

CV Lauri Thurén

1. Personal details

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2. Education and degrees completed

- 11.12.1990 Doctor of Theology, Åbo Akademi University (=ÅA), Finland
- 16.04.1988 Licentiate in Theology, ÅA, Finland
- 27.03.1984 Master of Theology, ÅA, Finland
- 22.05.1988 Certificate of Special Studies, Modern Rhetoric, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, U.S.A.
- 27.02.1986 Certificate of studies in Greek Literature, University of Turku, Finland
- 2009 Studies in academic leadership, University of Kuopio, Finland

- 22.06.1994 Docent in in Exegetics, especially New Testament, UJo
- 06.09.1995 Docent in New Testament Exegetics, ÅA

3. Current position

- 01.11. 2002– Professor in Exegetics, University of Joensuu (=UJo) / University of Eastern Finland (=UEF), Joensuu. The professorship is common for both Orthodox theology and Western theology.

4. Previous work experience

- 01.08.2010–31.07.2011, Senior Research Fellow, Academy of Finland (AcaFi), UEF
- 01.01.2003–31.12.2003, Senior Research Fellow, AcaFi, ÅA
- 01.08.2001–30.10.2002, Professor in Exegetics (temporary), UJo
- 01.08.2000–31.07.2001, Lecturer in Classical Languages and Exegetics, UJo
- 01.08.1997–31.07.2000, Senior Research Fellow, AcaFi, ÅA
- 01.08.1996–31.07.1997, Research Fellow, ÅA
- 01.01.1994–31.07.1996, Junior Research Fellow, AcaFi, ÅA
- 01.08.1993–31.12.1993, Research Fellow, The Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 01.03.1993–31.07.1993, Pastor, Lutheran Evangelical Association of Finland
- 01.01.1993–28.02.1993, Junior Research Fellow, AcaFi, ÅA
- 01.09.1991–31.12.1991, Assistant in Exegetics (temporary), ÅA
- 01.10.1988–30.11.1988, Research Fellow, Institute of Comparative Religions, ÅA
- 01.07.1987–30.06.1988 Fulbright Grantee, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, U.S.A.
- 01.08.1985–31.10.1985, Assistant in Exegetics, ÅA
- 01.02.1985–31.03.1985, Assistant in Exegetics, ÅA

- 15.02.1985–31.12.1992, Pastor, Lutheran Evangelical Association of Finland
- 30.05.1982–31.08.1982, Summer Theologian, Piikkiö, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
- 01.06.1981–31.08.1981, Summer Theologian, Piikkiö, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
- For academic leadership positions, see below section “7. Leadership”
- 1987–2016, University teacher in Religious Studies, University of Turku
- 1997–, University teacher in Biblical Studies, Aducate Open University, Joensuu

5. Career breaks

- 16.06.1980–06.02.1981 Military service
- 01.02.1991–28.02.1991 Family leave

6. Personal research funding and grants

Full time research periods covered by personal research funding:

- 2010–2011, Senior Research Fellow, AcaFi, UEF
- 2003–2003, Senior Research Fellow, AcaFi, ÅA
- 01.08.1997–31.07.2000, Senior Research Fellow, AcaFi, ÅA
- 01.08.1996–31.07.1997, Research Fellow, ÅA
- 01.01.1994–31.07.1996, Junior Research Fellow, AcaFi, ÅA
- 01.08.1993–31.12.1993, Research Fellow, The Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 01.01.1993–28.02.1993, Junior Research Fellow, AcaFi, ÅA
- 01.10.1988–30.11.1988, Research Fellow, Institute of Comparative Religions, ÅA
- 01.07.1987–30.06.1988 ALSA Fulbright Grantee, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, U.S.A.
- 1984–1987 Minor scholarships from ÅA Forskningsinstitut and Uppsala Universitets Jubileumsfond 1968.

Research groups:

- 2010–2013 Nordforsk: Socio-Cognitive Perspectives on Early Judaism and Early Christianity; group D: Sociorhetorical analysis and cognitive linguistics; responsible for funding application for group D: 15 267 €. PI prof. Petri Luomanen (University of Helsinki).
- 2002–2004, Scandinavian Paraenesis Project, senior member. PI prof. Troels Engberg-Pedersen, University of Copenhagen.
- 1997–2005, Two Centres of Excellence in Biblical Studies, AcaFi, PI Prof. Heikki Räisänen, University of Helsinki). During 2001–2001 project leader and partly responsible for the funding applications

