

# Armin W. Geertz

## Curriculum Vitae

### **Personal information**

25-02-1948	Born in Elmhurst, Illinois, USA, resident in Denmark since 1970 and married. Danish citizen June 2003.
06-02-2006	Knight of the Dannebrog Order.
21-09-2018	Knight First Class of the Dannebrog Order

### **Credentials**

1969	B.A., University of Wisconsin.
1978	Magister Artium in the History of Religions, Aarhus University.
1992	Postdoctoral Degree in Philosophy at the same university.

### **Employment history**

1979 -1981	Adjunktvikar, Institut for Religionshistorie, Aarhus University.
1982	Ekstern lektor same place.
1983 - 1984	Seniorstipendiat same place.
1984 - 1995	Associate Professor, Institute for Religionshistorie until 1990; new name: Institute for Religionsvidenskab (Dept. of the Study of Religion), Aarhus University.
1995 - 2018	Professor in the History of Religions, Department of the Study of Religion, Aarhus University.
2017 - 2018	Jens Chr. Skou Senior Fellow, Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies, Aarhus University.
2019ff.	Emeritus Professor, Department of the Study of Religion, Aarhus University

### **Administrative positions**

1980 - 1982	Chair, Curriculum Board of the History of Religions, University of Aarhus.
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1981	Observer, Institute Council for Christian Studies, University of Aarhus.
1981	Chair, Student Handbook Sub-Committee under the Curriculum Board of Religious Studies, University of Aarhus.
1982	Chair, New Curriculum Sub-Committee under the Curriculum Board of the History of Religions, University of Aarhus.
1984 - 1985	Chair, Curriculum Board of the History of Religions, University of Aarhus.
1984 - 1985	Member of the Faculty Curriculum Board of the Faculty of Theology, University of Aarhus.
1985	Observer, Institute Council for Christian Studies, University of Aarhus.
1985	Chair, New Curriculum Committee under the Curriculum Board of the History of Religions, University of Aarhus.
1985	Member, Sub-Committee for the establishment of the Center of North Atlantic Studies, Faculty of Humanities, University of Aarhus.
1986 - 1987	Member, Curriculum Board of the History of Religions, University of Aarhus.
1986 - 1987	Head, Department of the History of Religions, University of Aarhus.
1986 - 1987	Member, Coordinating Sub-Committee for Philosophy under the Curriculum Board of the Faculty of Theology, University of Aarhus.
1986 - 1989	Member of the Faculty Council, Faculty of Theology, University of Aarhus.
1986 - 1994	Member, Guest Lectures Sub-Committee, Faculty of Theology, University of Aarhus.
1986	Coordinator, Two Semester Course in the History of Religions, Jutland Open University, University of Aarhus.
1986	Chair, Sub-Committee for Long-Term Planning under the Institute Council for the Department of the History of Religions, University of Aarhus.
1986 - 1991	Member, Series Committee, Aarhus University Press.
1987 - 1990	Chair, External Evaluator Corps for the History of Religions, University of Copenhagen and member, External Evaluator Corps for the Sociology of Religion, University of Copenhagen.
1987 - 1994	Substitute member, Representative Board of Denmark's Computer Center, University of Aarhus.
1987 - 1994	Substitute member, the Central Computer Committee, University of Aarhus.
1987 - 1994	Member, Board of Christian Reventlows Remembrance Fond and Christian Reventlows Book Collection, University of Aarhus.

