

CURRICULUM VITAE

Full names Kirsi Anne Helena Tirri

Personal Data I was born on 5 May 1961, Helsinki, Finland and I am a citizen of Finland. I have a husband Henry Tirri and I am a mother of 3 daughters: Karoliina (1983), Katariina (1984), Vilhelmiina (1989)



Education and training

1980 Matriculation examination
1985 Th.M. in Theology, University of Helsinki
1991 Licentiate in Education, University of Helsinki
1994 Ph.D. in Education, University of Helsinki
Dissertation title: *“Evaluating Teacher Effectiveness by Self-Assessment: A Cross-cultural Study”*
1996 Docent in Education, University of Helsinki
2002 Docent in Education, University of Tampere

Current positions

2010- Full Professor of Education, University of Helsinki (Kasvatustieteen professori)
2017-2019 Research Director (Full Professor), Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies
2016- Visiting Professor at St. John’s University, New York

Previous professional appointments

1986-1989 Secondary School Teacher of Religious Education and Psychology
1989-1993 Researcher, University of Helsinki
1990-1992 Visiting Scholar, Department of Educational Studies, Purdue University
1993-1995 Senior Lecturer in Religious Education, Department of Teacher Education, University of Helsinki
1995-1996 Researcher, Department of Teacher Education, University of Tampere (Academy of Finland)
1996-1999 Junior Research Fellow in the Academy of Finland, University of Helsinki (Nuorempi tutkija)
1998 Visiting Scholar, Stanford University (summer term)
1999-2002 Professor of Education, University of Helsinki (Kasvatustieteen professori)
2000-2002 Senior Research Fellow (Academy of Finland) (Vanhempi tutkija)
2007-2008 Senior Scientist (Academy of Finland) (Varttunut tutkija)
2006-2009 Visiting Professor, King’s College, London
2002-2010 Full Professor of Religious Education, University of Helsinki (Uskonnonpedagogiikan professori)
2014-2015 Vice President of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters
2007-2016 Visiting Scholar, Stanford University
2011-2016 Vice Head of the Department of Teacher Education (Research Director)
2017 Vice-Dean in Charge of Research, Faculty of Educational Sciences
2016-2017 President of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters

Supervised Doctoral Dissertations

2003 Lassi Pruuki
2004 Pekka Launonen

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| 2004 | Gatis Lidums |
| 2006 | Marja Leena Virolainen |
| 2006 | Leena Ahteenmäki-Pelkonen |
| 2006 | Timo Ryhänen |
| 2007 | Martin Ubani |
| 2007 | Olli Poutiainen |
| 2008 | Elina Hella |
| 2010 | Minna Valtonen |
| 2011 | Pasi Jaakkola |
| 2011 | Elina Kuusisto |
| 2011 | Eija Hanhimäki |
| 2011 | Arto Virkkunen |
| 2012 | Kristiina Holm |
| 2014 | Inkeri Rissanen |
| 2015 | Heli Sahlstedt |
| 2015 | Joye Chua |
| 2016 | Marianna Vivitsou |
| 2016 | Monika Schatz |
| 2016 | Sonja Laine |
| 2018 | Ingrid Schutte |

Research funding (total funding more than 1 million Eur)

The Moral Dilemmas in school and their Solving Strategies (Academy of Finland) (1996-1999). Actualizing Finnish Giftedness (Academy of Finland) (1999). Actualizing Finnish Giftedness (Academy of Finland) (2000-2003). Actualizing Finnish Giftedness (Academy of Finland) (2004-2007). The Nordic Conference on Religious Education (2005). The 10th Conference of the European Council for High Ability (2005-2006). Leading schools successfully in challenging urban contexts: strategies for improvement (European Union) (2005-2008). Educating Through Diversity in Europe (European Union) (2006-2008). Educating Moral Citizens: Urban Schools as Moral Communities (Academy of Finland) (2007-2008). Education for Democratic Intercultural Citizenship (Lifelong Learning Program–Erasmus Intensive Program) (2012-2015). This is How Finnish Teachers Learn How to Teach (World Capital Design) (2011-2012). Finnable (TEKES) (2011-2013). New Learning (Finnish Parliament) (2012-2013), Professor Pool (Cultural Foundation of Finland) (2014), How service-learning influences youth purpose around the world (John Templeton) (2014-2016), Teaching Common Values in Europe (EU) (2016-2017), Education for Democratic Intercultural Citizenship (EU EDIC+) (2016-2019)