7. Leadership and supervision experience

- 2003–2009, Dean, Faculty of Theology, UJo
- 2008–2010, Dean, Faculty of Philosophy, UEF (preliminary phase)
- 2003, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Theology, UJo
- 2009, Head of Department, Department of Theology, UEF
- 1997–2005, Project Leader, Centre of Excellence in Biblical Studies, AcaFi
- 1994–1998, Council of Department of Exegetics, member, ÅA
- 1994–1996, Council of the Theological Faculty, Vice-Member, ÅA
- 2002–2005, Department Council, member (Orthodox theology), UJo
- 2002–2005, Department Council, member (Western theology) UJo

- Member of Societas Novi Testamenti Studiorum (SNTS) 1996–
- Member of International Society for the Study of Argumentation (ISSA) 2000–
- Member of Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)
- Primary supervisor for 5 doctoral theses at UEF (Pappinen 2017, Lahti 2017, Mgaya 2014, Flink 2009, Sundkvist 2008)
- Secondary supervisor for 1 doctoral thesis at ÅA (Hietanen 2005)
- Currently supervising 10 doctoral theses, estimated graduations 2019–2023
- Primary supervisor for over 80 masters' theses at ÅA and UJo / UEF in 1987– (for most theses 2003–, see http://epublications.uef.fi/organisaatio/filosofinen_tiedekunta/teologian_osasto/exegetics)

8. Teaching experience

See under section “4. Previous work experience”. In addition, several docent lectures at ÅA, UEF, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa (2003, 2011), and University of Pretoria, South Africa (2011); Ingrian School of Theology, Russia 2007–2017; DIAK (Diaconia University of Applied Sciences) 1992–1995.

9. Experience of organising scientific meetings

- 08.–12.06.2018, Nordic New Testament Conference, University of Reykjavik 2018: member of the organizing committee, 50 participants
- 15.–17.01.2013: Cognitive Poetics and Socio-Rhetorical Analysis, Oslo 2013, main organizer, 30 participants.
- 11.–15.06.2010: Nordic New Testament Conference, Joensuu 2010, main organizer, 50 participants.

10. Patents, inventions, awards and honours

- 2005 Award of Excellence in Publishing Information, Joensuu University

11. Other key scientific or academic merits

- Peer Review, Professorship in New Testament, ÅA 2006
- Peer Review, Professorship in New Testament, EELK Usuteaduse Institut, Tallinn, Estonia 2006
- Peer Review, Professorship in New Testament, University of Lund, Sweden 2007
- Finnish Graduate School of Theology / The Finnish Doctoral Programme of Theology, Board Member 2003–2014; Doctoral School of Theology, UEF: vice leader 2012–2013; leader 2013–2016
- 2016- Member of the Board, Doctoral programme in Social and Cultural Encounters (SCE, UEF)
- Member of Peer review committee, The Swedish Research Council, Committee for Religious Knowledge, Ancient History, Classical Archaeology, non-European Languages and Cultures 2008–2010
- Ministry of Education, Coordinator for Theology 2004–2010
- Opponent of a doctoral dissertation: 1998 Eriksson (University of Lund, Sweden)
- Preliminary examiner of doctoral dissertations: 1997 Kujanpää (University of Oulu, Finland); 2004 Isacson (Uppsala University, Sweden); 2010 Hongisto (ÅA, Finland; 2017 Havukainen (ÅA, Finland); 2019 Pulkkinen (University of Helsinki, Finland).

- Chair of External Evaluation Committee, Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education, 2019.
- Member of SCE/UEF peer review committee for funding applications, 2019
- Member of the Council of Institute of Exegetics, ÅA, 1994–1998
- Vice-Member of the Council of the Theological Faculty, ÅA, 1994–1996
- Member of several planning committees at the Institute of Orthodox theology and Western Theology, UJo, 2000–2001
- Member of Faculty council and councils for the institutes of Orthodox theology and Western Theology, Joensuu, 2002–2009.
- Several referee tasks for scholarly journals, academic presses

For administrative responsibilities at higher education institutions or research organisations, responsibilities in the higher education community, see above section “7. Leadership”.

Key roles in international research projects or research infrastructures: see above section “7. Leadership”.

Invited international keynote lectures

- Keynote Speech: Lukan Parables as Argumentation, in Cognitive Poetics and Socio-Rhetorical Analysis, University of Oslo 1/2013

Merits related to open science:

Production and distribution of research results and research data: Over 250 publications in mass media (magazines, radio- and tv-programmes, popularizing research results); spreadsheets containing research data openly published on personal and the publisher’s web page.

12. Memberships and positions of trust in scientific societies

- 1996– Member of Societas Novi Testamenti Studiorum (SNTS) 1996–
- 2000– Member of International Society for the Study of Argumentation (ISSA) 2000–
- 2006– SNTS Liaison committee for Eastern Europe, Board Member
- 2016– Member of Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)