1987	Co-author Student Handbook for the History of Religions, University of Aarhus.
1987	Member, Working Seminar at the Faculty of Theology, University of Aarhus on Proposals for the "Growth Areas" of the Danish Research Council for the Humanities.
1989 - 1990	Chair, Department of the History of Religions and negotiator of the fusion of the Department of the History of Religions with the Department of Religion, formerly Christian Studies (to the new Department of the Study of Religion), University of Aarhus.
1991	Chair, Curriculum Board of the Study of Religion, University of Aarhus.
1991	Member, Curriculum Board of the Faculty of Theology, University of Aarhus.
1991	Chair, Revision of the Curriculum Sub-Committee for the Study of Religion, University of Aarhus.
1991	Co-author of the Student Handbook for the Study of Religion, University of Aarhus.
1992 - 2002	Chair, Computer Committee, Faculty of Theology, University of Aarhus.
1992 - 1994	Member, Research Education Committee under the Institute Council of the Department of the Study of Religion, University of Aarhus.
1993 - 1994	Member, Board of the Department of the Study of Religion, University of Aarhus.
1993 - 1994	Member, Council of the Faculty of Theology, University of Aarhus.
1993 - 1997	Chair, Research Network on New Religions (RENNER) under the Research Council for the Humanities.
1994 - 2002	Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Theology, University of Aarhus.
1994 - 2002	Chair, Annual Festival Committee, Faculty of Theology, University of Aarhus.
1994 - 2002	Member, Sub-Committee on University Pedagogics under the Council of the University of Aarhus.
1994 - 2000	Member, House and Building Committee, Faculty of Theology, University of Aarhus.
1994 - 2002	Member, the Central Computer Sub-Committee under the Council of the University of Aarhus.
1998 - 1999	Member, Information Committee, Faculty of Theology, University of Aarhus.
1998 - 2017	Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Religious Denominations for the Ministry of Ecclesiastics (1998ff.)

1998 - 1999	Working Group on developing an ICT policy for the University of Aarhus.
1998 - 2002	Co-chair, a globalisation project under the Research Council for the Humanities called RENNER II.
1998 - 2002	Member, Working Group on Development Research, University of Aarhus.
1999 - 2002	Member, Sub-Committee on Information and Communication Technology in Teaching under the Council Body of the University of Aarhus.
1999 - 2002	Chair, Sub-Committee on Audio-Visual Technology, Faculty of Theology, University of Aarhus.
2000 - 2002	Chair, Sub-Committee on ICT, the Faculty of Theology, University of Aarhus.
2002ff.	Member of External Evaluator Corps for the Study of Religion.
2003 - 2004	Co-chair of the Faculty of Theology's special project area: "Religious Narrative, Cognition and Culture".
2004ff.	Member of the Academic Committee of the Faculty of Theology.
2005 - 2008	Chair of the Faculty of Theology's special project area: "Religion, Cognition and Culture".
2005	In connection with an auditing of the Faculty of Theology by the Evaluation Institute, I was a member of the "Self Evaluation Committee" and chair of "Sub-Committee 2: Research".
2005ff.	Representative of the Faculty of Theology on the Board of the Research Foundation of the University of Aarhus.
2005ff.	Member of the Board of the Research Network on European History of Religions (FEUR) under the auspices of the Danish Research Council for the Humanities (2005ff.)
2009 - 2015	Chair of the Religion, Cognition and Culture (RCC) Research Unit at the Department of the Study of Religion.
2006 - 2007	Member of the National Network under the Ministry of Research and Innovation concerning the European Union 7th Research Program (FP7).
2007 - 2016	Member of the Study of Religion and Theology research group concerning bibliometric research indicators.
2009 - 2014	Co-PI, Member of the Board of MINDLab (UNIK), Aarhus University. Head of the Cognition and Culture Stream.
2009	Member of the Sino-Danish Center for Neuroscience and Cognition, Beijing and Aarhus.
2010 - 2018	Member of Interdisciplinary Evolutionary Studies, AU.
2012 - 2016	Chairman of the Board, Interacting Minds Centre, AU.

