

## **1. Nissinen, Martti Heikki (M)**

Curriculum vitae, May 31, 2020.

## **2. Date and Place of Birth, Citizenship, Domicile**

- Born April 22, 1959 in Kuopio, Finland; Citizen of Finland.
- Permanent address: Konalantie 7 D 51, 00370, Helsinki, Finland.

## **3. Degrees**

- Title of Docent in Old Testament Studies, University of Helsinki, 1995.
- Doctor of Theology, Old Testament Studies, University of Helsinki, 1992.
- Master of Theology, University of Helsinki, 1984.

## **4. Other Education**

- Church musician, basic level, Lutheran Church of Finland, 1984.

## **5. Language Proficiency**

- Finnish (mother tongue), English, German (excellent), Spanish, Swedish (good), French, Italian, Portuguese, Danish, Norwegian, Dutch (reading only)
- Ancient languages: Hebrew, Akkadian, Greek, Latin, Aramaic, Ugaritic.

## **6. Present Employment**

- Professor of Old Testament Studies (Vanhan testamentin eksegetiikan professori), University of Helsinki, since August 1, 2007.

## **7. Previous Work History**

- Professor of Bible and the Ancient Near East (Raamatun ja muinaisitämaisen kirjallisuuden professori), University of Helsinki, 2002–2007.
- Senior Fellow/Academy Fellow, Academy of Finland, 1998–2002.
- Junior Fellow, Academy of Finland, 1994–1998.
- Translator of the Finnish Bible Translation Commission, 1985–86, 1988–89.
- Assistant Professor (assistentti) of Old Testament Studies, University of Helsinki, 1985–1994.

## **8. External Funding, Research Leadership, and Postgraduate Supervision**

- Sabbatical Grant of Foundations' Professor Pool 1.8.2015–31.7.2016, **27 000 €**.
- Academy of Finland, Centre of Excellence "Changes in Sacred Texts and Traditions," 2 x 2 796 680 € (AoF) + 2 x 765 528 € (UH) = **7 124 416 €** for the years 2014–19.
- Academy of Finland, funding for the project "Galilee in the Iron Age," 1.9.2012–31.8.2016, **600 000 €**.
- Ministry of Culture and Education and Academy of Finland, funding for the Finnish Doctoral Program of Theology, 1.1.2012–31.12.2015, 99460 € (AoF) + 956160 € (salaries) = **1 055 620 €**.
- Academy of Finland, Senior Researcher funding, full salary 1.8.2008–31.7.2009, **71 393 €**.
- Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 2008, **60 000 USD** (granted but not used, due to simultaneous funding from Academy of Finland).

- Academy of Finland, Senior Fellow/Academy Fellow, full salary 1.8.1998–31.7.2003 (used only until 31.7.2002).
- Academy of Finland, Junior Fellow, full salary 1.8.1994–31.7.1998.

#### *Research Leadership*

- Director of the Academy of Finland Centre of Excellence “Changes in Sacred Texts and Traditions,” 2014–19 (see [www.csstt.fi](http://www.csstt.fi)).
- Director of the Academy of Finland research project “Galilee in the Iron Age,” 2012–16.
- Co-director of the Academy of Finland Center of Excellence research project “Body and Society in the Biblical World,” 2002–2005.
- Member of the National Scientific Advisory Board of the Academy of Finland Centre of Excellence “Ancient Near Eastern Empires” (director Saana Svärd), 2018–25.

#### *Mentoring of Professors*

- Mentor of Saana Svärd, Associate Professor of Ancient Near Eastern Studies, 2018–22.
- Mentor of Marja Vierros, Associate Professor of Classical Philology, 2018–22.
- Mentor of Mirjam Kalland, Professor of Early Childhood Education, 2019–2020.

#### *Supervision of Doctoral Theses*

- Completed dissertations: Sanna Saari (2020 pre-examined), Katri Antin (2019), Tero Alstola (2018), Merja Alanne (2017), Esko Siljanen (2017), Tuula Tynjä (2017), Kirsi Valkama (2012), Jukka Palola (2011), Juha Tanska (2011).
- Currently (co-)supervised: Patrik Jansson, Moona Kinnunen, Lauri Laine, Mimosa Mäkinen, Andres Nõmmik, Katri Saarelainen, Heli Yli-Räisänen.

