

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2009- Assistant Professor, Department of History, Copenhagen University (DK)
2008-2009 Post doctoral fellow, Department of History, Copenhagen University (DK)
2007 External Lecturer, Department of History, Copenhagen University (DK)
2002 Research Assistant, European University Institute on the project 'Images of Europe' (Professors Diogo R. Curto, Antony Molho, and Bo Stråth).
2001-2002 Research Archivist, Danish National Archives
1999-2000 Student Assistant, Danish National Archives (New registration of the Danish West Indian and Guinean collections)

EDUCATION

- 2002-2007 **Ph.D. candidate, Department of History and Civilization, European University Institute, Italy**
Thesis: Slave Stories: Gender, Representation, and the Court in the Danish West Indies, 1780s – 1820s; date of defence: 5 February 2007; supervisor: Diogo R. Curto.
Visiting researcher at Warwick University, Department of History, Centre for Caribbean Studies (UK, September 2003).
- 1991-2000 **Master of History and International Development Studies, Roskilde University (Denmark, Nicaragua, Israel, Tanzania)**
Nicaragua, Estelí: Evaluation of vocational training for women, internship with the Danish NGO 'IBIS' (4 months, 1998).
Israel: Student at the Visiting Graduate Students Programme in History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1996-1997).
Israel: Hebrew language studies (4 months 1996).
Tanzania: Research on primary education in Dar es Salaam and in a small village in the Mbeya District (3 months, 1995).

SELECTED RESEARCH NETWORKS & CONFERENCE PLANING

- 2010 Member of the international editorial board for the Swedish Journal of History (*Historisk Tidskrift*)
- 2007- European Network: Les traités, les esclavages et leurs abolitions dans la construction de l'Europe (funded by EU)
Member of the research group 'Law: Norms, Practices and Social Connections'.
Co-ordinator: Professor Myriam Cotties, CNRS, France.
- 2006-2009 Scandinavian Network: Global Cultural History: Historical Studies in Colonialism and Post-Colonialism
Initiator and board member of the network; funded by the Danish National Research Council.

Co-organizer of the conferences: 'Cultural Encounters and Historical Practice', 2009 and 'Managing the Post-Colonial Experience' 2006.
2001-2008 Member of editorial board of 1066: Tidsskrift for Historie (1066: Journal of History)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Invited

2009 Annual Meeting in the Society for Gender History: The Challenges, Potentials and Limits of Gender History (Copenhagen University)
2007 Nordic Perspectives on Colonialism (Höör, Sweden): 'Slave Voices, Rhetorical Effects, and Agency in the Danish West Indian Lower Courts, 1780s – 1820s'.
2006 Atlantic History from both sides of the Atlantic (EHESS/CENA, France): 'Origins and Development of the Concept of the Black Atlantic'.
2006 The Danish Colonies in Social and Economic History (Copenhagen University, DK): 'Law, Production and Reproduction in the Danish West Indies'.
2006 Gender Studies at the EUI: Past, Present and Future Perspectives (European University Institute, IT): 'The Contours of a Sentimental Language – Speaking of Love and Conjugality in the Slave Court'.
2005 The Danish Historical Society (The Danish Royal Library, Copenhagen, DK): 'Gender and Christianity. Slave Stories in the West Indian Police and Lower Courts, 1780s – 1820s'.

Other

2010 Voix d'Esclaves. Colloque de travail (Pau, France): 'Slave Voices between Agency and Appropriation in the Danish West Indies, 1780s – 1820s'.
2010 L'impact du monde atlantique sur les « anciens mondes » africain et européen du XVe au XIXe siècle (Nantes, France): 'Eurafrican Travellers in the Atlantic World: The case of Christian Protten.'
2006 Denmark and the Black Atlantic (Copenhagen University, DK): 'Adultery or merely Promiscuity? Marital Conflicts in the Danish West Indian Courts'.
2006 The National Meeting of Danish Historians (Copenhagen University, DK): 'Gender and Storytelling in the Danish West Indian Police and Lower Courts, 1780s – 1820s'.
2005 Annual Conference of the Society for Caribbean Studies (University of Newcastle, UK): 'Obeah as Conflict Performance inside and outside the Lower Courts of the Danish West Indies'.
2005 Atlantic History Seminar (Harvard University, Prof. Bernard Bailyn): 'Conjugality, Conjugal Conflicts, and Afro-Caribbean Patriarchy: Exploring Violence and Adultery in the Danish West Indian Courts'.
2004 Atlantic History Seminar (Harvard University, Prof. Bernard Bailyn): 'African and Afro-Caribbean Voices in the Lower Courts of the Danish West Indies'.
2004 Trans-Atlantic Crossings in the Eighteenth Century (University of South Florida, DeBartolo Conference): 'Gender and Storytelling: Slaves before the Police Court in the Danish West Indies, 1780s-1820s'.

