

Curriculum Vitae

Full name and date

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- Female

Date and place of birth, nationality, current residence

- Rauma, Finland
- Finnish
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Education and degrees awarded

- PhD (neuropsychology), 2001, University of Helsinki
- Adjunct professorship (developmental neuropsychology), 2003, University of Helsinki,
- Licentiate degree in Psychology, 1990, University of Helsinki:
- Master degree in Psychology, 1985. University of Helsinki
- Kindergarten teacher, Helsinki Ebeneser College, 1977

Other education and training, qualifications and skills

- Specialty in supervision of work, two years training, completed 2011
- Subspecialty in neuro psychotherapy, three years education, completed 2007
- Minor master degree in educational sciences, completed 2007
- Specialty in neuropsychology, three years education, completed 1996, University of Helsinki,
- Competence for demanding rehabilitation, 1996, Social Insurance Institution
- Training in developmental rehabilitation, UCLA, California, 1990, three months training

Linguistic skills: Finnish, Fluent English, Swedish, German

Current position

- University lecturer, principal investigator, full-time, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Educational Sciences (2002-)
- Head of early childhood education (2009-)
- Adjunct professor, leading researcher (2003-)
- Clinical neuropsychologist and neuropsychotherapist, Medical Center for Children and Adolescents, private practice. (1990-)

Previous work experience

- Clinical neuropsychologist, HUCH, Child Neurology, 1990-2002, researcher, University of Helsinki, Department of Psychology, 1986-1990, Psychologist, Hesperia Psychiatric Hospital, Helsinki 1984-1986, Principal teacher, Helsinki, 1981-1983, Preschool teacher, City of Helsinki 1977 – 1983, four career breaks: maternal leaves (four)

Research funding, leadership and supervision

- Korean Institute for early education, 2017, 7000 €; Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, 2017, 40 000 €; Juho Vainio Foudatuion, 2015, 30 000 €; Academy of Finland, 2015, 127 000 €; Signe & Ane Gyllenberg Foundation, 2014, 10 000 €; The Hawn Foundation, 2014, 38 000 €; Academy of Finland, 2012, 250 000 €; Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland, 2012, 20 000 €; The Ella and Georg Ehrnrooth Foundation, 2012, 22 000 €; The OKKA foundation, 2011, 10 000 €; Maire and Heikki Brunila research grant, 2011, 30 000 €; The Finish Cultural Foundation, 2008, 40 000 €; The Arvo and Lea Ylppö Foundation, 1990, 30 000 marks; The Emil Aaltonen Foundation, 1986, 50 000 marks
- Principal investigator and leading researcher early education and early special education research group, University of Helsinki, responsibility of project funding`s: *DAGIS (Increased Health and Wellbeing in preschools); Toddlers in early education – early prevention of marginalization; quality, practices, interventions and cognitive development in early special education groups,; a follow-up study; bullying and its prevention in early education; work-related wellbeing in early education professionals; young learning mind; early education as a profession,*
- Joint projects: children`s dietary up-take, stress (Folkhälsan Research Center), development of sexuality in children in early education (The Family Federation of Finland), KICCE: Study on the Current Status and Improvement of Extracurricular Activities for Young Children: A Cross-national Comparative Study
- Main supervision of two post-doc researchers (Mari Nislin, 2016, Laura Repo, 2017)
- Main supervision of ongoing doctoral studies (5)
- Officially appointed supervisor to undergraduate and post-graduate students since the year 2003.

Merits in teaching and pedagogical competence

- Involvement in curriculum planning: master and bachelor degree program in education (HU) 2008, 2012, 2015, 2016
- Involvement in curriculum planning: international master degree program in early education together with Peking Normal Univeristy
- Involvement in national curriculum planning (comprehensive school, early education), 2014 – 2017
- Responsibility of several 5 credit courses at HU, Faculty of Educational Sciences (*e.g. psychology of learning, learning and brain, developmental diversity, special*

education, pedagogical leadership), over 1000 teacher education students per year, over 2000 study points per year.

- Invited specialist and lecturer in numerous national and international in-service trainings (hospitals, schools, day-care centers and preschools), seminars and conferences.
- Visiting professor, UNAM, Windhoek, 2015, Singapore, 2014, Edith Cowen University, Australia, Montenegro, 2006, 2007, Kosovo, 2006, Tansania, 2004

Other academic merits

- Member in Cultural Academy (Ministry of Education and Culture) (2017)
- Third in Helsinki Challenge Competition: Parental Box
- Board member in Association of Infant Professionals (2016-)
- Australian Research Council (2013 -)
- Member of national curriculum board (2012-)
- Vice -Director in Early Childhood Education (2010-)
- Chair of early childhood education development board (2010-)
- Member of teacher education curriculum board (2010-)
- Member of international board in teacher education (2010-)
- Chair of working environment board (2010)
- Vice Head of Department (Operational Environment, Networking and Multicultural Education) (2012-2013)
- Member of faculty board on societal interaction, faculty of behavioural sciences (2013-)
- Pre-examiner of a doctoral dissertation
- Evaluation of doctoral dissertation
- Member of steering committee for doctoral studies in other national universities.
- Member of steering committee for sub-specialist education in neuropsychotherapy
- Member of steering committees for further educations
- Referee for scientific and scholastic journals
- Board member in the Finnish Institute for Neuropsychotherapy
- Key note speaker and invited lecturer in several international conferences and seminars during several years

Scientific and societal impact of research

- Founding member and member in executive board: The Finnish Association for Neuropsychotherapy
- Member of international conference organizing committees in neuropsychology and neuropsychotherapy

- Organization of annual seminars in special education and in early special education
- Interviews and public writings in several public journals for several years
- Interviews and specialist comments in several TV-programs for several years
- Import and application of a national intervention program for autistic children
- Application of evidence-based intervention programs in early education
- Founding member and executive manager in a private day-care center