### **7. Most Important Academic Administrative Positions**

- Director of the Finnish Graduate School/Doctoral Programme of Theology 2009–14; vice-director 2007–9; board member since 2002.
- Member of the Collegium of the University of Helsinki 2018–21.
- Member of the Research Board of the University of Helsinki 2007–2008.
- Faculty Board member, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki 2003–9; vice member since 2018.
- Administrative superior of postgraduate students who have an employment contract with the University of Helsinki, Faculty of Theology, 2010–2014.
- Administrative superior of the researches affiliated with the Centre of Excellence “Changes in Sacred Texts and Traditions” since 2014.

### **9. Teaching Skills and Pedagogical Education**

- Academic teaching on all levels since 1985; supervision of ca. 100 master’s theses.
- Chairperson of the task force for developing postgraduate education at the Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki, 2012.
- University Pedagogics 1, University of Helsinki, 2007.

### **10. Acknowledgements and Awards**

- Knight, First Class, of the Order of the White Cross of Finland 2016.
- Honorary Member of the Society for Old Testament Study since 2013.
- Member of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters (Suomalainen tiedeakatemia) since 2009.

- “Teacher of the Year,” Association of Students of Theology in Helsinki (Teologian ylioppilaiden tiedekuntayhdistys), 2003.
- The Valentine’s Day prize of SEXPO (Finnish Society for Sexual Politics), 1995.
- “The Apple of Knowledge” of SETA (Finnish Organization for Sexual Equality), 1994.

## 11. Scientific Expert Positions

### *Examination of Postdoctoral Theses*

- Meik Gerhards 2009 (Habilitation, Rostock); Martin Lang 2016 (Habilitation, Innsbruck).

### *Examination of Doctoral Theses*

- Jyrki Keinänen 2001 (Helsinki); Janne Nurmi 2004 (Åbo Akademi); Anthony Heacock 2005 (Sheffield); Sigurður Hafþórsson 2006 (Uppsala); Marian Broida 2012 (Emory); Elaine James 2013 (Princeton Theological Seminary); Michael Chan 2013 (Emory); Fabio Porzia 2016 (Toulouse), Ki-Eun Jang 2020 (New York University).

### *Pre-examination of Doctoral Theses*

- Jyrki Keinänen 2000 (Helsinki); Pirjo Lapinkivi 2003 (Helsinki); Mikko Luukko 2004 (Helsinki); Marko Marttila 2004 (Helsinki); Sigurður Hafþórsson 2005 (Uppsala).

### *Examination of Licentiate theses*

- Petri Kasari 1999 (Helsinki); Marja-Liisa Rajaniemi 2000 (Jyväskylä); Marko Marttila 2002 (Helsinki).

### *Assessments of Research Projects*

- Canada Council for the Arts (2003); University of Alberta (2006); Alexander-von-Humboldt-Stiftung (2006); The Israel Science Foundation (2010, 2011, 2014, 2019); New York University, Institute for the Study of Ancient World (2010); Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (2011, 2013, 2018, 2019).

### *Assessments of the Scholarship of a Candidate for an Academic Position*

- Emory University (2006, 2013); Gustavus Adolphus College (2017); University of Helsinki (2010, 2018, 2019); Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena (2012); King’s College London (2015, 2018, 2020); New York University (2010); University of Oslo (2019); University of Oxford (2014); University of the Pacific (2011); Princeton Theological Seminary (2018); Tel Aviv University (2020); University of Toronto (2006); Union Theological Seminary, NY (2009, 2011); Uppsala University (2012).

### *Assessments of Applications for the Title of Docent*

- Pekka Särkiö 1999 (Helsinki); Kari Latvus 2003 (Helsinki); Juha Pakkala 2004 (Helsinki); Jaakko Hämeen-Anttila 2004 (Tampere); Marko Marttila 2011 (Helsinki) and 2012 (University of Eastern Finland).

### *Positions of Trust in Academic Communities*

- Inspector of Savolainen Osakunta (Savonian Student Nation) since 2008.
- Teologinen julkaisuseura (Theological Publication Society), chairperson since 2016.
- Nils Klim Prize Academic Committee, Ludvig Holberg Memorial Foundation (Bergen, Norway): chairperson 2012–13, member 2007–13.
- Finnish Exegetical Society: chairperson 2001–7, board member 1993–2020.
- OTSEM (Northern European Network of Old Testament Studies focusing on PhD programs): steering committee member since 2005.
- Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) International Meetings Program Committee member since 2021.
- SBL International Meetings: program unit chair for Prophecy 2002–7.

