

# NIKLAS THODE JENSEN

## PERSONAL:

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Birth: 1973, Copenhagen, Denmark

## EDUCATION:

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- 2003-2006 University of Copenhagen. Ph.D student at the Saxo Institute, Department of History.
- Thesis: “For Slavernes Sundhed. Sygdom, sundhed og koloniadministrationens sundhedspolitik blandt plantageslaverne på St. Croix, Dansk Vestindien, 1803-1848.” [“For the Health of the Enslaved. Disease, health and the effects of the health policy of the colonial administration of the Danish West Indies, 1803-1848 among plantation slaves on St. Croix”].
  - Supervised by Senior Lecturer Ole Justesen.
- 2000-2002 University of Copenhagen. MA at the Department of History with Highest Honours.
- Thesis: “En verden til forskel? Undersøgelser af sundhedsvæsenet og lægerne i Dansk Vestindien, 1755-1830” [A different world? Investigations of the health service and the doctors in the Danish West Indies, 1755-1830”]
  - Supervised by Senior Lecturer Dr. Anne Løkke.
- 1999-2000 School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, and The Wellcome Institute for the History and Understanding of Medicine, University College London.
- MA studies under the European Erasmus/Socrates Student Exchange Program.
- 1995-1999 University of Copenhagen.
- BA at the Department of History. Minors at the Department of History of Religions.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

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- Spring 2008 University of Copenhagen. Assistant professor at the Saxo Institute, Department of History.
- Supervisor on a joint internship project between the Saxo Institute and the US National Park Service on St. John, US Virgin Islands, with NPS archaeologist Ken Wild.
- Fall 2007 University of Copenhagen. Assistant professor at the Saxo Institute, Department of History.
- Postgraduate course: “Kolonialisme, Konglomeratstat og Kulturmøder, Danmark 1700-1900” [“Colonialism, the Conglomerate state and Cultural Encounters, Denmark 1700-1900”]
  - Undergraduate course: “Historieteori” [“Theory and Historiography of History”]
- Spring 2007 University of Copenhagen. Assistant professor at the Saxo Institute, Department of History.

- Supervisor on a joint internship project between the Saxo Institute and the US National Park Service on St. John, US Virgin Islands, with NPS archaeologist Ken Wild.
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  - Undergraduate course: “Historieteori” [“Theory and Historiography of History”]
- Spring 2004 University of Copenhagen. Assistant professor at the Saxo Institute, Department of History.
  - Postgraduate course: “Sundhed, sygdom og kolonimagt i den tropiske verden, 1750-1900” [“Health, Disease and Colonial Power in the Tropical World, 1750-1900”].

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OTHER ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENTS:

- April '08-'09 University of Copenhagen. Postdoctoral Fellow at the Saxo Institute, Department of History.
  - Title: *Videnskab uden Imperium: Videnskab, medicin og videnskabelige netværk i Dansk Ostindien, ca. 1770-1845*. [Science without Empire: Science, Medicine, Scientific Networks in the Danish East Indies, 1770-1845]
  - Funding: The Carlsberg Foundation
- Jan - Mar '08 University of Copenhagen. Curator at the Medical Museion (Museum), Faculty of Health Sciences.
  - Curation of objects from the former municipal hospital of Copenhagen to be incorporated in the collections of the Medical Museion and catalogued in “REGIN”
- 2007 University of Copenhagen. Research Associate at the Department of Forensic Pathology.
  - Historical research for the project “Voices from Beyond the Grave. Excavation and anthropological examinations of skeletons of enslaved African-Caribbeans in St. Croix, US Virgin Islands and compared with historical records.” The project was a part of and funded by the scientific Danish Galathea 3 expedition (August 2006 – April 2007).

