

Curriculum Vitae

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Basic Information

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Education and degrees

Ph.D. Educational Sciences
Faculty of Education, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
Dissertation title: *"Who would help a teacher – post-modern perspective on change in teaching in light of one school improvement project"*, June 1996.
Comprehensive areas: Educational change, school improvement, organization theory, systems theory, complexity theory

Teacher's Diploma Teacher of Mathematics and Science, May 1986.
Department of Teacher Education, Faculty of Education, University of Helsinki, Finland.

Master of Science Mathematics, December 1984
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, University of Turku, Finland.

Bachelor of Science Mathematics and Physics, April 1982
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, University of Turku, Finland.

Professional Career

CURRENT POSITIONS

Arizona State University *Visiting Professor of Practice* (January 2017 –)
Teaching and supervising students' academic work at Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College

Faculty of Behavioral Sciences (University of Helsinki, FINLAND) *Adjunct professor* (2003 –)
Supervising academic research, teaching and visiting lectures

Faculty of Education (University of Oulu, FINLAND) *Adjunct professor* (2009 –)
Supervising academic research, teaching and visiting lectures.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- Harvard University
Visiting Professor of Practice (January 2014 – June 2016)
Teaching, research and advising students' academic work at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.
- Ministry of Education and Culture/CIMO (Centre for International Mobility and Cooperation)
Director General (December 2009 – December 2013)
Overall management and leadership of the organization with 130 staff and 65 million USD annual budget as part of the Finnish Government's administrative structure under the Ministry of Education and Culture.
- European Training Foundation, Torino, ITALY
Lead Education Specialist (June 2007 – November 2009)
Education policy analysis, advice on education reforms and evaluation of education sector programs within the European Commission's external relations programmes. Leading education policy dialogue with governments, engaging in global development discussions and conducting analytical work and policy research. Chair of the ETF Editorial Board.
- World Bank, Washington, DC, USA
Senior Education Specialist (January 2003 – May 2007)
Managing preparation, supervision and evaluation of education sector projects and programs. Leading education policy dialogue with the governments, engaging in global development dialogue and conducting analytical work and policy research in developing countries.
- Centre for School Development, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Education, Helsinki, FINLAND
Director (August 2000 – December 2002)
Managing the Centre for School Development. Strategic development of teachers' professional development, educational leadership and teacher education. Leading the international operations of the Centre. Teaching and supervision of research of graduate and post-graduate studies in the Faculty.
- National Board of Education, Ministry of Education, Helsinki, FINLAND
Counsellor of Education (January 1999 – July 2000)
Strengthening evidence-based school improvement and education development in Finland. Supporting the development of new development cooperation policy and practice to the Government of Finland. Strategic work with the municipalities and schools in consolidating the new curriculum and pedagogic innovations. Research on open networks in educational change.
- Project Director* (August 1996 – December 1998)
Managing the EC-funded National Observatory Project that was administered by the European Training Foundation. Work included leading an international consortium that helped to establish information units in the governments of Former Soviet Union States. This work focused on vocational education and labor market issues.
- Head of Unit* (August 1993 – July 1996)
Leading and managing an operations unit in the Finnish National Board of Education. Implementation of the new national curriculum.

Strategic support to local education authorities and schools in improving teaching and learning. Creating functional bridges between schools and enterprises. Strengthening partnerships between schools and civil society. Coordinating the National School Improvement Network (Aquarium Project) and related research project supervision.

Chief Inspector (August 1991 – July 1993)

Leading the national curriculum working groups for physics and chemistry. Developing education policies for improving the quality of mathematics and science teaching. Technical support to National Matriculation Board.

Part-time Chief Inspector (April 1986 – April 1991)

Designing and coordination national school improvement networks within the international projects, including UNESCO's Information Network for Innovations in Science and Technology Education (IN-ISTE), Baltic Sea Project and Associate Schools Project. Developing and training of new methods of teaching for schools.

Department of Teacher Education, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, FINLAND

Lecturer (August 1988 – December 1990)

Teaching science and mathematics student teachers. Curriculum development and research on new teaching methods for schools.

