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Curriculum vitae

Camil Staps was born in 1996 in Leusden, the Netherlands. In 2019, he obtained a master degree in computing science *summa cum laude* from the Radboud University Nijmegen, specializing in foundations and implementations of the lambda calculus. An interest in the texts of the Hebrew Bible brought him to study Biblical Hebrew and exegesis under Ellen van Wolde at the same university. Sensing that a firmer linguistic grounding would be necessary to properly appreciate these texts, he decided to study Hebrew and Aramaic at Leiden University with Holger Gzella, finishing his research master *cum laude* in 2019. In the same year, he was awarded a *PhDs in the Humanities* grant by the Dutch Research Council to support his doctoral research into semantics and its interfaces with morphology and syntax in Biblical Hebrew. In this project, supervised by Johan Rooryck and Ellen van Wolde, he combined a traditional philological approach to Biblical Hebrew with formal semantic models based on testable data from modern languages. This dissertation presents the main results of that research.