

Curriculum Vitae for Mattias Sommer Bostrup (updated August 2025)

Current Position: Associate Professor of Church History, Aarhus University

Personal

Danish national, born June 21, 1989. Married with two children.

Research Expertise

- The European Reformations with a special emphasis on Danish territories
- Religious toleration and co-existence in early modern Europe with a special emphasis on Schleswig-Holstein
- The Danish colonies in the early modern period
- History of Christian Mission in the twentieth century with a special emphasis on Denmark on the global scene
- Ecclesiastical, religious, and theological memory cultures and their translations

Employment History

06 2025 –	Associate Professor, Department of Theology, School of Culture and Society, Aarhus University
01 2022 – 05 2025	Assistant Professor, Department of Theology, School of Culture and Society, Aarhus University
02 2021 – 12 2021	Postdoctoral Researcher, The Faculty of Theology, The University of Oslo, Norway
06 2020 – 01 2021	Postdoctoral Researcher, The Faculty of Theology, The University of Göttingen, Germany
03 2020 – 06 2020	Part-time Lecturer, Department of Theology, School of Culture and Society, Aarhus University
09 2014 – 01 2019	PhD Fellow, Department of Theology, School of Culture and Society, Aarhus University

Academic Degrees

01 04 2019	PhD, Church History, Faculty of Arts, Aarhus University
10 10 2016	Master of Theology (Cand.theol.), Faculty of Arts, Aarhus University

Visiting Positions

10 2023 – 02 2024	Visiting Professor, Faculty of Theology, Kiel University, Germany
03 2016 – 06 2016	Visiting Doctoral Student, Faculty of Law, Bonn University, Germany

Third-Party Research Funding

08 2025	Carlsberg Foundation, “Conferences” instrument for workshop on religious co-existence and toleration in early modern Schleswig-Holstein, DKK 79,898 (PI)
12 2019	Carlsberg Foundation, “Internationalisation Fellowship” instrument for postdoctoral project on early modern toleration, DKK 850,000 (PI)

Scientific Organization

05 2025 – 07 2026	Organizing workshop on religious co-existence and toleration in early modern Schleswig-Holstein, Sandbjerg Estate, Sønderborg, Aarhus University
06 2024 – 08 2026	Member of local steering committee for Fifteenth International Congress for Luther Research, Aarhus University
01 2024 – 09 2024	Organizing a panel at the “Identities in the Early Modern Period” conference of the Nordic Network for Renaissance Studies, Aarhus University
06 2023	Convener of the seminar, “Variations of Early Modern Lutheranism in the Danish Territories”, LUMEN – Centre for the Study of Lutheran Theology and Confessional Societies and Research Unit for Church History, Aarhus University
05 2023	Co-Convenor of the Seminar, “Ansgar in Church History: From the Carolingian Age until Today”, Research Unit for Church History, Aarhus University
01 – 07 2022	Organizing and Preparing the Seminar “Luther and the Three Estates” at the Fourteenth Fourteenth International Congress for

Luther Research, California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks
CA, USA

- 02 – 05 2018 Organizing and Directing a Reading Group on History and Memory in
the Church Historical Scholarly Environment at Aarhus University
- 01 2016 Co-Convener of the Conference “Lutheran Confessional Societies
in Early Modern Germany and Scandinavia”, Aarhus University

Invited Paper Presentations

Conferences

- 08 2026 Fifteenth International Congress for Luther Research, Aarhus
University
- 08 2022 Fourteenth International Congress for Luther Research, California
Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks CA, USA (participation
cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 05 2022 “Konfessionelle Codierungen. Ambiguität und Vereindeutigung im
16. Jahrhundert”, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Seminars and Symposia

- 05 2025 Breakfast Meeting/Research Presentation, LUMEN – Centre for the
Study of Lutheran Theology and Confessional Societies, Aarhus
University
- 02 2025 “Ecumenism in the Churches” author-meets-critics seminar on the
occasion of Professor Dino Knudsen’s contribution to Brill’s *A
History of the Desire for Christian Unity*, CEMES/Centre for Modern
European Studies, University of Copenhagen
- 11 2024 Studies on India in Danish Universities, Department of History,
Aarhus University
- 11 2024 “The European Luther”, University of Göttingen/Kloster Bursfelde,
Germany

