SUPERVISION OF THESES (University of Bern, since 2005; without BA theses)

MA THESES:

2017

- Eugster Ingold, Andrea: Amitav Ghosh's Ibis Trilogy and the Opium Wars;
- Schindler Wright, Edward: Sustainability in Indigenous Australian Cinema.

2016

- Behluli, Sofie: Inside the Space of the Frame: Ekphrastically Enhanced Aura in Donna Tartt's *The Goldfinch*;
- Mühlemann, Astrid: Intermediality in Vladimir Nabokov's *Lolita*. Humbert Humbert and the Two-Fold Nature of his Object of Desire;
- Schwarz, Sebastian: Melancholia in the Works of the Lost Generation.

2015

- McLaughlin, Kevin: Football Hooliganism and Class Struggle in Contemporary English Literature;
- Riederer, Marcel: Negotiation of Identity in Piri Thomas' Down these Mean Streets;
- Rindisbacher, Sarah: 'A Stranger in a Strange Land': The Question of Home in Susanna Moodie's Roughing It in the Bush;
- Schmid, Stephanie: 'Writing Seeing' in Siri Hustvedt's The Blindfold and The Enchantment of Lily Dahl.

2014

- Blagojevic, Blanka: Writing in Circles: Ring Composition in H.D.'s Helen in Egypt and Trilogy;
- Schindler, Kilian: *Theatre of Empathy Religious Toleration in Christopher Marlowe's* Edward II *and* Doctor Faustus (faculty prize 2014 for best MA thesis);
- Smith, Jana: The Dialogue of Black Nationalist and Black Feminist Ideology in Toni Morrison's Novels.

2013

- Fabian, Stephanie: Early 20th Century Jewish American Immigrant Fiction. Assimilation and the Construction of Jewishness in Mary Antin's "The Lie", Anzia Yezierska's "Children of Loneliness" and Philipp Roth's Call It Sleep;
- Münstermann, Dieter: Corporeality and Intersectionality in Feminist Theory and Multiple Oppression in the Construction of Father-Daughter Rape in The Bluest Eye and Push.

- Kaufmann, Simon: 'But I know now a fella ain't no good alone.' American Mythology and the Development of a New Ethics in John Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath;
- Tiefenbach, Selen: Fictionalizing the New York City Draft Riot. Two Contemporary US-American Historical Novels;
- Trento, Ettore: A Means After the End: Sense-making and Reader Responsibility in the Contemporary Post-Apocalyptic Texts of Cormac McCarthy and Fumito Ueda.

2012

- Baggenstos, Karin: Word, Image, and Music. Amiri Baraka's Intermedial Strategies in In Our Terribleness;
- Gervasoni, Marco: Dorian Gray and the Adaptation of Oscar Wilde's The Picture of Dorian Gray: A Comparative Analysis of the Consequences of Medial Transposition in Relation to Narrative;
- Lipnjak, Jelena: *The Presentation of Trauma and September 11 in Jonathan Safran Foer's* Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close *and Siri Hustvedt's* The Sorrows of an American;
- Reber, Simon: 'For I am Many': Edward Sapir and American Literary History;
- Steinkellner, Yves: Intermedial Narration in Leanne Shapton's Important Artifacts and Personal Property from the Collection of Leonore Doolan and Harold Morris, Including Books, Street Fashion and Jewelry.

2011

- Bieder, Patricia: 'a writer with a camera': Intermedial Representation Strategies in James Agee's and Walker Evans' Let Us Now Praise Famous Men.

2010

- Kräuchi, Annette: Sites of Crime: Eliot Pattison's The Skull Mantra and Michael Ondaatje's Anil's Ghost;
- Lütscher, Samira: 'All of Us, We Are Targets Now' Fear, Death and the Media in Don DeLillo's White Noise and Falling Man;
- Nagpal, Dominique: Between Heaven and Hell. Perceptions of Home and the Homeland in Jhumpa Lahiri's Work;
- Plechaty, Ivana: 9/11 The Evaluation of a Single Historical Event. Derrida's View on the Post-9/11 World Represented in two American Novels;
- Rechsteiner, Alexander: Making Men Go to War. An Analysis of Literature Propagating War between 1870 and 1915;
- Shepherd, Naomi: HIV / Aids. The Responsibilities of Representation;
- Steffen, Samuel: A Collective of Individuals at War. The Soldier and the Devaluated Individual in James Jones' The Thin Red Line and Norman Mailer's The Naked and the Dead.

2009

- Gasser, Selina: 'People Kept Thinking That I was Darth Vader, That Is Why I Stopped Wearing the Burka'. Muslin Female Stand-up Comedians: Performing Satire and Comedy across Cultural and Gender Boundaries;
- Gissler, Michaela: Preserving the Tribal Heritage. The Construction of Masculinity in the Novels of James Welsh;
- Herzog, Beat: Emigrating with the Moser Family. A Bernese Family on their Way to the United States in the Second Half of the 19th Century;
- Hoppeler, Stephanie: Continuity in Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons' Watchmen;
- Hunziker, Lukas: 'To be a Friend of the Earth, you have to be an Enemy of the People'
 Depictions of Nature, the Effect of Climate Change on Society and California's Fall from Grace in T.C. Boyle's The Tortilla Curtain, A Friend of the Earth and Drop City;
- Jaeger, Boris Florian: Breaking the Silence. The Indian Partition and its Violence against Women in Indian Literature;
- Jakob, Anna: Showing the Unshowable. Distance through Intermediality in Ondaatje's Anil's Ghost (2000) and Jha's Fireproof (2007);
- Sigrist, Alexander: 'Of Humans and Machines'; or: Objects-Becoming-Subjects. Artificial Humans in Science Fiction Literature of the 20th Century and Their Connection to Technological, Scientific and Social Discourses;
- Stejskal, Stella-Maria: Failure of Utopia? Emergence of Dystopia. Forms of Societal Repression in Dystopian Novels and their Possible Influence on our Contemporary Society;
- Wyss, Ursula: Amazons Then and Now. Science Fiction Rewritings of the Amazon Motif.