Teacher Training School #1, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, FINLAND

Teacher (August 1984 – May 1991)

Teaching mathematics, physics and chemistry in middle and upper secondary school. Supervising student teachers in these same subjects.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERT ASSIGNMENTS

Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Education policy reviews in the following countries between 1995 and 2002: Russian Federation, Slovenia, Latvia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo, Albania, Bulgaria, Slovak Republic and Czech Republic

Technical expert in programme for *Combating School Failure* (two conferences) in 1996 – 1998

Expert team member in the *Equity in education* in Ontario, 2010

Expert team member in *Lower secondary education* in Norway, 2010–2011

Expert team member in OECD review of *Abu Dhabi education policy*, 2011–2012

Expert team member in *OECD Japan Government Seminar*, 2011

Expert team member in *Secondary education review* in Iceland, 2011

World Bank (consultant assignments prior to 2003)

Feasibility study on the education sector in Russian Federation (consultant 1993-1995)

Preparation of education reform for Georgia (1999 – 2001)

Preparation of education reform for Lithuania (2001 – 2002)

World Bank

Education policy review of Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous region in

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| | the Russian Federation (2007-08) |
| | Preparation of second phase of Education Quality and Relevance Project in Armenia 2008-09 |
| Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Finland) | Monitoring and evaluation of education sector policies and economic development in Zambia (1997 – 2001) |
| | Project document for the teacher education reform in Serbia (2001) |
| | Teacher development support, training and policy advice to the Palestinian Authority on active learning in classrooms (1998-2002) |
| | Functional analysis of education and economic management in Ethiopia (1999) |
| | Teacher education development, training of teacher trainers and policy advice to the Ministry of Education in Tanzania (2001-02) |
| European Commission (EC) | Finnish representative in the SOCRATES I evaluation group and SOCRATES II Liaison Group |
| European Training Foundation (ETF) | Team Leader of the National Observatory Project for TACIS (vocational education and training and labor market policies) 1996 – 1999 |
| | Member of the vocational education, training and labor market <i>Advisory Forum</i> for the European Training Foundation (1995-1996) |
| European Youth Forum | Research on recognition and value of non-formal education in Europe in 1999-2000 |
| Independent advisor to governments | Armenia: Training of trainers for mathematics teaching, 2006-2008 |
| | Alberta, Canada: Technical support to education policy development, 2005- |
| | United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi: Education policy support, 2007-2013 |
| | Turkey: Training of teachers for cooperative learning, 2006 - 2009 |
| | Brazil: Policy advice in secondary education development, 2007 |
| | Ireland: Chair of the International Panel for Review of the Structure of Initial Teacher Education in Ireland, 2012 |
| | Northern Ireland: Chair of the International Panel for Review of the Structure of Initial Teacher Education in Northern Ireland, 2013 – 2014 |
| | Swedish Government: Member of School Commission (2015-) |
| | Scottish Government: Member of International Council of Education Advisors (2016-) |
| | Special Advisor to the Mayor of Reykjavik (2016-) |
| | Thought Leader for the Atlantic Rim Collaboratory (ARC) (2016-) |
| Visiting Fellow or Professor | National Institute of Education, Singapore, 2011 |
| | Melbourne University, Graduate School of Education, Melbourne, Australia, 2012 |

TCU, Fort Worth/Dallas, TX, 2013

University of Rhode Island, RI, 2013

Harvard University, 2014-2016

INTERNATIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

I have worked on international education policy and reform, research and practice since 1985. My country experience in education includes the following countries or jurisdictions:

All European Union member states, Canada (Alberta, Ontario, British Columbia, Saskatchewan), United States (various states), Norway, England, Iceland, Ireland, Scotland, Japan, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Russian Federation (various regions), Belarus, Ukraine, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Albania, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Moldova, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, Northern part of Cyprus, Palestine (West Bank and Gaza), Israel, Libya, Morocco, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Morocco, Egypt, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Zambia, Peru, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia.

HIGH-LEVEL EDUCATION POLICY ADVICE

I currently serve as policy advisor to the governments of Finland, Sweden and Scotland. I also advice education ministers and teacher associations in New South Wales, Alberta, Malta and the Mayor of the City of Reykjavik on education policy, education reform and research related issues.

Professional Associations, Awards and Honors

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member of the Steering Group of the Baltic Sea Project (UNESCO), 1988 – 1992

President of the Conference and the Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the *First International Conference on Technology Education*, 1991-1992

Member of the Board of the Finnish Research Society for Mathematics and Science Education, 1992-1995

Member of the Finnish Matriculation Examination Board, 1992-1996

Member of the Board of Directors of the Youth Baseball Association (Finland), 1994 – 1997

Member in the expert teams of the Finnish Higher Education Evaluation Council, 1999-2002

Member of the Evaluation Group of SOCRATES I, European Commission, 1999-2001

Member of the Liaison Group of SOCRATES II evaluation group, European Commission, 2001-2003

Member of the Board of Directors, *International Association for the Study of Cooperation in Education* (IASCE), 2004 – 2014

Chair of the Editorial Board, *European Training Foundation*, 2007– 2009

Member of the Scientific Organising Committee, *International Conference on Computer Supported Education*, Lisbon, Portugal, 2008-2009

Member of External Evaluation Team for Management and Leadership of Education, University of Helsinki, 2007– 2008

