

PETER ALTMANN

Education

Habilitation, Hebrew Bible. *University of Zurich*. 2015.

- Monograph: “*Economics in Persian-Period Biblical Texts.*”

Ph.D., Biblical Studies—Old Testament. *Princeton Theological Seminary*, 2010.

- Dissertation: “Deuteronomy’s Festive Meals.” (Advisor Dennis Olson)

Th.M., OT. *Princeton Theological Seminary*, 2004.

M. Div. *Seattle School of Theology and Psychology*, 2002.

B.A., German Language and Literature. *University of Washington* (Seattle), 1995.

Academic Positions and Teaching Experience

University of Zurich: Senior Researcher & Teaching Fellow in Old Testament/Hebrew Bible: 2008–Present

- *Current Research Project:* “The Social and Political Impact of Divine Laws in Ancient Israel and Judah.” Part of the European Research Council Project: “How God Became a Lawgiver” (2020–2023). <https://www.divlaw.uzh.ch/en.html>
- *Instructor:* Exodus, Ezra and Nehemiah; Women in OT Narratives; Exegetical Methods.
- *Docent:* Doctoral and Post-Doc Travel Seminar to Israel.

Fuller Theological Seminary: Adjunct Instructor: 2015–Present

- *Online and Hybrid Courses:* Old Testament Introduction; Food/Famine/Feasting in the OT.

William Jessup University (Rocklin, CA): Adjunct Instructor: 2014, 2017

- *Online Course:* The Psalms for the Contemporary Church.

Pentecostal Assemblies of God Bible College (Mwanza, Tanzania): Adjunct Instructor: Summer 2012

- Introduction to the Pentateuch.

Princeton Theological Seminary: Teaching Fellow and Instructor: 2004–8.

- Hebrew Translation Course, Biblical Canon, Orientation to the Old Testament, Interpretation of Job, Introduction to Biblical Hebrew.

Community Involvement

- Executive Director, Urban Grinders mobile coffee trailer and future story project for urban young adults, Reno, NV, 2020–present.
- Director, Roots for Christian Growth, Bible and theology courses for interested laypersons, Reno, NV, 2017–2020.
- Director of Spiritual Formation, Hope Community Church, Reno, NV, 2015–2017.
- Pastoral Intern, Antioch Bible Church Northshore, Bothell, WA: 1999–2002.
- Pastoral Intern, Midrand Chapel, Johannesburg, South Africa: 1998–1999.

Grants and Scholarships

- Part of: European Research Council Grant: “Divine Law” (2020-2023)
- Swiss National Science Foundation Open Access Publication Grant: “Food Taboos” (2020)
- Fuller Seminary Inclusion and Equity Faculty Resource Grant (2020)
- Part of: Swiss National Science Foundation *Sinergia*: “The History of the Pentateuch: Combining Literary and Archaeological Approaches” (2016–2019)
- Swiss National Science Foundation Open Access Publication Grant: “Banned Birds” (2019)
- University of Zurich: research grant: “Monetized Thinking” (2012–2014)
- Swiss National Science Foundation Dissertation Project Grant (2008–2010)
- Zürcher Universitätsverein: grant for young scholars for dissertation (2008)
- Princeton Theological Seminary: “Green Fellowship in Biblical Studies” (2004–2008)

Professional Memberships and Responsibilities

Fellow: Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology’s Economics Research Hub, (2021–)
Founding Co-chair: “Meals in the HB/OT and Its World” Annual Unit for the Society of Biblical Literature, 2011–16; Committee Member, 2017–2022

Book Review Editor and Editorial Board: *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*, 2011–2015, 2020–Present

Blind Reviewer: Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Brill, *Biblical Interpretation*, *Welt des Orients*, *Equinox*, Peter Lang.

External Advisor: Free Univ. Amsterdam, Master’s thesis: Caio Peres, “Dining at the King’s Table: Divine Hospitality in the Priestly Writings” (2018)

Core Group: FOXS (Forum for Christian Studies, Zürich), 2013–2014

Publications and Presentations

Monographs and Edited Volumes

- Peter Altmann, *Numbers: A Commentary*, Tyndale (Downers Grove: IVP, in preparation)
- Peter Altmann and Anna Angelini, *To Eat or Not to Eat: Studies of the Biblical Dietary Prohibitions* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, in preparation, forthcoming)
- Nadine Ueberschaer, Frank Ueberschaer, and Peter Altmann, eds., *Is It Good to Be Rich? Perspectives from Antiquity and the Bible*, WUNT I (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming 2023).
- *How Early Judeans Viewed God’s Law: The Concept of Divine Law from the Exile to Qumran* (in preparation)
- Peter Altmann, Anna Angelini, and Abra Spiciarich, eds. *Food Taboos and Biblical Prohibitions: Reassessing Archaeological and Literary Perspectives*, ArchB 2 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2020).
- Peter Altmann, *Banned Birds: The Birds of Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14*, ArchB 1 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2019).
- Peter Altmann and Soham al-Suadi, *Essen und Trinken in der Bibel*, Lebenswelt der Bibel (Gütersloh: Gütersloher Verlaghaus, 2019).