06 2023	“Variations of Early Modern Lutheranism in the Danish Territories”, LUMEN – Centre for the Study of Lutheran Theology and Confessional Societies and Research Unit for Church History, Aarhus University (convener)
05 2023	“Ansgar in Church History: From the Carolingian Age until Today”, Research Unit for Church History, Aarhus University (co-convener)
03 2023	Annual meeting of TARF (Theologischer Arbeitskreis für Reformationsforschung)/Nordic Luther Network, Sandbjerg Estate, Sønderborg, Aarhus University
12 2022	“Frühneuzeitliches Luthertum”, VID Specialized University, Stavanger, Norway
03 2022	Breakfast Meeting/Research Presentation, LUMEN – Centre for the Study of Lutheran Theology and Confessional Societies, Aarhus University
03 2022	“Current Trends in Scandinavian Church Historiography”, Faculty of Theology, University of Rostock, Germany
04 2021	Protestantism Research Group, The University of Oslo, Norway
03 2020	“Theology, Law, and Medicine in the Eighteenth Century”, Faculty of Theology, University of Copenhagen
04 2019	Research presentation, Department of Church History & Centre for Privacy Studies, Faculty of Theology, University of Copenhagen
11 2017	“Current Trends in Scandinavian Church Historiography”, Faculty of Theology, University of Rostock, Germany
10 2016	“Lutherische Orthodoxie <i>revisited</i> ”, Forschungsbibliothek Gotha, Germany

Paper Presentations

09 2024	Sixth Conference of the Nordic Network for Renaissance Studies (participation cancelled due to illness)
05 2024	Annual RefoRC Conference, Palermo, Italy

05 2021	“Reformation and Everyday Life”, LUMEN: Center for the Study of Lutheran Theology and Confessional Societies, Aarhus University
05 2019	RefoRC Annual Conference, Bologna, Italy
10 2017	Sixteenth Century Conference, Milwaukee WI, USA
05 2017	RefoRC Annual Conference, Wittenberg, Germany
09 2016	European Reformation Research Group Symposium, Newcastle, UK
05 2016	RefoRC Annual Conference, Copenhagen
10 2015	Sixteenth Century Conference, Vancouver, Canada

University and Public Talks

01 2025	“Context, Translation Culture, and Language from Ansgar to Kaj Baagø”, <i>Tekst og Teologi</i> , Aarhus University
11 2023	“Maren Sørensen: First Lutheran Female Pastor in Denmark and Germany?”, <i>Spot on! Frauen der Schleswig-Holsteinischen Kirchengeschichte</i> /Gesellschaft für Schleswig-Holsteinische Kirchengeschichte, Heide, Germany
10 2023	“Celebrating 75 Years of Women Pastors in the Danish Lutheran Church”, <i>Teologisk Forening</i> , Aarhus University
05 2022	“The King’s Catholics”, Theology Department End of Semester Celebration, Aarhus University
10 2021	“Religious Co-Existence on Nordstrand”, <i>Teologisk Forening</i> , Aarhus University
03 2021	“Constructing the Past in Nineteenth and Early Twentieth-Century Silkeborg”, Book launch seminar of <i>Festschrift</i> for Carsten Bach-Nielsen, Aarhus University
05 2019	“Niels Hemmingsen – A Sixteenth-Century Reformer”, <i>Dies Medievalis</i> , University of Southern Denmark
11 2018	“Spaces of Commemoration around the Copenhagen <i>Helligåndskirken</i> ”, 65 Years Birthday Seminar for Per Ingeman, Aarhus University

12 2016	Panel Discussion: The Significance of the Reformation in History and Today, Royal Library, Copenhagen
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Stays in Archives and Libraries

09 2025 (planned)	Archives of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, Edmonton, Canada
01 2025	The Royal Library reading rooms, Aarhus
12 2022	Mission Archive, Stavanger, Norway
10 2021	Utrecht City Archives, Utrecht, The Netherlands
09 2021	Herzog-August-Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, Germany
08 2021	Fredericia City Archives, Fredericia, Denmark
11 2020 – 12 2020	The Royal Library reading rooms, Copenhagen, Denmark
06 2020 – 12 2021	Landesarchiv Schleswig-Holstein, Schleswig, Germany; Kreisarchiv Nordfriesland, Husum, Germany; Danish National Archives, Copenhagen, Viborg, and Aabenraa, Denmark
12 2017	Copenhagen City Archives, Copenhagen, Denmark
09 2016	York Minster Library reading rooms, York, UK; The Royal Library reading rooms, Copenhagen, Denmark
08 2016	Danish National Archives/Rigsarkivet, Copenhagen, Denmark; The Royal Library reading rooms, Copenhagen, Denmark
07 2016	Special Collections, Amsterdam University Library, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Media Contributions

