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Doctoral candidate in history with a primary interest in pragmatic literacy and religious practice in Medieval Scandinavia, with additional interests in philology, diplomatics, charter practice, and medieval administration.

Education

- 2024 - PhD candidate in **Medieval History** with teaching duties *University of Bergen*
- 2020 Thesis title: *Pious Donations and Prayer for the Dead within the Medieval Ecclesiastical Province of Nidaros, c. 1200–1537.*
- 2019 Single Subject Self Study in **Classical Latin** *University of Oslo*
Final exam grade: B.
- 2019 Postgraduate Certificate in **Teacher Education** *INN University*
Interrupted due to acceptance to doctoral programme. Midterm grade average: A.
- 2018 - Master of Philosophy/Master of Arts in **Medieval Norse Studies** *University of Iceland/University of Oslo*
- 2016 Thesis title: *Literacy as an Instrument of Female Religious Expression in the Medieval Scandinavian Catholic Orthodoxy, c. 1000-1400 A.D.*
- 2016 - Bachelor of Arts (Honours degree) in **History and English Literature** *University of York*
- 2013 Thesis title: *Representations of Gender Roles in the Poetic Edda.*

Publications

- 2022 “The Divergence of Royal and Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions in Late Thirteenth-Century Norway and Iceland as Evidenced in Legislation of Pious Provision” in *Untitled conference proceedings, Forthcoming.*
- 2021 “Elucidating Charter Practice and Administrative Literacy in Four Works by Einarr Hafliðason” in *Dominican Resonances in Medieval Iceland: The Legacy of Bishop Jón Halldorsson of Skálholt*, edited by Gunnar Ágúst Harðarson and Karl G. Johansson, *The Northern World* vol. 91 (Leiden: Brill, 2021), pp. 225-259.
- 2021 “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Das Schicksal der Handschrift Bergen, UB, MS 1550.5,” in *Maniculae. Beiträge zur Überlieferungsforschung mittelalterlicher Texte*. 2: 1-5. [doi:10.21248/maniculae.9](https://doi.org/10.21248/maniculae.9).
Co-authors: Nick Pouls and Juliane Tiemann.

Selected conference presentations

- 2023 “Altar Foundations and Irrevocable Donations to Saints in Medieval Norway” at the Networks of Pious Donation-sessions of the *International Medieval Congress*, University of Leeds, July 5th.
- 2022 “Intercession at the Northernmost Border of Christendom: The Practice of Pious Provision in Medieval Norway, c. 1200-1537” at the *Inheritance, Intercession, and Imagination* session of the *International Medieval Congress*, University of Leeds, July 8th.
- 2021 “Christ as Heir: The Divergence of Royal and Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions and its Implications for Pious Provision in the Archbishopric of Nidaros” at the international conference *Jónsbók and the Monarchical Project for Iceland*, University of Bergen, September 9th.
- 2017 “Intertextuality and Indications of Norwegian Administrative Literacy in Three Texts from Fourteenth-Century Iceland” at the *Second Annual Manuscript Conference*, University of Oslo, December 12th.

Research communication

- 2023 “Sofa chat with Professor Kirsi Salonen and PhD Candidate Embla Aae at Bryggens Museum” **public panel discussion** of a charter displayed in the main exhibition at Bryggens Museum, as part of a collaboration with the Special Collections, University of Bergen Library.
- 2023 “Corpse usurpation and unlawful burial in medieval Scandinavia” **podcast episode** written for *The Norse Files*, podcast created by the *Transformations of Medieval Law* project, funded by the Trond Mohn Foundation, and the *Research Group for Law and Culture in the Pre-Modern North*.

- 2022 “Kvinnenes etterliv: Kva fortel diplom om kvinner i mellomalderens Noreg?” **public presentation** given as part of Medieval Forum, a monthly lecture series for a general audience organised by the Medieval Research Cluster, University of Bergen.
- 2020 “I framandfolks hender: Kort om eigedom og heimelsdokument seint på 1500-talet” **public presentation** given at an event held for the public at Bryggens Museum, Bergen, as part of a collaboration with the Special Collections, University of Bergen Library.

Pedagogical experience (selection)

- 2021 - Thesis supervisor
 2023 *HIS250: Specialisation (thesis) in Pre-Modern History* Undergraduate level, University of Bergen
- 2021 - Course coordinator and lecturer Undergraduate level, University of Bergen
 2022 *HIS113: Death and the Afterlife in Medieval Scandinavia, c. 1000-1500 A.D.*
- 2019 Substitute teacher Elverum Lower Secondary School & Korsvoll Primary School
 Various subjects, including special education.
- 2019 Teaching trainee Akademiet Private Upper Secondary School
 Main teacher in Norwegian and History. Substituting in Study of Religion.

Conference organisation

- 2023 Co-organiser with Dr Anna-Stina Hägglund of two sessions containing six speakers under the theme “Networks of Pious Donations in Northern Europe” at the *International Medieval Congress*, Leeds.
- 2022 Co-organiser with Professor Dr Kirsi Salonen of the research network workshop “Pious Donations in Medieval Scandinavia” held with international attendance of scholars of pious donation at the University of Bergen.
- 2022 Sole organiser of three sessions containing nine speakers under the theme “Inheritance, Intercession, and Imagination: Crossing the Border Between Life and Death” at the *International Medieval Congress*, Leeds.
- 2022 Assistant organiser to Professor Dr. jur Sören Koch and Professor Dr Geir Atle Ersland in the research initiative workshop “Die Rechtpraxis der Hanseatischen Kontore in Novgorod, London, Brügge und Bergen – Institutionalisierung und Organisation” in collaboration with the Research Centre for Hanse and Baltic History, Lübeck.

Other engagements

- 2023 - *Reading Group in Medieval Latin and Canon Law*
 Organiser of monthly virtual seminars for early career researchers in Scandinavia.
- 2023 - *Research Group for Law and Culture in the Pre-Modern North*
 Member of the leadership committee with main responsibility for editing its event- and homepages.
- 2022 - *Department board, Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion*
 2023 Deputy representative for Group B (temporary employees) at the University of Bergen
- 2022 *Canon Law and the Scandinavian Connection*, intensive one-week workshop
 Organised by Stockholm University, the Finnish and Swedish institutes in Rome.
- 2022 *ArQus Research Exchange*
 Two weeks’ research exchange to the Medieval History department of the University of Graz, Austria
- 2021 - *ArQus Online Mentoring Programme for Doctoral and Postdoctoral Researchers* (mentee)
 2022 Organised by the Arqus European University Alliance.
- 2021 - *Committee for Research and Research Education at the Faculty of Humanities*
 2020 Elected representative for Group B (temporary employees) at the University of Bergen.
- 2019 *Paratexts in manuscript studies*, seminar series for senior scholars and postgraduate students
 Organised by Dr Karl G. Johansson and Dr Katharina Heinz.