2012 - 2016	Co-Founder of and responsible for the double PhD-program in Cognitive Science of Religion together with Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland.
2014 - 2016	Member of the Denomination Committee under the Ministry of Ecclesiastics to present a law proposal concerning denominations outside of the Danish Lutheran Church
2015	Director of the Research Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Religion, AU
2016	Director of the Research Program for the Study of Religion, AU

### **International offices**

1987 - 1994	Co-founder and Chairman (1987-1988) of Nordiska Samarbetskommittén för Religionshistorisk Forskning.
1987 - 1997	Co-founder and associate editor of <i>European Review of Native American Studies</i> , Vienna.
1987 - 1991	Co-founder and European Director of the <i>Society for the Study of Native American Religious Traditions</i> .
1987 - 2022	Associate Editor of <i>Temenos: Studies in Comparative Religion Presented by Scholars in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden</i> , Helsinki.
1987 - 1989	Co-founder and co-editor of <i>NORREL-Bulletinen</i> .
1989 - 1991	Co-founder and co-editor of <i>Journal for the Study of Native American Religious Traditions</i> , San Diego & Tacoma.
1990 - 1995	Editorial advisor for the series <i>Studies in Native American Literatures</i> , Washington: Smithsonian Institution.
1990 - 2005	Member, Editorial Board of <i>Numen. International Review for the History of Religions</i> , Leiden: E. J. Brill.
1990 - 1995	Treasurer of the <i>International Association for the History of Religions</i> .
1992 - 1996	National Editor (Denmark) for <i>Temenos. Studies in Comparative Religions</i> , Helsinki: Finnish Academy.
1993 - 2001	Member, North American Board of <i>Religion. An International Journal</i> , Los Angeles & London: Academic Press.
1995 - 2005	General Secretary of the <i>International Association for the History of Religions</i> .
1996 - 2003	Editorial consultant, <i>Nova Religio. The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions</i> , New York: Seven Bridges Press.

1996ff.	Member, Advisory Committee of <i>Ilu. Revista de Ciencias de las Religiones</i> , Madrid: Universidad Complutense.
2000ff.	Expert advisor for NorFA (Nordisk Forskerutdanningsakademi), Oslo Norge.
2000ff.	Member, Editorial Board of <i>Method &amp; Theory in the Study of Religion</i> , Leiden: E. J. Brill.
2000 - 2001	Referee for Research Support Scheme, Open Society Institute, Budapest, Hungary.
2001	Expert advisor for Central Asia Research Initiative (CARI), Higher Education Support Programme, Budapest, Hungary
2002ff.	Member, Editorial Board, <i>Culture and Religion. An Interdisciplinary Journal</i> , Abingdon, Oxfordshire: Carfax Publishing, Taylor & Francis Ltd.
2002	Expert advisor for National Research Foundation (Cape Town, South Africa)
2003 - 2005	Member, Advisory Board of <i>Numen Book Series</i> , Leiden: E. J. Brill.
2003 - 2005	Member, Advisory Board of <i>Science of Religion Abstracts and Index of Recent Articles</i> , Leiden: E. J. Brill.
2005	Member of the founding ad hoc committee and Founding Member of the <i>International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion</i> .
2006ff.	Secretary General of the <i>International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion</i> .
2006 & 2007	Foreign reviewer for the Czech Science Foundation.
2007ff.	Member, Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Anthropological Psychology</i> , Århus: Department of Psychology, University of Aarhus.
2007ff.	Member, Editorial Board, <i>Culture and Research</i> , Thessaloniki: Aristotle University.
2007 - 2010	Project Partner, "Explaining Religion", Specific Targeted Research Project under the Sixth Framework Programme on Research, Technological Development and Demonstration of the European Commission.
2007 - 2010	Member, Congress Organizing Committee, XXth IAHR Quinquennial World Congress, 15-21 August, 2010, Toronto, Canada.
2008	Member, Review Panel for the Joint Division/EPSC Review of the School of Anthropology, Oxford University.
2009	Foreign reviewer for Swedish Social Science Research.
2009	Assessor for EUROCORES Theme Proposals 2009, Strasbourg.
2009ff.	Member, Editorial Board, <i>Moscow eJournal of Religion (MeJR)</i> , Moscow Society for the Study of Religions.

