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Employment:

2006- Associate professor, Research Unit of Health, Man, and Society, Institute of Public Health, The Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Southern Denmark
2002-06 Post-doc, financed by H. Lundbeck A/S
2000-04 Visiting professor, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome
2001 Visiting professor, Angelicum University, Rome
2000-02 Editor, Scandinavian section of Vatican Radio

Education:

2001 Doctoral dissertation (ThD – Roman equivalent to the PhD-grade) at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome on the thesis "Christian Prophecy - Its Preconditions, Function, and Status in the Church"
1999 Proficiency exam, Cambridge University
1998 Advanced Expository Writing, Harvard Summer School
1997 Master's degree at the Divinity School of the University of Copenhagen

Research:

2010- Supervisor of six Ph.D.-students on issues of meaning making, values and faith
2010- *Physician characteristics in Denmark, Germany and Congo – A comparative study of the impact of values of physicians on motivation, communication, and ethics in diverse cultures*, with Professor Eckhard Frick, Faculty of Medicine, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich
2009- *Religion, Coping, God, and Evil*, research project on God images in prayer during illness, with Associate Prof., PhD Kevin Ladd, Indiana University, South Bend
2007- *Religious and spiritual issues in a sample of Danish Twins*, with Prof. Kaare Christensen, SDU, et.al.

- 2007- *Conceptual Issues in Research on Meaning Making Coping and Religious Coping in Secular Societies: Existential Issues, Spirituality, and Religiosity*, with PhD Peter La Cour
- 2004- *Risk for cancer, myocardial infarction and psychiatric disease among members of religious societies - a Danish cohort study*. Epidemiological study, collaboration with med Dr.med., PhD Christoffer Johansen, the Danish Cancer Society, et. al.
- 2002-06 *Theological perspectives on religion and coping*, financed by H. Lundbeck A/S.
- 1997-2001 *Christian prophecy – its preconditions, function, and status in the church*, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome

Other relevant appointments:

- 2011- Member of the editing board of *Spiritual – Zeitschrift für Spiritualität in den Gesundheitsberufen*
- 2010- Co-founder of *International Society for Research in Spirituality, Religion and Health*, Bern, Switzerland (in process of realization)
- 2007- Founder and Coordinator for *Interdisciplinary Network for Research in Faith and Health*, since 2011 a Scandinavian Network (www.faith-health.org)
- 2007- Reviewer for Oxford University Press and the Medical Journal of Australia
- 2005-06 Visiting fellow at the Theological Faculty of the University of Notre Dame, IN, USA
- 2004-05 Visiting fellow at Institute of Cancer Epidemiology, Danish Cancer Society
- 2004 Visiting fellow at the Divinity School at m University as well as the Duke Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health
- 2002- Member of the scientific board of the museum project "Marie de Nazareth"
- 1999-2004 Coordinator of The International Ecumenical Bridgettine Center in Farfa, from 2003 member of the board
- 1998-1999 Stipend at the Danish Academy in Rome
- 1997 Awarded the Gold Medal of the University of Copenhagen for a prize dissertation on Christian Prophecy

Language skills:

Speaks, reads and writes: Danish, German, English, French, Italian and Swedish

Speaks and reads: Spanish

Reads: Latin, Ancient Greek, Hebrew, Portuguese

Funding ID:

- H. Lundbeck, 2002-2006: 2.200.000
- *Religion in the 21st Century*, University of Copenhagen, 2007: DKr: 145.000
- The Danish Cancer Society, 2007 (PSU): DKr: 500.000
- The Danish Research Council for the Humanities 2008-2009: DKr: 354.000
- The Danish Cancer Society, 2009 (UFAK): DKr: 190.000
- The Danish Cancer Society, 2010 (Pall): DKr: 1.250.000
- Dæhnfeldt Foundation, 2010-11: DKr: 2.600.000

Selected Journal Articles:

Planned 30+ articles in peer reviewed journals 2011-2014

Thygesen, L. C., Hvidt, N. C., Juel, K., Hoff, A., Ross, L., & Johansen, C. (2011). Cohort profile: The Danish Religious Societies Health Study. *Journal of Epidemiology (accepted)*.

la Cour, Peter & Niels Christian Hvidt. "Research on meaning-making and health in secular society: Secular, spiritual and religious existential orientations." *Social Science and Medicine* 71. (2010) P: 1292-1299

"Patienters tro på mirakler - en positiv eller negativ ressource?." *Tidsskrift for Forskning i Sygdom og Samfund* 12. (Århus, April 2010)

"Patienters tro på mirakler - en positiv eller en negativ ressource?." *Omsorg - Nordisk tidsskrift for palliativ medicin* 3, 25. årgang. (Bergen, 2008) P: 41-46

Hoff, Andreas, Johannessen-Henry, Christine Tind, Niels Christian Hvidt & Christoffer Johansen. "Religion and reduced cancer risk: what is the explanation? A review." *European Journal of Cancer* 44. (2008) P: 17, 2573-9

"Tro og Helbred. Teologiske perspektiver på religiøs 'coping'." *Tidsskrift for Forskning i Sygdom og Samfund* 6. (Århus, 2007) P: 97-127

"Den Religiøse Copings Teologi." *Tidsskrift for Sjelesorg* 1, 26. (2007)

"Christian Prophecy and Birgitta of Vadstena." *Birgittiana* 16. (Napoli, 2003) P: 139-159

"Das Problem der christlichen Prophetie - Niels Christian Hvidt im Gespräch mit Joseph Kardinal Ratzinger." *Communio* . (März-April 1999) P: 177-188

"Prophecy and Revelation. A Theological Survey on the Problem of Christian Prophecy." *Scandinavian Journal of Theology (Studia Theologica)* 2. (1998) P: 147-161

Books:

With Elisabeth Assing Hvidt. *Kunstens mirakler - Den klassiske kunsts skildring af Bibelens Mirakler* . København, 2007.

