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Education

- 1989 M.Sc. in Biology, Aarhus University, Denmark
1993 Ph.D. in Biology, Aarhus University, Denmark

Positions held

- 2000 - Associate Professor, Plant Biology, Department of Biological Sciences, Aarhus University
2000-2003 Research associate professor (Danish Natural Research Council), Department of Biological Sciences, Aarhus University
1995-2000 Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Aarhus University
1994-1995 Postdoc, University of Florida, USA and Institute of Freshwater Ecology, Windermere, UK
1993-1994 Marine biologist, Environmental Office, County of Århus, Denmark

Administration and management

- 2022- Deputy Head of Department for Education
2004-7/2012- Head of Education Committee, Department of Biology, AU
2004-7/2012- Member of the Board of Studies of Natural Sciences, Aarhus University
2010-2012 Member of the Safety Committee, Department of Biology, AU
2008-2012 Member of PhD committee, Department of Biology, AU
2003-2006 Responsible for Visitors' Service, Department of Biology, AU

Research areas

- Eco-physiological response and acclimation of aquatic plants to environmental constraints
- Distribution and productivity of macroalgae and seagrasses, and their role in coastal ecology
- Seagrass population dynamics and restoration

Teaching

Undergraduate and graduate courses: Phycology, Aquatic Biology, Freshwater Biology, Ecophysiology of aquatic plants, Experimental aquatic biology, Field course in plant biology. PhD course: Seagrass and macroalgae ecophysiology.
Supervisor for +30 master students, 3 PhD students