



## SHORT CURRICULAR NOTE

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I am a university teacher, associate professor (docent) and researcher at the Department of Church History. Since my dissertation on the Lutheran work among Maasai speaking peoples of Tanzania (2006) I have been researching the history and legacy of Christian mission and European colonialism in Africa. In particular, Namibia has been close to my heart. Lately I have taken a particular interest in issues relating to cultural memory and how we make use of our memory (memories) and our history. Here I have focused on Protestantism, pietism and mission from a (trans)cultural perspective, in Finland and Africa, but also on the "re-building" of cultural memory sites in the former German Democratic Republic.

### EDUCATION

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- Doctor of Theology (1.6.2006). Åbo Akademi.
- Master of Theology (14.9.2001). Åbo Akademi. Subjects: Church history, general history, education.
- Teacher of history (auscultated 2000–2001).

### RESEARCH PROJECTS

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- "Contested Church Spaces and Fragmented Memory Communities in Eastern Europe". Faculty for Humanities, Psychology and Theology at Åbo Akademi University. June 2016.

### CONFERENCES AND PAPERS

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- Member of a panel at the Swedish Annual Meeting of Comparative Religion at Södertörn University. The theme of the panel was "Do places have a memory?" (October 2016).
- Paper presentation at the conference "Locating and Dislocating Memory" arranged by the COST-funded research network "In search of transcultural memory in Europe". Title of paper: Destroyed, Remembered, and Resurrected: The St. Paul University Church in Leipzig. September 2016.
- Paper presentation at the conference "The Place of Memory and Memory of Place" in Cracow. Title of presentation: The St. Paul University Church in Leipzig – a multifaceted site of memory. June 2016.

- Paper presentation at a symposium, "Nordic Mission in a Historic Perspective" in Gothenburg. Title of paper: Transculturality and transcultural memory in the mission – examples from northern Namibia. May 2016.

## COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

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- Management Board Member, Centre for the Study of Christian Cultures at University of Turku, School of History, Art and Culture Studies. February 2017–.
- Custos at doctoral defence in Church History, Åbo Akademi Faculty of Arts, Psychology and Theology. May 2016.
- Secretary of the Academic Network Religion and Memory [www.relmem.net](http://www.relmem.net). 2014–.

## SCIENTIFIC EXPERT COMMISSIONS AND SUPERVISOR COMMITMENTS

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- Second supervisor for eight PhD students. Two have already defended their theses.
- Many peer review commitments; most recently in "Missionalia – Southern African Journal of Missiology", "Nordveck - Revivals as creators of narratives of memory and meaning", "Studia Theologica - Nordic Journal of Theology, Global Christianity", and "Approaching Religion"
- Guest lecturer in the Africa Programme at Dalarna University. 2015–.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books and theses

- The Shifting Boundaries of Tolerance: Inclusion, Exclusion, and Religious Communities of Memory. Co-edited with Ingvar Dahlbacka and Jakob Dahlbacka: Studies of Religion and Memory, 2016.
- Historiska perspektiv på kyrka och väckelse: Festskrift till Ingvar Dahlbacka på 60-årsdagen. Co-edited with Birgitta Sarelin, Helsinki: The Finnish Society of Church History, 2013.
- Rum för teologisk spänning: Historiska, samtidsorienterade och kyrkliga perspektiv i teologisk forskning. Co-edited with Mikael Lindfelt and Pekka Lindqvist, Åbo: Åbo Akademi University Press, 2011.
- With the Gospel to Maasailand: Lutheran Mission Work among the Arusha and Maasai in Northern Tanzania 1904–1973. Åbo: Åbo Akademi University Press, dissertation, 2006.

### Peer reviewed articles

- The Law, the Gospel, and Remembrance of the St. Paul University Church in Leipzig (to be published in 2017).
- A Memory in Transition – the University Church of St. Paul in Leipzig (to be published in the spring of 2017).
- Divine Law Enforcement and Mission Transculturality – The Finnish Missionary Society and the emerging of the first Church Rules in the Ovambo mission field in South West Africa (In: The Shifting Boundaries of Tolerance, Studies on Religion and Memory, 2016).
- August Hermann Francke och det pietistiska minnets transkulturalitet (Finnish Church Historical Society 2015 Yearbook).