

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Academic qualifications

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| 2001        | <b>Habilitation</b><br>Evangelical Lutheran Theological University, Hungary   |
| 1991 - 1994 | <b>PhD</b><br>Theology, New Testament<br>Title of the dissertation: <i>Challenges to New Testament Theology: An Attempt to Justify the Enterprise</i><br>Faculty of Theology<br>University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom |
| 1987 - 1988 | <b>MTh</b><br>Theology, New Testament<br>Faculty of Theology<br>University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom   |
| 1980 - 1985 | <b>Training for Reformed Pastorate/Ministry</b><br>Reformed Theological Academy in Budapest, Hungary  |

### Language skills

English - advanced level

German - advanced level

### Scientific Career

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| 1994 - | <b>lecturer</b> , then <b>professor</b> (2002-), <b>head of department</b> (1996-), <b>deputy dean</b> (2002-2006), <b>acting rector</b> (2009-2011), <b>rector</b> (2011-2019), <b>vice-rector for religion and spirituality</b> (2021-)<br>Department of New Testament Studies<br>Faculty of Theology<br>Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary |
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## Professional Career

- 2003 - **Elected Member of the Church District Assembly**  
Danube District of the Reformed Church in Hungary,  
Reformed Church in Hungary
- 2003 - 2020 **Elected Member of the General Assembly (Synod)**  
Reformed Church in Hungary
- 1997 - 2002 **Clerk for study matters**  
Danube District of the Reformed Church in Hungary,  
Reformed Church in Hungary
- 1986 - 1991 **Associate Pastor**  
Budapest-Szabadság tér Reformed Congregation of the Reformed Church in Hungary  
Budapest, Hungary
- 1985 - 1986 **Assistant pastor**  
Kecskemét Reformed Congregation of the Reformed Church in Hungary  
Kecskemét, Hungary

## Scientific activities (guests lectures: one on each occasion, unless otherwise indicated)

- 2020, 2021 **Guest lecturer (online)**  
Newbold College, United Kingdom
- 2016 **Guest lecturer**  
Hanshin University, Seoul, South Korea
- 2014 - 2019 **Research associate**  
Discipline Group Old and New Testament, Faculty of Theology  
Stellenbosch University, South Africa
- 2011 - 2014 **Research fellow**  
Discipline Group Old and New Testament, Faculty of Theology  
Stellenbosch University, South Africa
- 2008 **Guest researcher** (two weeks in 2008), and **guest lecturer**  
Faculty of Theology  
North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa
- 2007 **Guest lecturer**  
University of Tartu, Estonia  
University of Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2005 - 2008 **Awarded of Bolyai János Kutatási Ösztöndíj**  
*A monograph on the history of the New Testament writings in Hungarian language*  
Hungarian Academy of Sciences

2005	<b>Guest lecturer</b> University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain
2004, 2011	<b>Guest lecturer</b> University Babes-Bolyai, Kolozsvár, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
2004 - 2008, 2010 - 2012, 2016	<b>Short research visits</b> Alexander von Humboldt Foundation University of Heidelberg, Germany
2004	<b>Invited lecturer</b> (three weeks; a course of the curriculum) Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (TEDS), Deerfield, Illinois, United States of America
2001 - 2004	<b>Awarded of Bolyai János Kutatási Ösztöndíj</b> <i>A commentary on Galatians in Hungarian language</i> Hungarian Academy of Sciences
2001	<b>Guest lecturer</b> University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa
2000	<b>Guest lecturer</b> University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany
1999 - 2000	<b>Research scholarship</b> (one year) Alexander von Humboldt Foundation University of Heidelberg, Germany
1998	<b>Research scholarship</b> (one month) University of Bern, Switzerland
1997	<b>Research scholarship</b> (seven months) HEKS University of Bern, Switzerland
1995, 1997, 1999, 2000, and in 2004 four lectures	<b>Guest lecturer</b> University of Heidelberg, Germany

### **Membership in organizations, research groups and committees**

2021 -	Advisory Council of the De Vries Institute for Global Faculty Development at Calvin University, Grand Rapids, United States of America
2014 - 2020	Member of the Board of Directors of the International Association for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education (IAPCHE / INCHE)
2011 - 2022	Associate Editor of Journal for the Study of Paul and His Letters (JSPL)

- 2016 - Elected member of the Directorial Council of the Szabó Imre Reformed College, Budapest, Hungary
- 1996 - Member of the Collegium Doctorum of the Reformed Church in Hungary
- 2003 - Member of the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (SNTS)

### Conferences

- 2023 Member at the General Meeting of SNTS, Vienna, Austria
- 2021 Member at the General Meeting of SNTS, Leuven, Belgium (online)
- 2018 Guest lecturer at the Central and Eastern European fellowship for writing a one-volume commentary on the Bible, Budapest, Hungary
- 2018 Member at the General Meeting of SNTS, Athens, Greece
- 2015 Member at the General Meeting of SNTS, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2014 Member at the General Meeting of SNTS, Szeged, Hungary
- 2010, 2011 Evaluator at John Templeton Award for Theological Promise, Forschungszentrum für Internationale und Interdisziplinäre Theologie (FIIT), University of Heidelberg, Germany
- 2008 Member at the General Meeting of SNTS, Lund, Sweden
- 2008 Guest lecturer at the New Testament Society of South Africa, Annual Conference, Pretoria, South Africa
- 2007 Guest lecturer at the International Conference on Saint Paul and Corinth, Corinth, Greece
- 2006, 2008, 2012 Guest lecturer at European Leadership Forum – European Theologians Network, Eger, Hungary
- 2005 Member at the General Meeting of SNTS, Halle, Germany
- 2004 Member at the General Meeting of SNTS, Barcelona, Spain
- 2001 Guest lecturer at the international conference organised by Princeton Center for Theological Inquiry, Stellenbosch, South Africa
- 2000 Guest at the General Meeting of SNTS, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 1995 Guest at the General Meeting of SNTS, Prague, Czech Republic
- 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001 Guest lecturer at the Society of Biblical Literature, International Conference (Budapest, Lausanne, Helsinki-Lahti, Rome)
- 1994 Guest lecturer at the British New Testament Conference, Nottingham, United Kingdom

## **Awards**

2009                      Bolyai Plaque, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

## **List of Publications**

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