

Jone Salomonsen – Short CV



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Chair, Interdisciplinary Gender Studies in Theology and Religion

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Chair Research Group: *Kjønn, religion, teologi (KJØRT)* (Gender, Religion, Theology)

Chair Colloquium: *Seminaret i kjønn og teologi (SIKOT)* (Gender and Theology Colloquium)

Chair Annual Lecture: *Annual Aasta Hansteen Lecture on Gender and Religion*, inaugurated 2011

Education

Dr. theol. / Ph.D. University of Oslo, Norway, June 1997, Theology and Social Anthropology

Cand. theol. / M.Div., University of Oslo, Norway, May 1986, Theology and Interreligious Studies

MA studies at Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, USA, August 1984-June 1985

MA studies at Århus University, Denmark, August-December 1982

Cand. mag. / B.A., University of Oslo, Norway, 1981, Social Anthropology, Theology and Christianity Studies, Bible Hebrew, Greek and Latin

Diplôme d'Études Françaises, Eurocentre, Paris, France, December 1975, French language studies

Positions, teaching experience and projects

A: POSITIONS

Professor, Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo, Norway, 2005-

Chair, Interdisciplinary Gender Studies in Theology and Religion, 2005-

Chair/Program leader research project: "Broken Women, Healing Traditions?" 2007-2010

Senior Research Fellow and Lecturer, Faculty of Theology, Norway, 1998-2004

Research project 3: "Broken Bodies, Healing Communities" 2004-2006

Research project 2: "Religion in a globalised world" 2002-2004

Research project 1: "Confirmation and Initiation to Adulthood" 1998-2001

Research fellow and Lecturer, Faculty of Theology, Norway, 1988-1997

Research project: Goddess spirituality and feminist Witchcraft in USA, 1988-1996

Journalist, Daily newspapers and the Norwegian Broadcasting Company, 1984-1988

B: RESEARCH/TEACHING AREAS

Gender, religion and society. Feminist theology. Feminist theory, gender theory. Ritual studies. Contemporary Pagan studies. Ethnography and the Anthropology/Philosophy of religion. Interreligious studies
Traditional/(Neo)Pagan/Christian. Women and ritual resilience in South Africa. Confirmation and Church/Culture festivity

C: SOME COURSES TAUGHT

RESA 4101 Samtidsreligion (Contemporary religion) MA level

RESA 4201 Vitenskapsteori og metode (Science theories and Methods), MA level

RESA 4203 Moderne religionskritikk (Modernity and the critique of religion), MA level

RESA 4215 Ritual Studies, MA level, course taught in English

RESA 4209 Piety, Modernity and Gender, MA level, course taught in English

TEOL 4402 Etikk og hermeneutikk (Ethics and hermeneutics), MA level

TFF 3002 Kjønnsperspektiv på religion og teologi (Gender, religion and theology) BA level

KFL 1020 Kjønn og vitenskap: teorier om kjønn (Gender and Science: theories on gender), BA level

PhD course 2006: Divine Bodies, Divine women? Theology and French Feminist Theory

PhD course 2010: Comparative theology and Feminist theory

D: PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS

- “Reassembling Democracy. Ritual as Cultural Resource”, project leader NFR/Samkul project 2013-
 “Occupy Earth. Ritual Gestures to Save the World”, workshop Oslo 2012, seedmoney from PLUREL and LEVE
 “Ritual, gender, environment. African challenges to theology and religious studies”, workshop South Africa
 2012 with seedmoney from International Board North-South Relations, University of Oslo
 “Festivity and Ritual in Complex Societies,” workshop Oslo 2010 with Ute Huesken (IKOS) and Ronald Grimes
 and Barry Stephenson (international collaborators), seedmoney from PLUREL
 “Ritualizing in a world at risk: Renegotiating nature, gender and agency in post-traditional religious practice”,
 workshop Oslo 2010 with international collaborators, workshop Oslo, seedmoney from LEVE
 “Perspectives on Festivity”, workshop Oslo 2009, with Ute Huesken, IKOS, UiO and international collaborators,
 seedmoney PLUREL
 “Broken Women, Healing Traditions? Indigenous Resources for Gender Critique and Religious-Social
 Transformation in the Context of HIV-Aids in KwaZulu Natal”, a bilateral research project between
 School of Religion and Theology, University of KwaZulu Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, and
 the Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo, Norway, program leader Jone Salomonsen, funded by
 NFR 2007-2010, www.tf.uio.no/bw/
 “HIV University – a pilot project in Mpophomeni township”, funded by Norwegian Ministry of Education
 and Research, program leader Jone Salomonsen, 2008-2009,
 “Broken Bodies and Healing Communities: Issues in Ethics, Care, Ritual, Gender and Social
 Reconciliation in Response to HIV/AIDS”, a bilateral NFR research project 2004-2006
 “Religion and globalization”, a collaborative NFR research project 2002-2004