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OTHER ACADEMIC WORK:

- 2009 Visiting researcher at the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of Oxford, Hilary Term (17. Jan. – 14. March).
- 2008 *The Seminar: History and archaeology in the former Danish West Indies. Seminar on recent research, collaboration, and prospects for the future, featuring archaeologist Ken Wild, National Park Service, St. John, US Virgin Islands.* The Saxo Institute, Department of History, University of Copenhagen, December 4, 2008.
  - Co-convenor of the seminar
  - Paper title: *Health and Disease among the Enslaved Population in the Danish West Indies.*
  - <http://hum.ku.dk/kalender/2008/december/indies/>
- 2008 European Social Science History Conference, Lisbon, February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 2007
  - Co-convenor at a session on “Colonial medicine: Negotiating power between colonialists and colonized” (work in progress)
- 2007
  - 26th Nordic History Congress, Reykjavik, Iceland, August 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Co-convenor of the session *Encountering Foreign Worlds – Experiences at Home and Abroad*.
- 2005-2007
  - [www.yourhost.is/content/view/60/75lang,sv/lang,en/](http://www.yourhost.is/content/view/60/75lang,sv/lang,en/)
  - Global Kulturhistorie. Netværk for historiske studier af kolonialisme og post-kolonialisme* [“Global Cultural history. Network for Historical Studies of Colonialism and Post-colonialism”]
  - Network financed by the The Danish Research Council for the Humanities (FKK)
  - Founding member of the steering group and the network.
  - [www.globalkulturhistorie.au.dk/index.jsp](http://www.globalkulturhistorie.au.dk/index.jsp)
- 2006
  - The conference *Colonialism, Postcolonialism and the Environment*, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C. May 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 2006.
  - Co-convenor and chair.
  - [www.ghi-dc.org/conferences/colonial/hiddenpdf/programc.pdf](http://www.ghi-dc.org/conferences/colonial/hiddenpdf/programc.pdf)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS:

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- 2009-2011 The European Commission
  - Marie Curie Fellowship for postdoctoral studies at the European University Institute, Firenze.
- 2009 The Bikuben Foundation (Denmark)
  - Grant for research stay at the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of Oxford, Hilary Term (17. Jan. – 14. March) 2009.
- 2008-2009 The Carlsberg Foundation (Denmark)
  - Grant for postdoctoral research at the Saxo Institute, Department of History, University of Copenhagen.
- 2008 The Grant of Professor Ludvig Wimmer and Spouse (Denmark)
  - Grant to cover expenses connected to participation in European Social Science History Conference, Lisbon, 26 February to 1 March 2008.
- 2007 The Danish Research Council for the Humanities (FKK)
  - Grant for English translation of PhD thesis
- 2007 21st Nordic Medical History Congress, Umeå, Sweden
  - Young Scholar Award
- 2007 The Clara Lachmann Foundation (Sweden)
  - Grant to cover expenses connected to participation in the 26th Nordic Historians Meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland.
- 2007 The Letterstedska Society (Sweden)
  - Grant to cover expenses connected to participation in the 26th Nordic Historians Meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland.
- 2003-2006 The Danish Research Council for the Humanities (FKK)
  - Grant for 3 years full time PhD studies.
- 2003 & 2004 The Grant of Professor Ludvig Wimmer and Spouse (Denmark)
  - Grants for purchase of books and other research equipment.
- 1999-2000 The European Erasmus/Socrates Student Exchange Program
  - Grant for a 9 month MA-study at SOAS, University of London.

PUBLICATIONS:

