



Curriculum Vitae (per 2023)

Personal / education

Born 1951. A-levels / secondary formation 1970: Greek, Latin and modern languages. 1970-1973: Travels and 1½ year of journalism studies. 1977: B.A. in Classical 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' 2003, 2004 Dr.Phil. (conferred 'The Higher Doctoral Degree').

Employment

1982-1988: Assistant professor, Centre for the Study of Religion, Dept. of Philosophy, Odense University (1985-1988 affiliated with Arabic Area Studies). 1988-1990: Associate professor, Dept. of the History of Religions, University of Aarhus. 1991-1995: Associate professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Odense University (1992: Senior Research Fellow at the University of Aarhus). 1995-now: Associate professor, Dept. of the Study of Religion, University of Aarhus. 2010 promoted Associate Professor with 'Special Qualifications' (Lektor MSK). Emeritus Associate Professor from Feb.1, 2018. Interacting Minds Centre Researcher (2012-). 2017 Research Agency expert reviewer for the EU Commission Horizon 2020 programme. 2018-: 'Gentleman scholar'

International activities

Visiting lecturer / professor (i.e. invitations to teach and / or collaborate in research activities – not conferences / symposia etc.): The University of Manchester, UK; Lancaster University, UK; University of Portsmouth, UK; Oxford University, UK; University of Bristol, 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 California, San Diego, USA; University of California, Santa Barbara, USA; University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, USA; University of Georgia, Athens, USA; Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany; University of Leiden, The Netherlands; Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, The Netherlands; Université de Lausanne, Switzerland.

Member (current) of the Cultural Evolution Society, the North American Association for the Study of Religion (also former member of the board), the International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion (founding member), the Cognitive Science Society, the Danish Association for the History of Religion. Social Ontology Society.

Member (formerly) of The Groningen Working Group for the Study of Religions, The Netherlands; Corresponding member of the Leiden Institute for the Study of Religion.

Member, editorial board, 'Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion' published by Equinox, Sheffield, UK), 'Method & Theory in the Study of Religion' (official journal of the North American Association for the Study of Religion, published by Brill, Leiden, NL).

Editor of the series: 'Religion, Cognition, and Culture', Routledge, London, UK (-2016).

Reviewer for publishers: Aarhus University Press, Bloomsbury, Brill, Mouton de Gruyter, Routledge, Oxford University Press, Cassell, Continuum, Equinox.

Peer reviewer for journals: *Erkenntnis*, *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*, *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion*, *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion*, *Religion*, *NUMEN*, *Temenos*, *Topoi*, *An International Review of Philosophy*, *Religionsvidenskabeligt Tidsskrift*.

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. Founding member of The International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion (IACSR) 2007.

Administrative positions: Since 1982 holder of most university administrative post that may befall a department / faculty member: from Library Liaison officer, Studies Director, to Head of Department. 2002-2012 Member of the board of the Research School (Doctoral Program).

Co-founder and organizer 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 2005-2009 as: 'Religion, Cognition and Culture'. Website: <http://rcc.au.dk/> (from 2010 an official 'Research Unit' at the Faculty of Arts, Aarhus University). Co-applicant / research associate of the Aarhus University UNIK research conglomerate *MINDLab* 2009-2014. Co-applicant / research associate of the 'Interacting Minds Centre', Aarhus University, 2012-2016.

Organizer: of a considerable number of national and international conferences, seminars and workshops (many of which together with Armin W. Geertz) with associated doctoral program activities and training.

Taught and tutored: a large number of students on a very broad spectrum of subjects - and from 1st year courses to Ph.D.-dissertations. Until 2018 full teaching responsibilities in the study of religion in a wide range of topics and in close subjects such as 'Moral Psychology and Religion', 'Religion, Psyche and Emotion', 'Normative Cognition'. Since 2013 with a special concern for graduate and doctoral training courses on the 'Philosophy of Science for the Study of Religion'.

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