10 2021	“Uhyggen breder sig op til allehelgensaften. Sådan har det altid været – også før halloween kom til Danmark”, providing comments to a feature on Halloween and All Saint’s Eve in <i>Morgenavisen Jyllands-Posten</i> (11 10 2021), https://jyllands-posten.dk/kultur/ECE13336980/uhyggen-breder-sig-op-til-
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[allehelgensaften-saadan-har-det-altid-vaeret-ogsaa-foer-halloween-kom-til-danmark/](#)

- 10 2018 “Nye traditioner for sorg og død vokser i disse år”, providing comments on grief in Lutheran tradition to a feature on Halloween and All Saint’s Eve in *Kristeligt Dagblad* (31 10 2018), <https://www.kristeligt-dagblad.dk/kirke-tro/nye-traditioner-omkring-sorg-og-doed-vokser-frem-i-disse-aar>
- 07 2016 “Studenten stuiten op gedoogcultuur”, interviewed to a report from a summer school in *Reformatorisch Dagblad* (15 07 2016), <https://www.rd.nl/artikel/670156-studenten-stuiten-op-gedoogcultuur>
- 012016 “Præstesager gør Danmark til en særling blandt lutherske kirker”, providing comments to a feature on heterodox theology and disciplinary action in the historical and contemporary Lutheran church in Denmark in *Kristeligt Dagblad* (29 01 2016), <https://www.kristeligt-dagblad.dk/kirke-tro/praestesager-goer-danmark-til-en-saerling-blandt-lutherske-kirker>

Video and Audio Communication

- 11 2024 Video on the LinkedIn Page of the Faculty of Arts, Aarhus University: “Mortensaften: Hvorfor er det ænderne, der skal betale for gæssenes sladren?” (Martinmas: Why Is It the Ducks Who Must Pay for the Blabber of the Geese?): https://www.linkedin.com/posts/faculty-of-arts---aarhus-universitet_mortensaften-hvorfor-er-det-%C3%A6nderne-activity-7260601972913803264-WP91?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop
- 06 2024 Contributor to the podcast series “Danske Prædikener Genfortalt” (Danish Sermons Re-narrated) on Niels Hemmingsen:

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2204361/episodes/15253773-niels-hemmingsen-om-aegetskab-og-bryllup-i-kana>

12 2022 Youtube Streaming: “Kristendom, kirke og offentlighed i historisk perspektiv” (Christianity, Church, and the Public in Historical Perspective), arranged by The Council of International Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:
<https://youtu.be/mNlrvmkNAuk?feature=shared>

Administrative Service to University

01 2024 – Contact Person for Collections, Endowments, and Memorabilia in the Department of Theology, Aarhus University

05 2023 – Teologisk Forening/Theological Lecture Society, Aarhus University, Board member and chair

Service to Profession

2024 – Board Member, Pastor Niels Møgelvangs Litteraturfond

2022 – Peer reviewer, University Press of Southern Denmark

2021 – Editor, *Kirkehistoriske Samlinger*, Selskabet for Danmarks Kirkehistorie (managing editor since 2022)

2021 – Peer reviewer, Aarhus University Press

2016 – 2021 Treasurer, Selskabet for Danmarks Kirkehistorie

2016 – Board Member, Selskabet for Danmarks Kirkehistorie

Membership in Professional Societies

Den Danske Historiske Forening

Selskabet for Danmarks Kirkehistorie

Verein für Schleswig-Holsteinische Kirchengeschichte

Pedagogical Training and Development

2024	Using video-based student presentations in humanities teaching, mentoring process with Helene Blinkenberg Hastrup, Classical Archeology/Department of History, Aarhus University, Denmark
2022	University Pedagogical Programme for Assistant Professors and Postdocs, Aarhus University, Denmark
2018	Introduction to University Teaching for PhD Students, Faculty of Arts, Aarhus University, Denmark

Language Competency

Modern

Danish (native speaker)

English (C1)

German (C1)

Norwegian, Swedish, French, Italian, Dutch (reading only)

Ancient and early modern

Koine Greek

Latin

Early modern English, German, and Danish, including the use of paleographic skills