

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

A complete list of publications – books, popular articles, articles on communication etc. – can be found at: <http://www.eso.org/~lchriste/>

- PIO/Head of Communications** for the Hubble Space Telescope/James Webb Space Telescope, European Space Agency (ESA)/European Southern Observatory (ESO), Munich, Germany 1999-  
*Building up a small science communication office in Munich under the ESA SCIENCE Directorate (<http://www.spacetelescope.org>). Daily tasks range from: management, budget control, writing and editing of news releases, media relations, distribution, education, evaluation (press clippings, web stats, VNR tracking), art direction, teaching (science communication, astronomy etc.), technical implementation, marketing and project control. Has resulted in a deep knowledge of European space operations, and an insight into the important interplay between management, organization, and effective internal and external communication.*
- Astronomer and Head of Information Technologies**, Tycho Brahe Planetarium, Copenhagen, Denmark 1989-1999  
*A multitude of different science communication, technical and marketing tasks in the period from 1989-1999 (1989-1996 ¾ time): From production of exhibitions and star shows over PR campaigns for the Danish micro-satellite programme, to writing press releases, performing interviews on TV and radio etc. etc.*
- Greenland meteorite expeditions**, Greenland 1996 &  
 1998
- Unix system administration** (part-time), Teoretisk Astrophysics Centre, Copenhagen 1995-1996  
**Teaching assistant** (part-time), University of Copenhagen 1991-1996  
**Guide, Round Tower Observatory** (part-time) hereof 1991-1993 as Head observer, Copenhagen 1984-1997  
**Planetarium guide Technical Museum** (part-time), Elsinore 1984-1985

## EDUCATION

- Master of Science, Astrophysics, University of Copenhagen, Denmark 1996
- Bachelor of Science, Physics, University of Copenhagen, Denmark 1993
- High-school, Efterslægtsselskabets Gymnasium, Denmark 1989

## PUBLIC SERVICE

- Press Officer for the *International Astronomical Union*, 2006-
- Member of the Advisory Council for *Astronomy Education Review*, 2006-
- Secretary for the *IAU Executive Committee International Year of Astronomy 2009 Working Group*, 2006-
- Advisory Editor *Astrophysics and Space Science Proceedings*, Springer New York, 2006-
- Outreach & Education Coordinator for the *European Virtual Observatory/AVO* 2001-
- Secretary for the *International Astronomical Union Division XII Union-Wide Activities* <http://www.iaudivisionxii.org>, 2004-
- Member of the *Science Communication Focus Group* at the NASA Astrobiology Institute, 2004-2006
- Secretary for the *International Astronomical Union Commission 55 Communicating Astronomy with the Public* <http://www.communicatingastronomy.org/>, 2003-
- Member of the AUUF Sub-Committee to define a *Danish National Strategy for astronomy outreach and education*, 2003-4

## CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

- Member of SOC (co-chair) for *Communicating Astronomy with the Public 2007*, Athens, 2007
- Member of the LOC for *The ESO – International Year of Astronomy 2009 meeting*, Munich, 2007
- Member of the SOC for *European Planetary Science Congress 2006*, Berlin, 2006
- Member of the SOC for *Astro-Viz 2006*, Los Angeles, 2006
- Member of the SOC for *Innovation in Teaching/Learning Astronomy Special Session* at the *IAU General Assembly*, Prague 2006
- Member of the SOC (co-chair) and LOC for *Communicating Astronomy with the Public 2005*, Munich, 2005

## QUALIFICATIONS

	EXPERIENCE
Management and project coordination	Excellent
Written communication	Excellent
Media Relations	Excellent
Professional use of computers (from Word to Video Editing)	Excellent
Technical publication	Excellent
Digital image processing	Excellent
Analogue and digital media	Excellent
Budget control	Excellent
Art Direction	Good
Fundraising	Good

## SELECTED TALKS

- *Google Sky and Google Universe*, Leaders@Google talk #6 2006
- *The IAU and the Pluto affair*, Jet Propulsion Laboratory 2006
- *Full dome standards and archives*, Immersive Cinemas, Porto 2006
- *IAU and the Pluto Affair*, Plenary talk at the *ASP EPO* conference 2006
- The IAU and the International Year of Astronomy 2009, IAU General Assembly 2006
- IAU's communication strategy & Hands-on Science Communication, IAU General Assembly 2006
- Virtual Repository Progress, (w. Robert Hurt), IAU General Assembly 2006
- *The FITS Liberator, 6 Years of Chandra symposium*, Boston 2005
- *Produce your First DVD* 2005
- *Virtual Repository/Outreach metadata* 2005
- *Hands-on Images 1* 2005
- *Virtual Repository Progress* 2005
- *15 Years with the Hubble Space Telescope – Per aspera ad astra*, Rome 2005

- *Communicating Astronomy with the Hubble Space Telescope*, Rome and Milan 2005
- *ESA's celebrations of Hubble's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*, Hamburg and Copenhagen 2005
- *Hubble's Future*, Copenhagen and Hamburg 2005
- *Hands-on Science Communication*, invited talk at *JENAM*, Grenada 2004
- *Virtual observatories and real data in education*, inv. talk at *GHO* (education), Skt. Petersburg 2004
- *A national communication strategy for astronomy and space research*, invited talk at Nyborg 2004
- *The Ideal Communication Office*, invited talk at the INAF workshop *Stelle de Carta*, Bologna 2003
- *På fælles telefod og Ressourceoptimering*, Workshop on science communication , Brorfelde 2003
- *Overview of Hubble PR and Communication*, invited talk at *GHO* (education) , Paris 2002
- *The Marvels of the Hubble Space Telescope*, inv. popular talk at the *GHO* (education), Paris 2002
- *Exploring Space*, VIPER, invited talk at *Int. Festival for Film, Video and New Media*, Basel 2001
- *10 Years that Changed our Vision*, various venues 1999-2001

## AWARDS

- *Tycho Brahe Medal* 2005
- *"For Dedication and Service to the Hubble Space Telescope* ('career achievement') 2001
- *Best high-school exam*, Efterslægtsselskabets Gymnasium 1989

## MEMBERSHIPS ETC.

- International Astronomical Union
- Associate Science Editor for the magazine *Aktuel Naturvidenskab* (Science News)
- SPIN – *Science Public Information officer Network*
- *Danish Science Journalists Association (Foreningen af Danske Videnskabsjournalister)*
- *Network for Science Communicators (Netværk for Naturvidenskabelige Forskningsformidlere)*
- *Network for Astronomy and Space Communicators (Netværk for Formidlere af Astronomi og Rumfart)*

## EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE (EXTRACT)

- High-school teachers education workshop, Glasgow, Scotland 2006
- High-school teachers education workshop, Skt. Petersburg (*Global Hands-on Universe* conf.) 2004
- High-school teachers education workshop, Paris (*Global Hands-on Universe* conference) 2002
- *ESA Space Camp* 2002
- High-school teachers education, Haslev, Denmark 2002
- High-school teachers education, Munich 2001
- High-school teachers education in astronomy and physics, Københavns Lærerhøjskole 1996, 1997
- Supervisor at *Physics 101 Exercises (Fysik 1 Frie Øvelser)*, University of Copenhagen 1991-1995

## LANGUAGES

	READING	WRITING	SPEAKING
ENGLISH	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
DANISH	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
GERMAN	Well	Well	Well
SWEDISH	Well	Fair	Fair
NORWEGIAN	Well	Fair	Fair
FRENCH	Fair	Fair	Fair