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EDUCATION

2008 (Dec 12th) PhD, University of Paris North, France
2005 Master of Science, University of Paris North, France

SCIENTIFIC FOCUS AREAS

Animal Behaviour, Communication, Emotions, Cognition and Welfare

POSITIONS

2019-Associate Professor, Dept. of Biology, UCPH, DK
2017-2019 Senior scientist, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, ETH Zürich, Switzerland
2013-2017 Postdoctoral researcher/fellow, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, ETH Zürich, Switzerland
2009-2012 Postdoctoral research fellow, School of Biological and Chemical Sciences, QMUL, UK

ACADEMIC HONORS AND POSITIONS OF TRUST, SELECTED

2022 Falling Walls Finalist in Life Science
2021-Board member, The Long-Tailed macaque project
2021- Member of the Technical Committee in Bioacoustics, Danish Acoustical Society
2020-Member of the International Steering Committee, Vocal Interactivity in-and-between Humans, Animals and Robots
2019-Council Representative, Danish representative for the International Council of Ethology
2009-2022 Editorial Board Member, Animal Behaviour
2017-2022 Editorial Board Member, Frontiers in Veterinary Science
2016-2019 Editorial Board Member, Scientific Reports

RESEARCH LEADERSHIP

2019-Head of the Behavioural Ecology Group (5-15 people)

MAIN FUNDING, SELECTED

2021-24 Carlsberg Young Researcher Fellowship (PI, 4.9 mio DKK)
2020-23 Swiss National Science Foundation (PI, 136'500 CHF)
2013-17 Swiss National Science Foundation Fellowship, Ambizione (PI, 540'500 CHF)

SUPERVISION AND TEACHING

Supervised > 40 MSc students, 3 PhD students, 4 postdocs since 2013
Frequent PhD opponent/committee chairman (DK, France, Switzerland, Sweden, Australia)
Current teaching: Population Biology, Evolutionary Ecology, Conservation, Social Behaviour and Communication
External lecturer abroad: e.g. PhD schools in France and the Netherlands, MSc in bioacoustics (France)

REVIEWER AND GRANT EVALUATION ACTIVITIES

Frequent grant panel member, e.g. WWTF Vienna Research Groups for Young Investigators, EU Era-Net CORE ORGANIC Cofund, Organic RDD 4 (ICROFS)
Frequent grant evaluator, e.g. Doctoral Programmes of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF), Austrian Research Group of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF), Agence National de la Recherche (ANR), Leverhulme Trust, BBSRC, NERC, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft
Ad hoc reviewer, e.g. Science, Progress in Neurobiology, PLOS Biology, Current Biology, Communication Biology, Neuroscience & Biobehavioral Reviews, Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B, BMC Biology, Methods in Ecology and Evolution, Proceedings of the Royal Society B

RECENT OUTREACH

Media coverage: TV (BBC World News, BBC1 Countryfile x2 (31/10/2010 & 11/03/2012), ARTE x2 ('Pas si bêtes - Les Chèvres Savantes'; '42 - Decoding animals language'), Netz Natur, I Could Never Go Vegan); Popular Journals (e.g. Science, The New York Times, The Guardian, Der Standard, Scientific American, The Times, BBC1, BBC News, BBC Earth News, BBC Nature, The Huffington Post), online podcasts (e.g. kid podcast But Why: 'Why do pigs oink?', Rik's Mind, The Pulse)
2022 Public talk, Series HUMANIBOTS, MSH-Alpes
2020-21 Online public talks, co-organiser and presenter, research at Buttercups Sanctuary for goats
2019- Culture Night: Stand and public talk, University of Copenhagen
2017 Public talks, Ås Kulturhus, Ås, Norway

BIBLIOMETRICS (as of June, 2023)

54 peer-reviewed papers and 6 book chapters

H-index: 28 (Google Scholar)

Citations: 2587 (Google Scholar)

Published papers as first author: 27; as senior author: 10

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (CURRENT KEY COLLABORATORS)

Alan McElligott (City University of Hong Kong, China); Josephine Bohr Brask (University of Exeter, UK); Marina Scheumann (University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover, Germany); Rasmus Heller (University of Copenhagen); David Reby (University Jean-Monnet, France); Tecumseh Fitch (University of Vienna, Austria); Marta Manser (University of Zürich, Switzerland); Danuta M. Wisniewska (University of Southern Denmark, Denmark); Jacob Nabe-Nielsen (Aarhus University, Denmark); Ole N. Larsen (University of Southern Denmark, Denmark); Thorsten J.S. Balsby (Aarhus University, Denmark); Torben Dabelsteen (Copenhagen University, Denmark); Bengt Holst (Copenhagen Zoo, Denmark); Judith Burkart (University of Zürich, Switzerland); Sabrina Briefer Freymond (Agroscope - Swiss National Stud Farm, Switzerland).