Other academic and professional activities

Finland's National Delegate in the World Council for the Gifted Children (1993-). A Board Member of the International Studies Interest Group in AERA (1995). A Committee Member of Award Committee in the International Studies (AERA) (1995-2000). The National Correspondent in the European Observatory of Educational Innovations (1996-1999). Finland's National Delegate in the European Council for High Ability (1998-2002). A Board Member of the European Council for High Ability (2003-). A Chair of the Award Committee in the International Studies (AERA) (1999-2003). Program Chair of the Moral Development and Education SIG (AERA) (2002). Reviewer, Academy of Finland (Research Council for Cultural and Social Science research) (2003-2005). Co-coordinator of SIG Religious and Spiritual Education (EARLI) (2005-2009). Expert Evaluator, European Commission (2005). Chairman of the 8th Nordic Conference on Religious Education (2005). Chairman of the 10th Conference of European Council for High Ability (2006). President Elect of European Council for High Ability (2007-2008). President of European Council for High Ability (2008-2012). Chair of the international evaluation panel of research in education

and psychology at the University of Joensuu (2008). President of International Studies SIG in AERA (2010-2013). A Board Member of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letter (2011-). A Vice President of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letter (2014-2016). A Board Member of Federation of Finnish Learned Societies (2011-2017). Chairman of the FERA Conference in Helsinki (2012). A member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the University of Vienna (2013-). Chair of the research evaluation panel of human sciences at the University of Oulu (2013-2014). Evaluator for the National Centre of Science and Technology in Kazakhstan (2014). Evaluator for the Slovenian Research Agency (2014). Evaluator for the Swedish Research Agency (2014). Evaluator for the Estonian Research Agency (2014). Evaluator for Research Foundation – Flanders (2016). Evaluator for the Slovenian Research Agency (2017). Evaluator for the National Centre of Science and Technology in Kazakhstan (2017). Evaluator for the Estonian Research Agency (2017).

Editorial boards

Educational Research and Evaluation. An International Journal on Theory and Practice (2005-2014). Journal of Education for Teaching: international research and pedagogy (2005-). High Ability Studies (2007-). Gifted Child Quarterly (2007-2017). Book Series: Moral Development and Citizenship Education (SENSE Publishers) (2007-). British Journal of Religious Education (2008-). Journal of Beliefs and Values (2008-). Teachers and Teaching (2008-). Book Series: Religious and Spiritual Education (Waxmann) (2009-). Finnish Journal of Theology (2010-). Roeper Review (2011-). International Journal of Education for Diversities (2011-). Teacher Educator (2012-). Journal for the Education of the Young Scientist and Giftedness (JEYSG) (2013-). Journal of Moral Education (2017-).

Membership in scientific societies

American Educational Research Association (AERA) (1990-). The World Council for the Gifted Children (WCGC) (1993-). The European Council for High Ability (ECHA) (1996-). The International Study Association on Teachers and Teaching (ISATT) (1997-). The European Association for Learning and Instruction (EARLI) (1999-). Finnish Society of Educational Research (FERA) (2001-)