SCHOLAR SHIPS & GRANTS

2011 Travel stipend from the foundation Professor Ludvig Wimmer og Hustrus Legat

- 2010 Two-years post doctoral fellowship, Danish National Research Foundation for the Humanities
- 2008 Two-years Marie Curie post doctoral fellowship at Oxford University, African Studies Centre (declined)
- 2006-2007 Danish National Research Council: Collective Grant to the Scandinavian Network for Global Cultural History
- 2006 European University Institute: Doctoral Completion Grant.
- 2004 & 2005 Atlantic History Seminar, Harvard University: Travel and hotel expenses covered.
- 2002-2006 Danish Council of University Principals: Doctoral grant for the European University Institute.
- 2002-2006 Vasco Da Gama Grant, European University Institute: Doctoral grant.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- 2011 “Northern Europe and the Atlantic World” in *Oxford Online Encyclopaedia of the Atlantic World*, Oxford University Press, Trevor Burnard (ed.), 22 p.
- 2009 Guest editor with Niels Brimnes & Pernille Ipsen thematic issue on Scandinavian Colonialism, *Itinerario*, vol. 33, nr. 2 (2009), s. 7-82.
- 2008 “Moving in Circles. African and Black History in the Atlantic World,” *Nuevo Mundo*, 9.9 (2008), 30 s.
- 2005 “Legality outside the Courtroom: Practices of Law and Law Enforcement in the Danish West Indies at the End of the Eighteenth Century”, *Quaderni Fiorentini. Per La Storia del Pensiero Giuridico Moderno*, vol. 33-34, 2004-2005, p. 921-961.
- 2004 “African and Afro-Caribbean Voices in the Lower Courts of the Danish West Indies”, Working Paper. International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, 1500-1825. Harvard University, no. 04-15, no. 2004, p. 1-43.
- 2004 ”Frie kvinder og slaver i Dansk Vestindien”, in *Siden Saxo*, vol. 21, no. 2, 2004, p. 16-23.
- 2003 “Skin Colour as a Tool of Regulation and Power in the Danish West Indies in the Eighteenth Century”, in *Journal of Caribbean History*, vol. 37, no. 2, 2003, pp. 256-276. 2003
- 2003 “Nye og gamle perspektiver på dansk kolonihistorie”, in *1066: Tidsskrift for Historie*, vol. 22, no. 2 (2003), p. 3-13.
- 2002 “Skin Colour as a Tool of Regulation and Power in the Danish West Indies in the Eighteenth Century”, in *Kruispunt*, December 2001, p. 191-216.

Reviews

- 2011 *Global Historia Från Periferin. Norden 1600-1850*, red. Müller, Leos et al. Lund: Studentlitteratur, 2010, in *Scandinavian Economic History Review*, vol. 59, no. 3, p. 306-308.
- 2007 S.D. Smiths: *Slavery, Family and Gentry Capitalism in the British Atlantic. The World of the Lascelles, 1648 – 1834*, Studies in Economic History, Cambridge University Press 2006, in *Nyt fra Historien*, nr. 2 (2007), p. 43-44
- Danish Sources for the History of Ghana 1657 – 1754*, Ole Justesen, ed., Kgl. Danske Videnskabernes Selskab 2005, in *1066: Tidsskrift for Historie*, nr. 4 (2007), p. 42-43.

2003 Erik Gøbel: *A Guide to Sources for the History of the Danish West Indies (U.S. Virgin Islands), 1671-1917*, University Press of Southern Denmark 2002, in Nordisk Arkivnyt, no. 1, 2003, p. 34-35.

OTHER

2008-2009 Maternity leave