

Curriculum Vitae
Dr PETRA HELDT

AWARDS

1998

- Sir Sigmund Sternberg Award for Interfaith Understanding, Hebrew University
- Honorary Life Membership of Hadassah International

2000

- Companion of the Order of the Cross of Nails, Coventry Cathedral International Center

2005

- Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (*Bundesverdienstkreuz am Bande*)

2008

- Broche of Honour awarded by the Order of St. John in Germany.

EDUCATION

1971-80

Studies of Religion, Comparative Religion and Ancient Languages in Germany (Berlin, Heidelberg), Netherlands (Amsterdam), Israel (Hebrew University Jerusalem)

1985

Ordination by Bishop Kruse to the Church, becoming a pastor of the Church Berlin-Brandenburg

ACADEMIC DEGREES

1980

German Magister Theologiae, Kirchliche Hochschule Berlin
Subject of Thesis: *The Reading of "Ani" we "Ebion" in the Writings of Qumran*

2002

PhD, Hebrew University Jerusalem
Subject of Thesis: *The Reading of the Epistle of Paul to the Galatians 4, 21-31 in the Writings of the Early Church. A Study in Patristic Exegesis*

LANGUAGES

Oral and literal: English, German, Hebrew
Literal: French, Greek, Italian, Latin, Syriac

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Since 1987, General Secretary of the **Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel**.

Since 2007, Director of the **Thomas C. Oden Patristic Studies Institute (TOPS)** in Jerusalem.

TEACHING POSITIONS

Faculty Member since 1988

The Jerusalem University College, Jerusalem
Level: graduate and post-graduate

Teaching subjects:

- (a) History and Thought of the Eastern Orthodox Churches
- (b) History of the Early Church

Faculty Member 1995-2002

The Pontifical Institute Ratisbonne, Jerusalem

Level: graduate

Teaching subject:

The Fathers and the Sages: Approaches to the Bible (Patristic Exegesis)

Faculty Member since 1999

The Jerusalem University of the Holy Land, Jerusalem

Level: graduate and post-graduate

Teaching subject:

The History and Writings of Early Christianity

Faculty Member since 2007 (Adjunct Faculty Member since 1995)

The Rothberg International School, Hebrew University

Level: undergraduate and graduate

Teaching subjects:

- (a) Writings of the Early Church
- (b) History of the Churches in the East

OCCASIONAL TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Since 1989

- 1) Yad VaShem, Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism, Jerusalem (teaching subject: Christian Attitudes to Jews in Late Antiquity)
- 2) Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem (teaching subjects: Christians in Israel Today; Orthodox Christianity in Israel)

Since 1991

- 3) Foreign Ministry of Israel (teaching subject: Christians in Israel Today)
- 4) Ministry of Education of Israel (teaching subject: Christians in Israel Today)

Since 1995

- 5) University of S. Anselmo / Rome in cooperation with the Study Program of Hagia Maria Sion Abbey (teaching subjects: History of the Early Church in Israel; Christians in Israel Today)

PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES (partial list)

May 1995

"Syriac Sources on the Story of Sarah and Hagar. Biblical Exegesis of the Church Fathers in the East in the Byzantine Period" (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

May 1996

"Irenaeus' Reading of the Notion of 'Church' in *Against Heresies*" (Ratisbonne/ Muehlenberg University, USA)

July 2000

"Matthew 5:8 from the Perspective of Rabbinical and Syriac Sources" (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

May 2003

"Christians in the Holy Land in the 19th Century" (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

August 2003

“Delineating Identity in the Second and Third Century CE: A Case in the Writings of Hippolytus”
(Patristic Conference Oxford, UK)

October 2003

“Das *Nomos*-Verständnis in den Schriften des Origenes: Ein christliches Parallelstück zur jüdischen Tora im Rahmen des Römischen Kaiserreiches” (Frankfurt University, Germany)

August 2007

“Theological Visions of the Afterlife: Biblical Prophecy and Revisionary Forces in the Writings of Aphrahat and Ephrem” (University of Koblenz, Germany)

INTERNATIONAL LECTURE INVITATIONS (partial list)

1989

- Evangelische Akademie Berlin, Germany (Christians and Jews in Late Antiquity)

1990

- Evangelische Akademie Muelheim, Germany (Feminism and Anti-Judaism)

1991

- Theologische Fakultät Luzern, Switzerland (Is there Anti-Judaism in the Early Church Fathers?)

1992

- Evangelische Akademie Berlin, Germany (Christians and Jews in Israel Today)
- Visiting Scholar at Loyola University, Chicago, USA (Interpretation of Scripture in Late Antiquity; Christians in Israel Today)

1993

- Evangelische Akademie Chemnitz, Germany (Roots of Modern Christian Anti-Judaism)
- International Conference in Embu, Kenya (Christians in the Middle East)

1994

- London School of African Studies (SOAS), U.K. (Modern Theological Anti-Semitism)

1995

- Conference of Arab Delegates in Beit Gavriel, Tiberias Israel, courtesy of FM Shimon Peres (Are there Christian Contributions to Peace in the Middle East?)