Most important scientific acknowledgements and awards

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| 1992 | Stipendiary support, The Cultural Foundation of Finland |
| 1994 | Dissertation Award, The Finnish Educational Society |
| 1995 | Dissertation Award, The Outstanding International Study of the Year Award, American Educational Research Association |
| 1999 | The Best Educational Research Award, Finnish Academy of Science and Letters |
| 2006- | Member of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters |
| 2008 | Maslovaty Award for a senior scientist, European Association for Learning and Instruction (EARLI SIG 13) |
| 2014 | Talent Network Award, European Council for High Ability (ECHA) |
| 2014 | Excellent Leadership Award, American Educational Research Association (AERA) |

Expert evaluator positions

Evaluator of Professor of Education, University of California, Santa Barbara (2002). Evaluator of Professor of Education, University of Tampere (2005). Evaluator of Professor of Religious and Theological Education, Kings College, London (2005). Evaluator of Professor of Education, University of Toronto (2006). Evaluator of Professor of Religious Education, University of Joensuu (2006). Evaluator of Professor of Education, St. John's University, New York (2010). Evaluator of Professor of Education, Vienna University (2013). Evaluator of professor of Education, University of Oulu (2016). Evaluator of Tenure Professor of Education, University of Turku (2016). Evaluator of Professor in Practical Theology, University of Eastern Finland (2017). Evaluator of 6 Docentships (in Education and Theology). Opponent of 11 Doctoral Dissertations.

Publication Activity and Keynotes

I have more than 300 publications including 13 monographs, 96 international refereed journal articles and many refereed book chapters and articles in conference proceedings in the fields of Teacher Education, Moral Education, Gifted Education, Religious Education and Cross-cultural studies. Many of my articles have been cited widely and opened new research areas in these fields. My main publications are good examples of the interdisciplinary approach I have been able to establish in the fields of teacher education and moral education. According to the database "Publish or Perish" my h-factor is 28. I have given 21 Keynote talks in Asia, Australia, Saudi-Arabia, US and Europe. During the last 19 years I have also given annually 2-4 conference presentations, symposia, discussions etc. in the leading educational conferences AERA, EARLI, ECHA, ECER, AME.

Research supervision and international collaboration

During my Professorship I have supervised 22 doctoral theses in theology and education and mentored and co-authored with four postdoctoral students who are now Professors in Academia: Dr. Mirka Koro-Ljungberg is a Professor in the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College at Arizona State University, USA; Dr. Jukka Husu is a Professor of Education at the University of Turku; Dr. Petri Nokelainen is a Professor at the Tampere University of Technology and Dr. Martin Ubani is a Professor of Religious Education at the University of Eastern Finland.

I have also lead a **research team** that has developed theory and scales to measure multiple intelligences, spiritual sensitivity, ethical sensitivity and cultural sensitivity as well as developed new methodological approaches to social sciences. My team has pioneered the use of Bayesian classification and prediction in our data-analysis and methodological comparisons with the classical approach. This innovative methodological work has had a profound impact on the methods used in social sciences and education.

My extensive international collaboration includes both European and American partners. In the European scene my main collaboration partners have been with Professors Fritz Oser (Univ. of Fribourg), Wiel Veugeleers (Univ. of Amsterdam) and Christopher Day (Univ. of Nottingham). In the US side my research on adolescents' values, religiosity and spirituality has connected me to the Center on Adolescence at Stanford University where I have been a Visiting Scholar collaborating with Professors William Damon and Carol Dweck. Currently I am a Visiting Professor at St. John's University, New York collaborating with Professors James Campbell and Seokhee Cho. The wellbeing study also connects me with the President of the New Zealand Association of Positive Psychology, Aaron Jarden.

Most important foreign visits

My most important foreign visits include several years at Stanford University as a visiting scholar. I have visited Stanford since 1998 for shorter and longer periods. I have also visited Asia, US and

Europe by giving Keynote and invited talks. As a President of ECHA I have been invited to give talks and evaluate the state of education in several European countries including the Netherlands, UK, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Slovenia, Slovakia, Estonia and Greece. In Asia I have consulted Singapore government and given Keynote talk with consulting.