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Academic Degrees

2016 Docent in Technology and Social Change, Linköping University
2009 PhD in Technology and Social Change, Linköping University
2003 BA in Multimedia Studies at Stockholm University

Academic Positions

2025- Professor, Department of Media Technology, Södertörn University
2020-25 Associate Professor; Division for Science, Technology, and Society; Chalmers University of Technology
2016-19 Researcher, Department of History of Science and Ideas, Uppsala University.
Member of the Cultural matters group, Sociology, Uppsala University
2011-15 Assistant Professor, Department of Technology and Social Change, Linköping University
2010-11 Postdoc, Department of Technology and Social Change, Linköping University
2004-10 PhD Candidate, Department of Technology and Social Change, Linköping University

Management and Leadership Positions

2025- Member of the board of EASST, European Association for the Study of Science and Technology
2021- Management team for The Wallenberg AI, Autonomous Systems and Software Program – Humanities and Society
2024-25 Head of Unit for Science, Technology, Society, Chalmers University
2015 Director of Studies for the PhD Program at the Dept. of Thematic Studies, Linköping University
2013 Assistant Study Director for the MA program in Science for Sustainable Development
2004-07 Assistant Study Director of the ESST International Master's Program in Science, Technology and Society
2001-03 Area manager, IT consulting firm, NetCoord
1997-01 Founding Partner, and Chairman of the Board, River Creative Agency

PhD/Postdoc supervision

- Tanya Osborne, main supervisor, Chalmers University of Technology, 2025-
- Alicja Ostrowska, main supervisor, Chalmers University of Technology, 2020-2026.
- Parissa Mokhtabad Amrei, co-supervisor, Chalmers University of Technology, 2021-2024
- Morag Ramsey, co-supervisor, Uppsala University, 2016- 2021. PhD in 2021 (from start to finish).
- Peter Skagius, co-supervisor, Linköping University, 2015-2020. PhD in 2020 (from mid to finish).
- Darcy Parks, co-supervisor, Linköping University, 2015-2018. PhD in 2018 (from mid to finish).
- Emily Moberg, co-supervisor, Stockholm University, 2015-2017. PhD in 2017 (from mid to finish).

Competitively Awarded Research Grants

2025 WASP-HS (10,5 MSEK) Synthetic Data: Facts, Representations, and Transparency. Main Applicant and Principal Investigator.

2025 Swedish Research Council (3 MSEK) Pandemic Infrastructures: Preparing for the Wrong Pandemic? Main Applicant and Principal Investigator.

2025 Swedish Research Council (6,6 MSEK) Blind Spots in Pandemic Preparedness: "Pathogen X" and the Development of Epidemic Surveillance after Covid. Main Applicant and Principal Investigator.

2023 Riksbankens Jubileumsfond. (320 TSEK) "Universal Ambitions of Computation: Inspecting the Travel of Expertise, Data, Algorithms and Ontologies." Main Applicant.

2022 WASP-HS (3 MSEK) for the project "Social Complexity and Fairness in Synthetic Medical Data" Main Applicant: Ericka Johnson.

2022 Riksbankens Jubileumsfond. (120 TSEK) "National STS Conference: Expertise, Knowledge Production and Politics" Main Applicant. Co-applicant Per Lundin.

2019 Marianne och Marcus Wallenbergs Stiftelse (9,5 MSEK) for the project "A new scientific revolution? Consequences of AI and Big Data in biomedicine" Main Applicant and Principal Investigator.

2015 Swedish Research Council (2,8 MSEK) for the project "The rise of infodemiology: towards a sociological understanding of Big Data infrastructures for pandemic surveillance". Main Applicant and Principal Investigator.

2015 *Riksbankens Jubileumsfond.* (450 TSEK) "Algorithms as Devices of Power and Valuation." Main Applicant.

2015 Riksbankens Jubileumsfond. Summer School Grant (230 TSEK) "The Social Meanings of Algorithms." Main Applicant: L Björklund Larsen.

2011 *Riksbankens Jubileumsfond* (3,5 MSEK) for the project "Trials of Value: On the valuation practices in designing medical experiments." Main Applicant: CF Helgesson.

Research visits

2020 Visiting Research fellow. Stockholm Center for Organizational Research (SCORE), Stockholm University, Jan-Jun 2020

2016 Visiting Scholar. Centre de Sociologie de l’Innovation. École nationale supérieure des mines de Paris, France, 1 week.

2011 Honorary Research Fellow in Sociology. Lancaster University, UK, 8 weeks.

2009 Visiting Scholar. Royal Institute of Technology, Dept. of Computer Science and Communication. Stockholm, Sweden, 8 weeks.