1996

- International Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina (Christians and Jews in Israel Today)

1997

- Evangelische Akademie Hamburg, Germany (Christians in the Middle East Today)

1998

- Deutscher Katholikentag, Mainz, Germany (Christians in the Middle East Today)
- Evangelische Akademie Hamburg, Germany (Jewish and Christian Relations in Israel Today)
- Hadassah International, New York, USA (Keynote speaker at the Hadassah Convention: Terrorism in Israel Today)
- Evangelische Akademie Northelbia, Germany (Christians in Israel Today)

2000

- University of Coventry, UK (Christians in the Middle East)

- University of Krakow, Poland (Christian Theology after the Shoah)

2003

- World Council of Churches, New York, USA (Keynote speaker at the Conference for the Renewal of Christian-Jewish Relations)

2004

- Churches of Berlin and Luebeck, Germany (Christians in the Middle East Today)

2005

- Churches of Berlin and Luebeck, Germany (Jewish and Christian Relations in Israel)
- 10-day lecture tour in the USA (San Francisco, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Chicago, Boston, New York) on subjects including: Modern Christian Theological Anti-Semitism: Palestinian Liberation Theology, Christians in the Middle East, Modern Developments of Religious Thought in Israel

2007

- (January), Churches of Berlin and Luebeck, Germany (Comparison of Ancient and Modern Christian and Jewish Relations in Jerusalem vis-à-vis Islamic Aspirations)
- (February), 10-day lecture tour in Australia (Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney) on subjects including Christians in the Middle East, Modern Anti-Semitism

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS (partial list)

“A Brief History of Dialogue between Orthodox Christians and Jews,” *Immanuel* 26/27 (1994), pp. 221-224

“Bibliography of Dialogue between Orthodox Christians and Jews,” *Immanuel* 26/27 (1994), pp. 240-249

“Message Moulds Method: Literal and Allegorical Interpretation in the Second Century A.D.,” *Cahiers Ratisbonne* 7 (1999), pp. 45-58

“Delineating Identity in the Second and Third Century CE: A Case in the Writings of Hippolytus,” *Studia Patristica* 32 (2006), pp. 163-168

“Constructing Christian Communal Identity in Early Patristic Writers,” Marsha L. Dutton and Patrick Terrell Gray (eds.), *One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism: Studies in Christian Ecclesiality and Ecumenism in Honor of J. Robert Wright* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 2006), pp. 29-41

The article “Origin,” *Jewish Encyclopedia* (2006)

“The New Testament Apocrypha,” David Aune (ed.), *The Blackwell Companion to the New Testament* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2007)

Three articles in Katharine Doob Sakenfeld (ed.), *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2007):

“Acts of John”

“Cyril of Alexandria”

“Cyril of Jerusalem”

The chapter “Patristik” in Wolfgang Pauly (ed.), *Geschichte der christlichen Theologie* (Darmstadt: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, 2008)

“The Syriac Church Writers’ sources on the book of Matthew in the New Testament,” The Vatican (gen. ed.), *New Jerusalem Bible Series*, (forthcoming)

The Epistle of Paul to the Galatians 4:21-31 in the Reading of the Early Church: Research in Patristic Exegesis (an international series of ancient Christian research, forthcoming)

PUBLICATIONS IN CHRISTIAN JEWISH RELATIONS (partial list)

Co-Editor, *Erinnern, nicht vergessen, Zugänge zum Holocaust* (München: Kaiser, 1976)

“A Brief History of Dialogue between Orthodox Christians and Jews”, *Immanuel* 26/27 (Jerusalem: The Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel, 1994), S. 211-224

“Bibliography of Dialogue Between Orthodox Christians and Jews”, *Immanuel* 26/27 (Jerusalem: The Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel, 1994), S. 240-249

“Der Jüdisch-Christliche Dialog in Jerusalem und seine Folgen”, Maria Brun und Wilhelm Schneemelcher (Hgs.), *EYXAPIΣTHPIA. Eucharisteria. Festschrift für Damaskinos Papandreou. Metropolit der Schweiz zum 60. Geburtstag* (Athen: Ekdotike, 1996), S. 45-52

“For Brothers to Dwell Together: *Re-Thinking Christianity in Israel*”, The Council of Christians and Jews (Hg.), *The Mountain of the Lord. Israel and the Churches* (London: The Council of Christians and Jews, 1996), S. 30-48

“Jerusalem in Protestant Liturgy”, Eugene B. Korn and Roberta Kalechofsky (Hgs.), James William Parkes, *End of an Exile: Israel, the Jews and the Gentile World*, 3. Aufl. (Marblehead, Massachusetts: Micah Publications, Inc., 2005), S. 299-313