecture was presented together with Rabbi Zoltán Radnóti, in Budapest – Prophet Gallery, April 19, 2012. (In Hungarian)