Member of the Scientific Organising Committee, *International Conference on Computer Supported Education II*, Valencia, Spain, 2009 - 2010

Member of the *New Club of Paris*, 2009 –

Member of the Scientific Organising Committee, *International Conference on Computer Supported Education III*, Twente, The Netherlands, 2010 - 2011

Member of the Board of Directors, *University of Helsinki Centre for Continuing Education* (Palmenia), 2010 – 2014

Member of the Administrative Council, *Academic Cooperation Association* (ACA, Brussels), 2011 – 2013

Member of the Board of Directors, *ASCD* (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, *Virginia, USA*), 2011 – 2014

Chair of the External Evaluation Panel: Structure of Ireland Initial Teacher Education System, 2012-2013

Chair of the External Panel: Structure of Northern Ireland Initial Teacher Education System, 2013-2014

Member of the Steering Group for the Finland's Minister of Education, 2014-2015

Member of the Evaluation Panel for the Schwarzman Scholars Class 2016 applicants

Member of the Expert Panel for the Helsinki Challenge 2015

ONGOING PROFESSIONAL DUTIES

Member of the Editorial Board, *Journal of Educational Change*, 2008 –

Member of the Editorial Board, *European Journal of Educational Evaluation and Research*, 2009 –

Member of the Editorial Board, *Center for Educational Policy Studies Journal*, 2010 –

Member of the Advisory Board for the *Center on International Education Benchmarking* (of the National Centre for Education and the Economy, NCEE) (USA), 2011 –

Member of the Advisory Board of the Center for Applied Policy (Paris, 2014-)

Member of the Editorial Board, *Journal of Professional Capital and Community*, 2015 -

Member of the School Commission of the Government of Sweden, 2015 –

Member of the International Education Advisory Council of Scotland (for the Minister of Education), 2016 –

Chairman of the Open Society Foundations (George Soros) Global Education Advisory Board, 2016 –

Member of the Leadership Team of the Ministry of Education and Culture, Finland, 2015 –

Member of the Governing Board of the University of Oulu, 2016 –

AWARDS & HONOURS

2011: The Upton Sinclair Award (United States)

2012: The Finnish Education Award (Finland)

2013: The Grawemeyer Award (USD100 000, United States)

2013: First Class Knight of the White Rose of Finland

2014: The Robert Owen Award (Scotland)

2015: Laureate of the International Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi (United States)

2016: Lego Prize (USD 100 000, Denmark)

2017: Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center Research Residency (Italy)

HONOURY LECTURES

- Invited speech at the Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, SCOTLAND. Keynote: Finnish Lessons: What can the world learn from educational change in Finland? 2.5.2012
- Invited speech at the British Parliament, London, ENGLAND. Keynote: Finnish Lessons: What can the world learn from educational change in Finland? 17.5.2012
- Invited speech at the New Zealand Parliament, Wellington, NEW ZEALAND. Keynote: Finnish Lessons: What can the world learn from educational change in Finland? 5.10.2012
- Dean's Lecture, Melbourne University, Melbourne, AUSTRALIA. Keynote: What can the world learn from educational change in Finland? 25.9.2012
- Askwith Forum Lecture at Harvard University Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, USA. Keynote: Finnish Lessons: What can the world learn from educational change in Finland? 23.4.2013
- Invited speech at the European Parliament, Brussels, BELGIUM. Keynote: Future of schooling: The Finnish Perspective. 16.5.2013
- Invited speech at the United States Congress, Washington, DC, USA. Keynote: Equity and Excellence in Education: The Finnish Perspective. 17.6.2013
- 2014 R.W.B. Jackson Lecture, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, CANADA. Keynote: Why the quality education can exceed the quality of teachers? 17.4.2014
- British Educational Research Association 40th Anniversary Lecture, University of London, ENGLAND. Keynote: Facts, true facts and research in improving education. 21.5.2014
- Invited speech at the Australian Parliament, Canberra, AUSTRALIA. Keynote: Does Australia have an equity issue? Answers from other systems. 16.6.2014
- 2014 Frankfurt Book Fair opening ceremony guest of honor speech, Frankfurt, GERMANY. 7.10.2014
- 2014 Tom Sobol Lecture, Teacher College, Columbia University, New York City, USA. Keynote: Excellence and Equity in Education. 23.10.2014
- 2016 E. Pauline Riall Lecture, Salisbury University, Salisbury, MD, USA. Keynote: Finnish Lessons 2.0: What can the U.S. learn from educational change in Finland. 22.3.2016
- 2nd Annual Diane Ravitch Lecture at Wellesley College, MA, USA. Keynote: The Inconvenient Truth about American Education Reform. 13.10.2016