- SBL Prophetic Texts and their Ancient Contexts Group: program unit co-chair 2006–12, steering committee member since 1999.
- SBL Hebrew Scriptures and Cognate Literature Section: program unit chair 2014–19, steering committee member since 2004.
- The Melammu Project: steering committee member 1998–2001 and since 2017.

#### *Memberships of Editorial Boards*

Editor-in-Chief of *Teologinen Aikakauskirja/Teologisk Tidskrift* (Finnish Journal for Theology) 2004–2011; co-editor 1985–2004; member of the editorial board 2011–16.

#### Editorial boards:

- Ancient Near Eastern Monographs Series/Monografias sobre el Antiguo Cercano Oriente (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature) 2008–16.
- *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (Berlin: De Gruyter) 2003–11.
- *Journal of Biblical Literature* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature) 2003–2009.
- *lectio difficilior: European Electronic Journal for Feminist Exegesis* (University of Bern) since 2012.
- Melammu Symposia (Münster: Ugarit-Verlag) since 2014.
- SBL Writings from the Ancient World (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature) since 2007.
- *Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament* (London: Taylor & Francis) since 2005.
- *Vetus Testamentum* (Leiden: Brill) since 2013.

#### Advisory boards:

- *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck) 2009–2019.
- *Sacra Scripta* (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania) since 2007.
- Themes in Biblical Narrative (Leiden: Brill) since 2007.
- *Die Welt des Orients* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht) since 2007.

Peer reviews of article manuscripts also for *Approaching Religion, Biblica, Journal of Hebrew Scriptures, Journal of Near Eastern Religions, Journal of Near Eastern Studies, Kulttuurintutkimus, Naistutkimus, Numen, Teologisk Tidskrift* (Oslo), *Trio*.

Peer-reviews of monograph manuscripts for Brill, Brown University Press, Cambridge University Press, Edwin Mellen Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Society of Biblical Literature.

#### *Most Important Foreign Visits*

- Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, USA: member 2008–9 (ten months) and 2016 (six months); visitor 2011 (two months).
- Guest researcher at the Humboldt University of Berlin, 2015 (two months).
- DAAD-scholarship at Wilhelms-Universität Münster, 1986–87 (twelve months).

#### *Invited Lectures*

- Endowed keynote lectures: Johns Hopkins University, Samuel Iwry Lecture (2008), University of Winnipeg, Newcombe Lectures (2009), University of Edinburgh, Gunning Lecture (2009), Cambridge University, Tyrwhitt Lecture (2014), Johns Hopkins University, Asher Achinstein Lecture (2016), Stellenbosch University/SASNES, Van Selms Memorial Lecture (2016), Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen, Julius-Wellhausen-Vorlesung (2019).
- Invited lectures and public conference papers: Univ. of Alberta, Edmonton (2008), Humboldt-Universität Berlin (2015), Bern (2000, 2006), Bonn (2002), Chicago (2019), Cologne (2002), Columbia University, New York (2006, 2016), Drexel University, Philadelphia (2009), Fribourg (2000, 2006), Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg

(2005, 2006, 2013), Göttingen (2008), Haifa (2020 video), Harvard (2011), Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (2008, 2016), Jewish Theological Seminary, New York (2006), Lausanne (2000, 2006, 2008), Leiden (1997, 2013), Leipzig (2010, 2015), Mainz (2002), Munich (2006), Münster (2018), New York University (2016), University of Notre Dame (2000), Oxford (2006, 2018), Passau (1998), University of Pennsylvania (2016), Princeton Theological Seminary (2008), Princeton University (2016), St Andrews (2016), Tel Aviv (2012), Tübingen (1999), Union Theological Seminary, New York (2005), Utrecht (2003), Winnipeg (2002), Wisconsin/Madison (2000), Yale (2009).

- Ca. 90 presentations in scholarly conferences.

## **12. Societal Impact**

- Ca. 200 public talks, 78 appearances in TV and radio broadcasts, ca. 60 press interviews.
- Expert opinion asked by, e.g., the Finnish Parliament, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Finland.

## **13. Most Important Positions of Trust**

- Foundation of the Finnish Institute in the Middle East: chairman of the board since 2010.
- Eero Hämäläinen Foundation: member of the board since 2008.
- Alfred Kordelin Foundation: vice-member of the board since 2013.
- Finnish Cultural and Academic Institutes: board member 2012–18.
- Friends of the Finnish Institute in the Middle East: vice-chairman 1996–2008, board member 1995–2010.
- Tapiola Chamber Choir Board member since 2017.