Fieldwork

- Bay Area, CA, Permaculture Design Course (1 month): June 2009
 KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, 2009 (1 month): Mpophomeni/Broken Women & HIV University
 KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, 2008 (1 month): Mpophomeni/Broken Women & HIV University
 KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, 2004-06 (3 months): Mhophomeni/Broken Bodies
 Oslo, Norway, 2000 (12 months): Ris and Mortensrud Churches/Confirmation
 Middletown, Connecticut, 1999 (7 months): First Church of Christ/Confirmation
 San Francisco, 1988-89 (9 months), 1990 (4 months), 1994 (3 months): Reclaiming/goddess
 San Francisco, California, 1984-85 (12 months): Reclaiming/goddess

Some publications

BOOKS AND FILM

- ENCHANTED FEMINISM: RITUAL, GENDER AND DIVINITY AMONG THE RECLAIMING WITCHES OF SAN FRANCISCO (Religion
 and Gender vol. 1), London and New York: Routledge, 2002 (318 pp.)
 RITER. RELIGIØSE OVERGANGSRITUALER I VÅR TID, Oslo: Pax Forlag, 1999 (334 pp.)
 NÅR GUD BLIR KVINNE. BLANT HEKSER, VILLMENN OG SJAMANER I USA, Oslo: Pax forlag, 1991 (224 pp.)
 UMEMULO (ANIMAL SACRIFICE AND HUMAN RITES IN THE CONTEXT OF AIDS), An ethnographic film in progress by Jone
 Salomonsen and Jerome Alary, University of Oslo (first edited version 2008)

ARTICLES AND INVITED CHAPTERS

- The bonding power of the emotional work of non-ritual, South Africa. Forthcoming in *Journal of Ritual Studies*
 no. 2, 2013
 Kristendom, paganisme og kvinnefiendskap. *Akademiske perspektiver på 22. juli*, ed. Anders R. Jupskås, Oslo:
 Akademika forlag 2012.
 Kjærlighet og kirke. Om presterollen og Ingrid Bjerkås virke, *Hun våget å gå foran*, eds. Bjørg Kjersti Hyren og
 Hanne Stenvaag, Oslo: Verbum 2011, 84-100
 Elementær feministisk teologi, *Modernitet og teologi*, eds. Hallgeir Elstad m.m, Oslo: Unipub 2011, 284-300
 Making Strong. Women, Aids and Rites of Protection/Alteration, *Journal of Constructive Theology*, 16.2/2010,
 25-47 (with Sidsel Roalkvam)
 The Power and Ambiguity of symbols: Contemporary Religion and the Search for a Feminine Divine, *Gender
 and Religion in Global Perspective: Relocating agendas, approaches and practices*, ed. Lene Sjørup,
 Leiden: Brill 2009

- Witches' Initiation – A Feminist Cultural Therapeutic? *Brill Handbook on Neopaganism*, ed. Jim Lewis, Leiden: Brill 2009
- Shielding Girls at Risk of HIV-AIDS by Intertwining Zulu and Christian Ritual Heritage, *Broken Bodies and Healing Communities: Faith-based Responses to HIV/AIDS*, eds. Neville Richardson m.m, Pietermaritzburg: Cluster Publications, 2009
- From Africa to America and Back: Ritual Transport and Transformation at the Crossroads of Indigenous and Christian Worship, *Religion in a Globalized Age. Transfers and Transformation, Integration and Resistance*, ed. Sturla Stålsett, Oslo: Novus Press 2008, pp. 57-80
- Initiation to Adulthood: The Challenge of Modernity, the Paradox of Ritual, and the Gifts of Confirmation in a Norwegian Context, *The Given Child. The Religion's Contribution to Children's Citizenship* (Research in Contemporary Religion vol. 2), eds. Trygve E. Wyller m.m, 2007, pp. 159-172
- Faith with a Licence to Kill? God unmediated by moral law in Knutby, Sweden, *Tidsskrift for kjønnsforskning*, no. 1-2, 2006, pp. 68-85
- Methods of Compassion or Pretension? The Challenge of conducting fieldwork in Modern Magical Communities, *Researching Paganism*, eds. Jenny Blain m.m, Altamira Press 2004, pp. 43-58

