

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

1951

Born 1951. A-levels / secondary formation 1970: Greek, Latin and modern languages. 1970-1973: Various jobs and studies, incl. 1½ year of journalism.

Credentials

1977-

1977: B.A. in Arabic and Islamic Culture, Dept. of semitic Philology, 1981: B.A. in the History of Religions, Dept. for the History of Religions, 1982: M.Phil, History of Religions, University of Aarhus. Defense of 'Habilitationsschrift' dec. 2003. 2004 conferred The Higher Doctoral Degree.

Employment History

1982-

1982-1988: Lecturer, Centre for the Study of Religion, Dept. of Philosophy, Odense University (1985-1988 affiliated with Arabic Area Studies). 1988-1990: Lecturer, Dept. of the History of Religions, University of Aarhus. 1991-1995: Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Philosophy, Odense University 1992 Senior Research Fellow at the University of Aarhus). 1995-: Senior Lecturer, Dept. of the Study of Religion, University of Aarhus.

Positions Abroad

1982-

Visiting lecturer at the University of Manchester, UK; Lancaster University, UK; Turku University, Finland; University of Helsinki, Finland; University of Bergen, Norway; University of Toronto, Canada; University of Vermont, USA; University of Western Michigan, Kalamazoo, USA; University of Colorado, Boulder, USA; University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa; University of California San Diego, USA; University of California, Santa Barbara, USA; Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany; Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, The Netherlands; Universite de Lausanne, Switzerland. Formerly: Member of The Groningen Working Group for the Study of Religions, The Netherlands; Corresponding member of the Leiden Institute for the Study of Religion

Administrative Positions

1982-

Since 1982 member of almost every conceivable university administrative post that may befall a department / faculty member: from Library Liaison officer and Studies Director to Head of Department. Member of the board of the Research School (doctoral programme)

International Offices

1982-

Founding member of The Danish Association for the History of Religions. Secretary and 1992-1997 Chairman of the Danish Association for the History of Religions (DAHR) and chairman of the Nordic Commission on Research in the History of Religions (NORREL); 1995-2000 Co-ordinator for NORREL on joint activities (seminars, workshops etc.) for Nordic Ph.D. / doctoral students. Member of the editorial board of 'Method & Theory in the Study of Religion' (Brill, Leiden). Member of the Advisory Board for the Journal of the Cognitive Science of Religion. Reviewer for publishers: Brill, Routledge, Oxford University Press, Continuum, Mouton de Gruyter, Equinox, Acumen.

1985 -

Secretary (1985-) and chairman (1992-1997) of the Danish Association for the Study of Religion (DAHR) and chairman of the Nordic Commission on Research in the History of Religions. (NORREL). 1995-2000 Co-ordinator for NORREL on joints activities for Nordic Ph.D. / doctoral students.

Research Projects

2002-

Co-founder of the cross-disciplinary research project and network: "Religious Narrative, Cognition, and Culture" - funded by the Faculty of Theology and The Research Foundation, University of Aarhus. Expanded 2005-2008 as: "Religion, Cognition and Culture". See separate website in "Research"

Teaching & Advising of Students

1982 -

Taught and tutored a large number of students on a very broad spectrum of subjects - and from 1st year courses to ph.d.-dissertations.