- Peter Altmann, *Economics in Persian-Period Biblical Texts: Their Interactions with Economic Developments in the Persian Period and Earlier Biblical Traditions*, FAT 109 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2016).
- Peter Altmann and Janling Fu, eds. *Feasting in the Archaeology and Texts of the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near East* (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2014).
- Peter Altmann, *Festive Meals in Ancient Israel: Deuteronomy's Identity Politics in Their Ancient Near Eastern Context*, BZAW 424 (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2011).

Essays and Journal Articles

- “Historical Perspectives on Solomon’s Riches: Is Wealth “Good” in the Historical Books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles?” in *Is It Good to Be Rich? Perspectives from Antiquity and the Bible*, WUNT I (ed. N. Ueberschaer, F. Ueberschaer, and P. Altmann; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming 2023).
- “Tracing Divine Law: Written Divine Law in Chronicles,” in *Scribal Practice, Cultural Memory, and the Making of the Hebrew Scriptures*, FAT II (ed. B. Giffone and J. Ro; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming).
- “The Historical Development of Temple and State Administration in Persian-Period Yehud: Emphasizing the Extra-Biblical Sources,” *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* (forthcoming).
- “The Legal Contests in the Aramaic and Greek Versions of Daniel 2–7,” in *Festschrift for Thomas Krüger*. OBO 296 (ed. A. Schellenberg, F. Ueberschaer, and V. Bachmann; Leuven: Peeters, 2022), 332–45.
- “Too Little Food and Drink: Hunger and Fasting,” in *T&T Clark Handbook to Food in the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* (ed. J. Fu, C. Shafer-Elliott, and C. Meyers; London: T&T Clark, 2021).
- “The Significance of the Divine Torah in Ptolemaic Egypt in Documentary and Literary Sources from the Third and Second Centuries BCE,” *JSJ* 52 (2021): 1–31.
- — and Anna Angelini, “Purity, Taboo and Food in Antiquity: Theoretical and Methodological Issues,” *Food Taboos and Biblical Prohibitions: Reassessing Archaeological and Literary Perspectives*, ArchB 2 (ed. P. Altmann, A. Angelini, and A. Spiciarich; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2020), 9–24.
- —, Anna Angelini, and Abra Spiciarich “Introduction: Setting the Table,” *Food Taboos and Biblical Prohibitions: Reassessing Archaeological and Literary Perspectives*, ArchB 2 (ed. P. Altmann, A. Angelini, and A. Spiciarich; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2020), 1–8.
- — and Abra Spiciarich, “Chickens, Partridges, and the /tor/ of Ancient Israel and the Hebrew Bible,” *Welt der Orient* 50 (2020): 2–30.
- “Feasting like Royalty in a Time of Famine: The Ambiguity of Joseph’s Cup in Gen 43:15–34,” *ZAW* 130 (2018): 349–63.
- “The Local Economies of Ancient Israel” in *Behind the Scenes of the Old Testament* (ed. J. S. Greer, J. W. Hilber, and J. Walton; Grand Rapids: Baker, 2018), 431–37.
- “Sacred Meals and Feasts in the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible and its Environment: A ‘Treasure Chest’ for Early Christian Reflection,” in *The Eucharist – Its Origins and Contexts Sacred Meal, Communal Meal, Table Fellowship, and the Eucharist – Late Antiquity, Early Judaism and Early Christianity* (ed. D. Hellholm and D. Sänger; WUNT 376; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2017), 1:23–41
- “Making the Meal Sacred in the Old Testament: Complexities and Possibilities for