Christian Prophecy - the Post Biblical Tradition. Oxford / New York: Oxford University Press, 2007.

Mirakler : möten mellan himmel och jord. Örebro: Cordia, 2003.

Mirakler - Møder mellem Himmel og Jord. Copenhagen: Gyldendal, 2001.

The Problem of Christian Prophecy. Extract Publication of Doctoral Thesis. Rome: Pontificia Università Gregoriana, 2001.

Edited Books:

"Kan Bjerger Flytte Troen?" , Hvidt, Niels Christian & Christoffer Johansen. København: Gyldendal (in progress), 2008.

"Kan Tro Flytte Bjerger? (Does Faith Move Mountains?)" , Johansen, Christoffer & Niels Christian Hvidt eds. Copenhagen: Gyldendal, 2003.

Book Sections:

"Theological Perspectives in Religion and Health Research." In *Spiritualität und Gesundheit*, edited by René Hefti and Jacqueline Bee. Forschungsinstitut Für Spiritualität und Gesundheit, xx-xx. Bern: Peter Lang, 2012 (Accepted).

"Meaning Making and Health in Contemporary European Society." In *Religion in Europe Today. Perspectives from Social Sciences, Law, Hermeneutics and Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Kurt Appel, Christian Danz, Richard Potz, Sieglinde Rosenberger and Angelika Walser. Religion and Transformation

in Contemporary European Society, Vol 1, xx-xx. Vienna: Vienna University Press, 2012 (accepted).

"Making Meaning of Meaning-Making Research – the Background of Key Dimensions." In *Spirituality in the 21st Century: Explorations*, edited by John L. Hochheimer and William S. Schmidt. xx-xx. Oxfordshire, UK: Inter-Disciplinary Press, 2012 (accepted).

"Senseless Suffering?". In *Spirituality: Conversations for the 21st Century*, edited by John L. Hochheimer and Jane Fernandez-Goldborough. xx-xx. Oxfordshire, UK: Inter-Disciplinary Press, 2012 (accepted).

la Cour, Peter, Nadja Ausker, and Niels Christian Hvidt. "What Is the Meaning of the Word "Spirituality?" In *Spirituality in the 21st Century: Explorations*, edited by John L. Hochheimer and William S. Schmidt. xx-xx. Oxfordshire, UK: Inter-Disciplinary Press, 2012 (accepted).

"Patient Belief in Miracles." In *Miracles*, ed. Graham Twelftree. Cambridge Companion to Miracle, 2011

"Patienters tro i dødsprocessen" i *Hvad i alverden er meningen?* Unitas, København, 2011.

"Patienters tro på mirakler - en positiv eller negativ ressource?" In *Mirakler*, ed. Jakob Schweppenhäuser. Århus: Århus Universitetsforlag, 2008.

"The Historical Development of the Problem of Evil" in *Physics and Cosmology. Scientific Perspectives on the Problem of Natural Evil*, Nancey Murphy, Robert John Russell, William R. Sto, 1:2. Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, Berk, 2007. P: 1-34

"Miraklernes Damaskus: Myrna fra Soufanieh" in *Syrernes Damaskus*, Michael Irving Jensen ed. ISBN: 87-7955-187-4. Aarhus, 2005. P: 99-116

With Christoffer Johansen. "Introduktion" in *Kan Tro Flytte Bjerge? (Does Faith Move Mountains?)*, Johansen, Christoffer & Niels Christian Hvidt. Copenhagen, 2004. P: 7-14

With Christoffer Johansen. "Moderne fjernforbønsundersøgelser og de spørgsmål, de rejser" in *Kan Tro Flytte Bjerge? (Does Faith Move Mountains?)*, Johansen, Christoffer & Niels Christian Hvidt. Copenhagen, 2004. P: 104-122

"Tro og Helbred - Teologiske overvejelser" in *Kan Tro Flytte Bjerge? (Does Faith Move Mountains?)*, Johansen, Christoffer & Niels Christian Hvidt. Copenhagen: Gyldendal, 2004. P: 187-210

"Den Katolske Kirke som diasporakirke i Danmark" in *Efter Moden Overvejelse. Sankt Ansgar Kirkes Domkirkejubileum 1953-2003*, Rude, Andreas. Sankt Ansgar Kirke, 2003.

"Forord" in *Min Engel Daniel*. Copenhagen: My Angel Daniel, 2003.

"Medicinske Mirakler og Teologi" in *Tryk i Danmark 2003*, Frahm, Ole & Trine Heidemann. Copenhagen: Tryk i Danmark 2003, 2003.

"Christian prophecy: Actualizing Revelation" in *Pax in Virtute*, ed. F. Lepore & D. D'Agostino. Rome: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2003. P: 177-196

Broader communication:

"Lidelsens Religiøse Sprog." *Månedsskrift for Praktisk Lægegerning* 2. (Århus, 2010)

"Tro og Helbred. En introduktion til et fremvoksende forskningsfelt." *Gerontologi* 1, 24. (København, 2008) P: 4-7

"Tro og praksis. Om troens betydning for patienter og sundhedspersonale ." *Fokus på Kræft og Sygepleje*. (Århus, 2008)

"Tro og praksis. Om troens betydning for patienter og læger i almen praksis." *Månedsskrift for Praktisk Lægegerning* 85. (København, 2007)

"Tro Og Helbred." *Psykiatri-Information* 11, no. 3 (2004): 6-7.

"Contemporary Christian Prophecy." *Scriptorium - The Harvard Writing Program 19-21*. (Harvard Summer School, Summer 1998)

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