2008

- Armbruster, Cindy-Jane: *Neil Gaiman and Dave McKean's Mr. Punch. An Intermedial Approach*;
- Meier, Giulia: Sable Genius Zesty Genius. The Performativity of Race in African American Theatre in the 1969s and the 1990s;
- Nowotny, Sarah: Existentialist Motifs in Twentieth-Century English Literature. Malcolm Lowry's Under the Volcano and Iris Murdoch's Under the Net;
- Pabst, Stephanie: *Pain, Trauma and the Need to Visualize. Intermediality in Jonathan Safran Foer's* Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close *and W.G. Sebald's* Austerlitz;
- Pirovino, Sara: 'Crumpled and Still in Their Pools of Stolen Blood'. Vampires and Their Killers in Bram Stoker's Dracula, Richard Matheson's I am Legend and Anne Billson's Suckers.

2006

- Bieler, Albine: The Eye and Vision in Edgar Allen Poe's Tales;
- Knecht, Esther: The Functions and Representation of Aggression and Violence in "A Circle in the Fire" & "The Displaced Person" by Flannery O'Connor.

ONGOING DOCTORAL THESES:

- Bischof, Roman: Between Neurons and the Self: Concepts of Consciousness, Identity and Reality in Representations of Mental Illness in Anglophone Novels since 1950 (working title);
- Schindler Wright, Edward: *The Metaphoric Use of Organic Decomposition in the Treatment of Social Relationships in Contemporary Literature* (working title);
- Behluli, Sofie: *Visuality and Materiality in the Contemporary American Novel* (working title);
- Reichel, Elisabeth (University of Basel, co-supervision): *Cultural Relativism, 'Primitivism,'* and the Valuation of Cultures in the Writings of Edward Sapir, Ruth Fulton Benedict, and Margaret Mead;
- Reber, Simon: Intermedial Strategies in the Poetry of Sapir (working title);
- Steffen, Samuel: Representation of Gulf Wars (working title);
- Gasser, Selina: Female Stand-up Comedy (working title).

FINISHED DOCTORAL THESES:

- Hoffmann, Agnes: Selective Affinities: Landscape Around 1900 between Text and Image (Hugo von Hofmannsthal and Henry James) (University of Basel, co-supervision, 2016);
- Mayer, Uwe: Mythos als Fremdheitstopos: Zur Produktivität einer Denkgewohnheit in der englischsprachigen Literatur seit der Romantik (GCSC Giessen, co-supervision, 2016);
- Etter, Lukas. *Auteurgraphy: Distinctness of Styles in Alternative Graphic Narratives* (first supervisor, 2014; (Faculty prize 2015 for best PhD thesis);
- Hoppeler, Stephanie: Continuity in Comic Books and Comic Book Continuity: Serialized US-American Comic Books of the 1980s (first supervisor, 2014);
- Cottier, Annie: Rewriting Histories and Geographies: Cosmopolitan Moments in Contemporary Indian Writing (first supervisor, 2014);
- Escherle, Nora Anna: 'Our Work to Cry: Your Work to Listen.' Religious Alterity and Violence in Contemporary Anglophone Novels on Partition and Communalism by Pakistani and Indian Writers (first supervisor, 2013);

- Georgi, Claudia: *Liveness and Mediatisation: The Use of Film and Video in Contempo*rary British Theatre and Performance (international co-supervisor, 2012);
- Kessel, Markus: 'Aus Negern Afrikaner machen'. Die Vermittlung subsaharischafrikanischer Literaturen in deutscher Übersetzung seit Ende der 1970er Jahre (international co-supervisor, 2010);
- Morawietz, Eva Maria: *The Canonization of a Modern Literary Vernacular in American Culture from the 1950s-1970s* (international co-supervisor, 2010);
- Preuss, Stefanie: *Processes of Canon Formation in Scottish Post-War Society and their Functions for the Construction of National Identity* (first supervisor, 2010);
- Nadj, Nadine (University of Giessen): Die fiktionale Metabiographie: Gattungsgedächtnis und Gattungskritik in einem neuen Genre der zeitgenössischen englischsprachigen Erzählliteratur (international co-supervisor, 2008);
- Straub, Julia: *The New Life of Beatrice. Work on a Feminine Myth in Victorian Literature* (first supervisor, 2007).

FINISHED HABILITATIONS:

- 2014: PD Dr. Straub, Julia: The American Memory of Literature, 1770-1840

SUPERVISOR OF RECIPIENTS OF A SWISS FEDERAL GRANT:

- Dr. Karastathi, Sylvia: 2011-2012