- 2010 Book: *For the Health of the Enslaved: Slaves, Medicine and Power in the Danish West Indies, 1803-1848*. Museum Tusulanum Press. Forthcoming.
- 2009 Book: K. Oslund, C.F. Ax, N. Brimnes & N.T. Jensen (eds.): *Cultivating the Colony: Colonial States and their Environmental Legacies*. Forthcoming.
- 2009 Article: Safeguarding Slaves: Smallpox, vaccination and governmental health policies among the enslaved population in the Danish West Indies, 1803-1848. Special issue of *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, vol. 83, spring 2009.
- 2009 Article: "...For the benefit of the planters and the benefit of Mankind...". The struggle to control midwives and obstetrics on St. Croix, Danish West Indies, 1818-1848. I Juanita De Barros, Steve Palmer and David Wright (eds.): *Health and Medicine in the Circum-Caribbean, 1600-1900*. Routledge, Studies in the Social History of Medicine series (SSHM), 2009.
- 2009 Review: Willy Frendrup: Den katolske kirke i de danske tropekolonier [The Catholic Church in the Danish tropical colonies]. Ælnoths skriftserie nr. 15. Ælnoth, Katolsk Historisk Forening for Danmark, 2008. In *1066-Tidsskrift for Historie*. Forthcoming, spring 2009.
- 2009 Review: Philippe Provençal: Arabisk Medicin [Arabian Medicine]. Aarhus University Press 2007. In *1066-Tidsskrift for Historie*. Forthcoming, spring 2009.
- 2008 Article: "The creolization of medicine: Perceptions and policies of health and medicine in the Danish-Norwegian West Indies, 1750-1850". In Astri Andresen, Tore Grønlie, William Hubbard, Teemu Ryymin and Svein Atle Skålevåg (eds). *Citizens, Courtrooms, Crossings. Conference Proceedings*. Stein Rokkan Centre for Social Studies, Bergen. Report 10-2008, December 2008. pp. 175-182.
- 2008 Review: Catherine A. Reinhardt: Claims to Memory. Beyond Slavery and emancipation in the French Caribbean. Berghahn Books, New York, 2006. In *Nyt fra Historien*, vol. 57, 2008, pp. 14-15.
- 2007 Review: Erik Nørr & Jesper Thomassen (eds.): "Nordatlanten og Troperne. Forvaltningshistoriske kilder fra Færøerne, Grønland, Island og Tropekolonierne." [The North Atlantic and the Tropics. Sources of administrative history from the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland and the tropical colonies] Selskabet for Udgivelse af Kilder til Dansk Historie 2007. In *1066-Tidsskrift for Historie*, vol. 37, 4, 2007.
- 2007 Article: "'Til fordel for plantageejerne, og til fordel for menneskeligheden.' Kampen om magten over jordemødrene og fødslerne på øen St. Croix, Dansk Vestindien, 1803-1848." [For the benefit of the planters and the benefit of human kind. The struggle to the power over midwives and births on the Island of St. Croix, The Danish West Indies, 1803-1848] In *Fortid og Nutid*, 2007 (3), pp. 165-188.
- 2007 Article: "'... hvor negere og plantagernes dyrkning er alt...'. Om kopperne, vaccinationen og slaverne på øen St. Croix i Dansk Vestindien, 1803-1848." [...where negroes and the agriculture of the plantations is everything... On smallpox, vaccination and the enslaved workers on the island of St. Croix in the Danish West Indies, 1803-1848] In *1066-Tidsskrift for Historie*, vol. 37, 3, 2007, pp. 27-36.
- 2007 Review: Erik Gøbel: "Jens Mortensen Sveigaards ostindiske rejsebeskrivelse, 1665-1684." [Jens Mortensen Sveigaard's East Indian travel account, 1665-1684] Maritim Kontakt, vol. 27, 2005. In *1066-Tidsskrift for Historie*, vol. 37, 3, 2007.
- 2007 Conference proceedings: C.F. Ax, A.F. Henningsen, N.T. Jensen, L. Koivunen, T. Syrjämaa (eds.): Encountering Foreign Worlds. Experiences at Home and Abroad. In *Proceedings from the 26th Nordic Congress of Historians, Reykjavík, 8.-12. August 2007*. University of Iceland Press, 2007.

