

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic exams

PhD in Social Work, University of Gothenburg, 2006

Magister in Social Work, University of Gothenburg, 1998

Bachelor of Sciences in Social Work (Socionom), University of Gothenburg, 1987

Approved as docent/associate professor

2019, University of Gothenburg

Positions held

Assignment (25%) at Unit for Academic Language aimed at strategic development, 2021-jan 2022

Deputy Head of Department and responsible for Education and Internationalisation, Dep of Social Work, University of Gothenburg, 2015- 2020 (part time)

Director of Studies, Dep. of Social Work, University of Gothenburg, 2012- 215 (part time)

Senior Lecturer, Dep. of Social Work, University of Gothenburg, 2007-ongoing

Researcher, Research and development Unit, Gothenburg Region, 2006-2007

PhD student, Dep. of Social Work, University of Gothenburg, 2001-2006

Social worker, Municipality of Pajala, 1999- 2001

Social worker/social work teacher, Nampula, Mocambique, 1991-1994

Social worker/out-reach worker/project manager, City Unit, City of Gothenburg 1987-1999

Social worker, Municipality of Nässjö, 1985-1986

Ombudsman Pupils Union, Gothenburg, 1981-1982

Teaching/Pedagogy/Educational Leadership

In total more than 6000 hours of teaching at both bachelor, master and PhD level at the department of Social Work. Currently head of the masters courses in Scientific Thesis and member of the local Ethical group at the department.

Member of the steering committee of Samarbetskommittén (network for all universities giving Social Work training) 2017-2020. From March 2018 called *Swedish Federation of Social Work Education* and chaired by me 2018-2020.

External assessor at pilot assessment of the Folkhälsovetarprogrammet med Hälsoekonomi, Sahlgrenska Akademien, University of Gothenburg 2017. External assessor of Barn- och ungdomsvetenskapliga masterprogrammet, GU 2019, Folkhälsovetarprogrammet, GU 2018, Dietistprogrammet, GU 2019, Bachelors and Masters Programs in Social Work Lund University, 2020 and Masters program in Public Health, GU 2023.

Expert at UKÄ Appraisal of applications for degree-awarding powers for Master of Science in Health Care Counselling, 2020-21 and 2022.

Expert at NOKUT appraisal of application for degree-awarding powers for Master of Science in Social Child Care (Barnevern) 2022, Norway.

Current research project

Flickors fritidsaktiviteter. A cooperative project between Gothenburg municipality and University of Gothenburg. 2024-2026

Completed research projects

Care to Work. Together with prof Ingrid Höjer and prof Yvonne Sjöblom. Unfinanced.

Skolprestationer och utbildningsituation för barn och ungdomar placerade i familjehem eller på institution: Headed by prof Ingrid Höjer. Funded by Forte 2013-2017.

Vårdnadsöverflyttningar för barn och unga i familjehem: Headed by prof Ingrid Höjer and funded by Allmänna Barnhuset 2014-15.

Society as Teenage parent – on the contact person within the Social Services

Financed by FAS the project ran from January 2010 to June 2014 and aimed at generating knowledge on the design and character of the contact person work and to discuss how this can be understood in relation to a societal function as a teenage parent. The project was headed by Mona Franséhn.

Young people from a Public Care Background: pathways to education in Europe (YIPPEE)

Financed by the EU Seventh Framework Programme. Five participating countries: UK, Denmark, Hungary, Spain and Sweden. Coordinator Thomas Coram Research Unit, London. The study ran from January 2008 to September 2010. The overall aim of the project is to investigate educational pathways among young men and women from a public care background in education after the end of compulsory schooling; and to examine how more young people from this background can be retained in further and higher education.

Promotive Youth work

An evaluation of open youth arenas and youth work methods, on behalf of the Swedish National Board for Youth Affairs carried out by The Göteborg Region Association of Local Authorities (FOU-Väst/GR).

Male role models: On the Social Services Work with Lone Mothers and their Sons

A project funded by FAS and led by Margareta Bäck-Wiklund 2001-2005. The research group also included Mona Franséhn, Thomas Johansson and myself. The aim was to explore the concept of

male role models within the social services and in relation to the work done to compensate for the lack of a father figure in the young person's family.

Contributions in relation to PhD – programme

Head supervisor for Annette Fridström 2022-

Head supervisor for Louise Hellman 2021-

Head supervisor for Maimuna Abdullahi 2019-2021.

Assistant supervisor for Nina Tryggvason 2012-2018. Title of PhD thesis defended 2018-03-16: Att säga sitt och höra till. En internationell studie om barns delaktighet i familjen. Head supervisor professor Emma Sorbring

Assistant supervisor for Heidi Aarum Hansen 2013 -215. Title of thesis defended 2015-12-04: Barnevernets stemmer. Head supervisor professor Peter Dellgran

Head supervisor for PhD student Siv-Britt Björktomta from 2010 to 2012. Defended her PhD thesis Om patriarkat, motstånd och upprott – tjejers rörelser i sociala rum (Patriarchy, resistance and breaking up – young girl's movement in social spaces) 2012-06-01.

Course head for PhD course in qualitative methods, spring 2022 and spring 2024.

Peer reviewed scientific articles

Soyez, V.; Gilligan, R.; Arnau-Sabatès, L.; Johansson, H.; Höjer, I.; Pazlorova, H.; Sjöblom, Y. & Stoddart, J. (2023) Early work experience as a source of social inclusion on the transition to adulthood: The voice of care-experienced young people – a cross national study from six countries. *Journal of Social Work*

Johansson, H.; Sjöblom, Y.; Höjer, I.; Gilligan, R.; Arnau-Sabatés, L.; Pazlarová, H.; Soyecz, V. & Stoddart, J. (2023) Exploring care leavers' agency in achieving entry into the world of work: A cross-national study in six countries. *International journal of social welfare* DOI: 10.1111/ijsw.12603

Lemus-Way, M.C. & Johansson, H (2019) Strengths and Resilience of Migrant Women in Transit: an Analysis of the Narratives of Central American Women in Irregular Transit Through Mexico Towards the USA. *Journal of International Migration and Integration pp1-19*

Wissö T, Johansson H & Höjer I (2018) What is a family? Constructions of family and parenting after a custody transfer from birth- to foster parents. *Child and Family Social Work*

Wissö T & Johansson H (2018) Transferring custody from birth parents to foster parents – an ambiguous matter. *Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law*

Höjer, I, Lindberg, H, Nielsen, B, Gustafsson, J-E och Johansson, H (2018) Recognition of education and schooling in case files for children and young persons placed in out-of-home care. *Children and Youth Services Review*

Franséhn M, Johansson H & Wissö T (2018) Höga förväntningar på kontaktpersoner? En studie av föräldrapraktiker och insatsen kontaktperson för ungdomar inom Socialtjänsten. (High expectations on contact persons? A study on parental practices and the contact person intervention within the Social Services) *Socialvetenskaplig Tidskrift 3-4*

Johansson H & Johansson I-M (2016) The unruly young men - Exploring some key constructions of masculinity within Social Work. *Indian Journal of Social Work*

Höjer I & Johansson H (2013) School as an Opportunity and Resilience Factor for Young People Placed in Care. In *European Journal of Social Work*, 16:1

Johansson H & Höjer I (2012) Education for Disadvantaged Groups – An Individual and Structural Challenge. In *Children and Youth Services Review*, online at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2012.01.042>

Editorship

Together with professor Margareta Bäck-Wiklund (2012): *Att fostra familjen - En grundbok om styrning, föräldraskap och socialtjänsten (Governing the family – a book on normation, parenthood and the social services)*. Malmö; Liber