2009ff.	Member, Scientific Board, <i>Studi e materiali di storia delle religioni</i> , Dipartimento di Studi storico religiosi, Sapienza Università di Roma, Italia.
2010ff.	Member, Editorial Board, <i>Religion, Brain, and Behavior</i> , London: Taylor & Francis Group.
2010	Foreign reviewer for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.
2011	Peer reviewer for Cognitive Science Society's international conference in Boston, July 20-23, 2011
2012	Member of the Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion's Consultation on The Future of the International Association for the History of Religions.
2012 - 2017	Senior Partner and member of Research Committee Advisory Board for Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium financed by Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.
2012ff.	Partner in New Partnership Program for the Connection to the Top Labs in the World financed by National Science Council (NSC), Taiwan.
2012 - 2014	Præsident of <i>International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion</i> .
2014 - 2016	Past President of <i>International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion</i> .
2016ff.	Member of Advisory Board for <i>Simulating Religion Project</i> , Institute for the Biocultural Study of Religion (Boston) and Virginia Modeling, Analysis & Simulation Center.
2016ff.	Member of European Science Foundation - College of Expert Reviewers.
2017	Member of evaluation committee for Fund for National Scientific Research – FNRS, Belgium.
2017 - 2019	Member of Advisory Board for <i>Religion and the Social Brain</i> , Cambridge University.
2017 - 2021	Member of Advisory Board for <i>The Spread of Christianity in Cultural Evolutionary Perspective</i> , Helsinki University.
2019	Member of evaluation committee for Fund for National Scientific Research – FNRS, Belgium.
2020	Chair of the committee to appoint Honorary Life Members of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR).
2021ff.	Member of the Editorial Board of the book series <i>LARES – I linguaggi delle religioni</i> , Pàtron Editore.

## Grants

1978 - 1979	Fieldwork on the Hopi Indian Reservation, financed by the Danish Research Council for the Humanities.
1979 - 1984	Transcription and translation of taped interviews from fieldwork on the Hopi Indian Reservation supported by the Danish Research Council of the Humanities.
1982	Fieldwork on the Hopi Indian Reservation, financed by the Danish Research Council for the Humanities.
1986 - 1988	Transcription and translation of taped interviews from fieldwork on the Hopi Indian Reservation supported by the Research Foundation of the University of Aarhus.
1988	Fieldwork on the Hopi Indian Reservation, supported by the Research Foundation of the University of Aarhus.
1992	Fieldwork on the Hopi Indian Reservation, financed by the Danish Research Council for the Humanities.
1993 - 1997	Grant establish the Research Network on New Religions under the Danish Research Council for the Humanities.
1993	Fieldwork on the Hopi Indian Reservation supported by the Danish Research Council for the Humanities.
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1998 - 2001	"Globalization and New Religions - Local and Global". Danish Research Council for the Humanities.
2000 - 2001	Fieldwork on different Native American reservations in the U.S. and Canada supported by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Frederik Foundation.
2003 - 2004	The Faculty of Theology's special project area: "Religious Narrative, Cognition and Culture".
2005 - 2008	The Faculty of Theology's special project area: "Religion, Cognition and Culture".
2007 - 2010	"Explaining Religion", Specific Targeted Research Project under the Sixth Framework Programme on Research, Technological Development and Demonstration of the European Commission.



2009 - 2014	MINDLab (UNIK award), Research and Innovation Ministry.
2012 - 2016	Interacting Minds Centre, AU.
2012 - 2017	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada - Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium.
2015 - 2017	Co-investigator of the project "Cognitive Approaches to Ancient Religious Experience" funded by the Arts & Humanities Research Council (United Kingdom) together with Dr. Esther Eidinow, Classics Department, University of Nottingham.
2015 - 2016	"An explorative tekst mining analysis of Teresa af Ávila's collected works and letters", Aarhus University Research Foundation.
2017 - 2018	Jens Christian Skou Fellowship, Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies, AU.
2017 - 2019	<i>Religion and the Social Brain</i> , Cambridge University.

