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Employment

Professor

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København Ø, Denmark

31 Jul 1991 → nu

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1 Aug 1991 → nu

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University Centre in Svalbard

Longyearbyen, Svalbard and Jan Mayen

1 Aug 2013 → 31 Jul 2025

Positions (current and previous)

2009-2018 Professor with special duties, University of Copenhagen, Denmark (DK)

2013-2025 Professor II (20%), University Centre of Svalbard, Norway

2009-2014 Center leader, Polar Science Center, Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen, DK

1995-2009 Associate professor, Freshwater Biological Laboratory, University of Copenhagen, DK

1991-1995 Assistant professor at the Freshwater Biological Laboratory, University of Copenhagen, DK

1989-1995 Scientist at the International Agency for 14C Determination, Water Quality Institute, DK

Project management (since 2008)

2008-2012 IT-University, Wireless sensor network in Arctic lakes, co-PI, National Research Council

2009-2012 Faculty of Science, Sino-Danish Tibet research project, PI, Innovation Centre Denmark

2010-2013 Dept. of Biology, CAFF Pan-Arctic monitoring program, PI, Nat. Env. Agency

2011-2015 Freshwater Bio. Laboratory, Centre for lake restoration, participant, Villum Foundation

2014-2017 Dept. of Biology, Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program. PI, Nat. Env. Agency

2017-2021 SLU-Sweden, Oligotrophication of northern lakes, collaborator, Swedish research Council

2017-2019 NIWA-Oslo, Goose-mediated impact in Arctic lakes, collaborator, Norwegian Res. Council

2018-2023 SLU-Sweden, Arctic Biodiversity in freshwater, participant, Belmont Forum/EU-Biodiversa

2019-2021 Dept. of Biology, Arctic-Alpine freshwaters & climate, PI, Ministry of Science & Education

2020-2023 Dept. of Biology, Back to the future in Greenland lakes, PI, Carlsberg Foundation

2022-2025 SLU-Sweden, Climate induced changes in lakes, collaborator, Swedish research Council

2022-2025 ept. of Biology, Spatial changes in Faroese lakes; PI, Ministry of Science & Education

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Teaching

Bachelor courses: Basic Ecology, Basic Arctic Biology, Basic Freshwater ecology

Master and Phd courses: Arctic Biology, Arctic Field Biology, Arctic Freshwater Ecology, Freshwater Ecology, Nature

management

Sopervision

Bachelor projects: 20

Master project:55

PhD:7

Postdocs: 5

Other professional experience

2001-2013 Head of Freshwater Biological Laboratory, Dept. of Biology, (approx. 25 persons)

2002-2003 Project management course (1 year), Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

2003-2004 Institute leadership course (1 year), University of Southern Denmark

2007-2009 Head of Section for Aquatic Biology, Dept. of Biology, (approx. 60 persons)

2008-2009 Research leadership course (6 month), the Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen

2009-2014 Center leader of Polar Science Center, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Univ. of Copenhagen

Ongoing

oParticipation in numerous international meetings with oral and poster presentations

oCo-organizer of international meetings in 1991, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003 and 2006

oScientific contributions to national media (newspapers, TV and video film)

oInvited speaker at larger international meetings 8 times since 1992

oInvited speaker at national/international research institutions, governmental institutions, research societies and public media numerous times

oMember of the international steering committee for CAFF/CBMP-freshwater Program (since 2011)

oCoordinator for Danish Kingdom expert group in CBMP program (since 2012)

oBoard member of the Arctic Station Council, University of Copenhagen, Greenland (since 2005)

oMember of the coordination group for the Greenland Ecosystem Monitoring program (2007-present)

oReviewer of multiple academic positions, PhD- thesis, evaluation panels etc. in DK and abroad (since 1990)

oReviewer for 20+ scientific journals (since 1988)

oMember of numerous national and international ad hoc evaluation boards and comities (since 1989)

Track record

•122 publications in international refereed journals, 4 book chapters in English

•55 publications/reports in English & 45 publications/reports in Danish

•H-index = 46, total citations = 9471 (Google Scholar – June 2023)