DEBATE ARTICLES

- Massakren i Newtown (kommentarspalten 'I god tro'). *Klassekampen* [newspaper], Oslo 20-12-2012
- Terroristens utopi (kommentarspalten 'I god tro'). *Klassekampen* [newspaper], Oslo 30-08-2012
- Jomfruen og den unge kvinnen (anmeldelse). *Morgenbladet* [weekend newspaper], Oslo 13-01-2012
- Terroristens religion (kronikk). *Morgenbladet* [weekend newspaper], Oslo 4-11-2011
- Om kjærlighet (refleksjon), *Apollon* [Journal University of Oslo], August 2011
- Jeg elsker deg (essay). *Morgenbladet* [weekend newspaper], nov 2010

Guest lectures, papers and presentations

- After July 22, 2011. Terrorism and Theology, *17th Nordic Conference on Systematic Theology*, invited address, paper read at Reyjavik, Iceland, 11-01-2013
- Massacre and Media in Oslo on 22, July 2011, *Religion in the Digital Age: Media, Performance and Spectacular Activism*, invited paper session, Center for Religion and Media, New York University, June 26, 2012
- Terrorist Religion, *Theological Cafe*, University of KwaZulu Natal, paper presentation, March 1, 2012
- Occupy Paganism. Feministisk økopaganisme, høyreradikal ærespaganisme og ønsket om politisk effekt. *Kjønn og seksualitet i nyreligiøse bevegelser*, University of Bergen, invited lecture, Jan 19, 2012
- Kristendom, paganism og kvinnefiendsskap, *Etter 22. juli. UiOs forelesningsserie*, invited lecture, 2011-09-24
- Uten feminismen, ingen kvinneprest. *Ingrid Bjerkås og vårt kall. 50 år med kvinners prestetjeneste i Den norske kirke*, Senja, Hålogaland Bispedømme og NKTF, invited lecture, 17. juni 2011
- Invited response to eight papers, *Truth and Method Colloquium*, Philosophy of Religion and Interreligious Dialogue, Leuven University, Belgium, May 22, 2011
- Emotion and Affect. Ritual bonding in Bodymapping, paper presentation, *Annual Meeting for the European Ethnological Society (SIEF)*, April 18, Lisbon, 2011
- Likestilling som feministteologi. *50 års jubileum for Ingrid Bjerkås*, NKTF, invited lecture, March 19, 2011
- Making Strong. Women, Ritual and Aids, *Ritual Studies Group*, Paper presentation AAR, Atlanta, Nov 2010
- Feminist Readings, African Theology, Guest lectures *University of KwaZulu Natal*, South Africa, august 2009
- Ethnographic methods for the study of religion, *University of KwaZulu-Natal*, South Africa, august 2009
- Umemulo. Animal sacrifice and rites (of passage) in the context of Aids, DVD presentations at *University of California Berkeley*; *Pacific School of Religion* (Berkeley, USA 2009), *University of Stellenbosch* (South Africa 2009), *Visual Media and Anthropology of Religion*, AAR (San Francisco, 18 Nov, 2011)

Media interviews

- Med Odin for Europa (interview). Kilden. Informasjonssenter for kjønnsforskning, [webnews] 2012-01-25
- Sex i bibelen. *Dagsnytt 18* (radiodebatt), Radio NRK-P2, Nov 2010
- Om konfirmasjonen (interview), *God kveld* [TV NRK 2], 2008-05-07
- Alternativmessen og new age (interview), *Muma –flerkulturelt magasin* [Radio NRK Østlandssendingen], 2008
- Afrika, religion og Aids (interview), *Apollon*. [Journal] University of Oslo, 2008-12-02
- Verdens Aidsdag (interview), *Verdibørsen* [Radio NRK-P2], 2008-11-29