- Christian Appropriation,” *Sacrality and Materiality: Locating Intersections* (ed. R. Kunz and R. Geselbrecht; Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2016), 115–27.
- “Ancient Comparisons, Modern Models, and Ezra-Nehemiah: Triangulating the Sources for Insights on the Economy of Persian Period Yehud,” in *The Economy of Ancient Judah in its Historical Context* (ed. M. L. Miller, E. Ben Zvi, and G. N. Knoppers; Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2015), 103–20.
 - — and Janling Fu, “Feasting: Backgrounds, Theoretical Perspectives, and Introductions,” in *Feasting in the Archaeology and Texts of the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near East* (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2014), 1–31.
 - “Feast and Famine: Lack as a Backdrop for Plenty,” in *Feasting in the Archaeology and Texts of the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near East*, 149–70.
 - “Tithes for Clergy and Taxes for the King: Separate or Combined Systems of Payments in Nehemiah?” *CBQ* 76 (2014): 215–29.
 - “Feast, Famine, and History: The Festival Meal Topos and Deuteronomy 26,1–15,” *ZAW* 124 (2012): 555–67.
 - “Everyday Meals for Extraordinary People: Eating and Assimilation in Ruth,” in *Decisive Meals: Table Politics in Biblical Literature* (ed. N. MacDonald et al; LNTS 449; London: T&T Clark, 2012), 15–26.
 - “Festive Meals and Identity in Deuteronomy,” *The Bible and Interpretation*: <http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/alt368020.shtml>
 - “There Will Be Doubt, But When is Doubt ‘Good’? Old Testament Reflections,” *Hermeneutische Blätter* (2011): 65–79.
 - “What Do the ‘Levites in Your Gates’ Have to Do with the ‘Levitical Priests’? Towards a European-North American Dialogue on the Levites in the Deuteronomic Law Corpus,” in *“The LORD Is Their Inheritance”: Priests and Levites in History and Tradition* (ed. M. Leuchter and J. Hutton; SBLAIL 9; Atlanta: SBL, 2011), 135–54.

Lexicon Articles and Bibliographies

- “Fasting in the Hebrew Bible,” *Bible Odyssey*, Online.
- “Hospitality in the Hebrew Bible,” *Bible Odyssey*, Online.
- “Elohim,” and “Marzeah,” in *Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religions* (New York: Routledge, 2016).
- “Nature/Natural Resources” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Theology* (ed. S. Balentine et al., New York: Oxford University Press, 2015).
- “Diet, Bronze and Iron Age” *The [Oxford] Encyclopedia of the Bible and Archaeology* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), 286–96.
- “Aram,” “Ard, Ardites,” “Ashvath,” “Ataroth,” “Ataroth-Addar,” “Beth-Eden,” “Encyclopedic Works on the Bible,” “Food in the Ancient Near East,” “Messianic Banquet, OT/ANE,” “Meat, OT/ANE,” “Meal Customs, OT/ANE,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*. (ed. H.-J. Klauck, et al.; Berlin: de Gruyter, 2009–2020).
- “Food and Food Production,” in *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Biblical Studies* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011).
- “Samaria, Ostraca,” and “Tetrateuch,” in *New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*. (ed. K. D. Sakenfeld, et al.; Nashville: Abington, 2008).

Reviews

- D. Choi, *The Use and Function of Scripture in 1 Maccabees*, *RBL* 15 (2021).
- C. Pressler, *Numbers*, *JHS* 18 (2018).
- W. Brueggemann, *Money and Possessions*, *RBL* 12 (2018).
- S. E. McGinn, L. L. E. Ngan, and A. C. Pilarski, eds., *By Bread Alone*, *JHS* 17 (2017).
- R. Boer, *The Sacred Economy of Ancient Israel*, *JHS* 16 (2016).
- J. Greer, *Dining at Dan*, *ZDPV* 131 (2015), 211–13.
- S. L. Adams, *Social and Economic Life in Second Temple Judea*, *JHS* 15 (2015).
- C. Elliott-Shafer, *Food in Ancient Judah*, *NEA* 77 (2014).
- M. Coomber, *Re-Reading the Prophets Through Corporate Globalization*, *JHS* 13 (2013).
- C. Tucker, ed., *Feasts and Festivals*, *JHS* 11 (2011).
- N. MacDonald, *Not Bread Alone*, *JHS* 9 (2009).

Translations

- Konrad Schmid, *Scribes of Torah* (SBLAIL; Atlanta, Society of Biblical Literature, forthcoming).
- Bernd Schipper, *The Hermeneutics of Torah: Studies on the Tradition History of Prov 2 and the Composition of Prov 1–9* (SBLAIL; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2021).
- Co-translator of Christian Frevel, *Desert Transformations: Studies in the Book of Numbers*. FAT 137 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2020).
- Co-translator of *An Introduction to the Septuagint* (ed. S. Kreuzer; Waco: Baylor, 2019)
- Konrad Schmid, *A Historical Theology of the Hebrew Bible* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2019).
- Konrad Schmid, *Is There Theology in the Hebrew Bible* (Winona Lake, IN.: Eisenbrauns, 2015)
- Walter Dietrich, *Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah*, IEKAT (Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 2014)
- Jan. C. Gertz, “The Torah and the Former Prophets” in *Handbook of the Old Testament* (London: T & T Clark, 2012).