### Other activities

1982	Co-founder and member of <i>Jysk Selskab for Religionsvidenskab</i> , Århus: University of Aarhus.
1982 - 1987	Co-founder and editor-in-chief, <i>Religionsvidenskabeligt tidsskrift</i> , Århus: Aarhus Universitetsforlag.
1982 - 1994	Co-founder and President of the <i>Danish Association for the History of Religions (DAHR)</i> , affiliated to the <i>International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR)</i> since 1985.
1993 - 2000	Editor-in-chief, <i>RENNER News</i> , Aarhus & Copenhagen: RENNER.
1993 - 2005	Editor-in-chief, <i>RENNER Series on New Religions</i> , Aarhus: Aarhus University Press.
1993 - 2005	Editor-in-chief, <i>Gyldendal - Nye religioner</i> , København: Gyldendal.
1997 - 2002	Member, Editorial Board of <i>Studies on Religion</i> , Aarhus: Aarhus University Press.
1997 - 2002	Member, Editorial Board, <i>Religionsvidenskabelig skriftserie</i> , Århus: Aarhus Universitetsforlag.
2002 - 2004	Chair, Editorial Board, <i>Studies on Religion</i> , Aarhus: Aarhus University Press.
2002 - 2004	Editor-in-chief, <i>Religionsvidenskabelig skriftserie</i> , Århus: Aarhus Universitetsforlag.
2007ff.	Co-editor, <i>Religion, Cognition and Culture</i> , Sheffield: Equinox Publishers, later Routledge.
2012ff.	Co-founder and senior editor of <i>Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion</i> , Sheffield: Equinox Publishers.

2015ff. Co-founder and editor-in-chief of *Advances in the Cognitive Science of Religion*, Sheffield: Equinox Publishers.

### **Peer Reviews of Book and Article Submissions**

2006 *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, Guildford: University of Surrey.

2008 Cambridge University Press.

2008 Oxford University Press.

2008 *American Antiquity*, Charlottesville, VA, USA.

2008 *Religion*, Amsterdam: Elviesier.

2009 *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*, Leiden: Brill.

2009 *Tidsskrift for Forskning i Sygdom og Samfund*, Aarhus: Aarhus University.

2010 *AlterNative*, Auckland: University of Auckland.

2010 *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2010 *Religion*, Amsterdam: Elviesier.

2010 *History of Religions*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

2010 *Toronto Journal of Theology*, Toronto: University of Toronto.

2010 *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*, Leiden: Brill.

2011 *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, Los Angeles: UCLA American Indian Studies Center

2012 *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion* Abingdon: Taylor & Francis.

2012 *Advances in Complex Systems*, World Scientific Publishing.

2012 Oxford University Press.

2012 *Secularism and Nonreligion*.

2013 *Scientific Studies of Religion*.

2014 *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*.

2014 *Religion*.

2014 *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

2015 *Sophia. International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*.

2015 *Numen*.

2015 Bloomsbury Academic.

2016 *Religion, Brain, & Behavior.*

2016 *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion.*

2016 *Avant. The Journal of the Philosophical-Interdisciplinary Vanguard.*

2017 Routledge.

2017 *Numen.*

2018 Aarhus Universitetsforlag.

2018 Routledge.

2018 *Evolutionary Studies in Imaginative Culture.*

2018 *Zygon.*

2018 *Numen.*

2018 *Journal of the American Academy of Religion.*

2018 *Journal of Cognitive Historiography.*

2018 *Religion, Brain, & Behavior.*

2018 Springer Publishers.

2019 *Archiv für Religionspsychologie.*

2019 *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture.*

2019 *Religion.*

2019 *Religion, Brain, & Behavior.*

2019 *Archive for the Psychology of Religion.*

2020 Palgrave Macmillan.

2021 *Religionsvidenskabeligt Tidsskrift*