

Work experience

2013 - 2018	PhD Fellow at Department of Public Health, Global Health Section, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
2011- 2013	Research Assistant at Department of International Health, Immunology and Microbiology, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
2011 - 2013	Board member at Global Doctors, Denmark
2010	Communications Officer at Division of Communication, UNICEF, USA
2009 - 2010	Consultant at United Nations Global Alliance for ICT and Development, USA
2009	Liaison Assistant at United Nations World Food Programme, USA
2008	Intern at UNDP, USA
2007	Intern at African Refuge, USA
2007	Volunteer at Voluntary Action Ghana, Tamale, Ghana
2006 - 2007	Social worker at Jobcenter Sygedagpenge, Municipality of Copenhagen, Denmark

Educational background

MA in International Affairs (concentration in health and development) from the New School, USA

BA in Psychology (concentration in Social Psychology) from Roskilde University, Denmark

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Short presentation

I am an Assistant Professor in the Global Health Section and since 2022, Vice Head of the Global Health Section. I have an academic background in Psychology (BA, Roskilde University, Denmark, 2006) and International Development (MA, New School, USA, 2010), and a PhD in Global Health from the Department of Public Health (University of Copenhagen, Denmark, 2018).

Acknowledging the social determinants of mental health and structures making life difficult, my research is directed towards how we can make people thrive and make lives worth living. Using participatory, qualitative methods a key research area of mine is to explore why individuals self-harm and die to suicide – and how we can prevent it. My research is also focused on exploring the well-being of health care providers, especially their opportunities to thrive in their work life and thereby being able to provide appropriate care.

I am currently involved in the following research projects:

Strengthening Capacity to manage and Cope with Pandemics in Ethiopia and Tanzania (SCCOPET) (Co-PI).

NIHR RIGHT4: Preventing deaths from acute poisoning in low- and middle-income countries (Co-I).

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/cardiovascular-science/nihr-acute-poisoning/pesticides>

The CC-ANC study: Co-creating antenatal care (Co-PI). <https://publichealth.ku.dk/about-the-department/global/research/partoma-project/>

I am course leader of the MSc Global Health course 'Global Health and Diseases - an Introduction and Major Challenges'. I have teaching responsibility within qualitative methods and theory, global mental health, de-colonization of Global Health, and pre-departure training. I supervise thesis work in my areas of expertise, and I currently supervise two PhD students.