- 2007 Article: Lægen P.E.W. Schlegel (1784-1849) og sundheden i det dansk-vestindiske slavesamfund. [Doctor P.E.W. Schlegel (1784-1849) and the health in the Danish westindian slave society] In *Dansk Vestindisk Selskabs medlemsblad*, 2007 (2).
- 2006 Article: K. Oslund, C.F. Ax, N. Brimnes & N.T. Jensen (eds.): Colonialism, Postcolonialism and the Environment. In *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute*, vol. 39, 2006, pp. 173-181.
- 2006 Article: "Den Transatlantiske Slavehandel og slavernes liv i Caribien: En introduktion", ["The Transatlantic Slavetrade and the life of the enslaved in the Caribbean: An Introduction"] in *Noter. Foreningen af Gymnasie- og HF-lærere i Historie*. Vol. 171, 2006.
- 2006 Review: Lise Gerda Knudsen: "Pesten græsser! En undersøgelse af pesten i Danmark i 1650'erne". Landbohistorisk Selskab 2005. In *1066-Tidskrift for Historie*, vol. 36, 3 (2006).
- 2005 Article: "The Medical Skills of the Malabar Doctors in Tranquebar, India: As experienced by surgeon T.L.F. Folly, 1798," in *Medical History*, vol. 49, 2005, pp. 489-515.
- 2004 Review: Laurent Dubois: "A Colony of Citizens. Revolution & slave emancipation in the French Caribbean, 1787-1804". (Carolina UP, 2004) in *Nyt fra Historien, Århus*, vol. 54, 1, 2005.
- 2004 Review: David Eltis, Frank D. Lewis, Kenneth L. Sokoloff (eds.): "Slavery in the Development of the Americas". (Cambridge UP, 2004) in *Nyt fra Historien, Århus*, vol. 54, 1, 2005.
- 2003 Article: "Sundhed, Citroner og Slaver. Et detailstudie af hospitalet i Frederikssted på St. Croix i Dansk Vestindien, 1780," ["Health, Lemons and Slaves. A detailed study of the hospital in Frederiksted on St. Croix, the Danish West Indies, 1780"] in *1066 – Tidskrift for Historie*, 33, 4 (2003), pp. 3-11.
- 2002 Article: "En verden til forskel? Undersøgelser af lægerne og sundhedsvæsenet i Dansk Vestindien mellem 1755 og 1830," ["A different world? Investigations of the Doctors and the Health Service in the Danish West Indies, 1755-1830"] in *Bibliotek for Læger*, 194 (Dec. 2002), pp. 281-297.

#### PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCE PAPERS: (selection)

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- 2009 "Disease, Medicine and the Struggle for Power among the Enslaved Population in the Danish West Indies, 1803-1848."
- The seminar "Local and Global Perspectives in the History of Medicine" at the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Oxford University, 26 January 2009.
  - [www.wuhmo.ox.ac.uk/events/documents/HO9listofseminars.pdf](http://www.wuhmo.ox.ac.uk/events/documents/HO9listofseminars.pdf)
- 2008 "...For the benefit of the planters and the benefit of Mankind...": *The Struggle to Control Midwives and Obstetrics on St. Croix, Danish West Indies, 1818-1848*.
- The conference "Making Race, Making Health: Historical Approaches to Race, Medicine, and Public Health."
  - University of Texas at Austin, Department of History, 13.-15. November 2008.
  - <https://webpace.utexas.edu/jm3832/mrmhut/Welcme.html>
- 2008 "...For the benefit of the planters and the benefit of Mankind...". *The struggle to control midwives and obstetrics on St. Croix, Danish West Indies, 1818-1848*.
- Annual conference of the Society for the Social History of Medicine titled "History and the healthy Population: Society, Government, Health and Medicine"
  - Glasgow, 3-5th September 2008.

- 2008 [http://www.sshm.org/SSHM\\_ConfProg2008.doc](http://www.sshm.org/SSHM_ConfProg2008.doc)

2008 “*For the Health of the Enslaved. Nutrition and disease in the Enslaved population on St. Croix, Danish West Indies, 1803-1848.*”

  - 17th European Meeting of the paleopathology Association
  - University of Copenhagen, 25-27 August 2008.
- 2008 “*Science without Empire: Science, Medicine, Scientific networks and the Danish Halle Mission in the Danish East Indies, 1770-1845.*”

  - The conference “Ways of knowing the field. International Conference on the History of Fieldwork, Cartography and Scientific Exploration.”
  - Carlsberg Academy, Copenhagen, 13-15 August 2008
  - <http://www.fieldstudies.dk/107581/>
- 2008 “*The creolization of Medicine: Perceptions and policies of Health and Medicine in the Danish West Indies, 1750-1850.*”

  - Sixth Bergen workshop on the history of health and medicine.
  - Stein Rokkan Centre for Social Studies and Department of History at the University of Bergen.
  - Bergen, Norway, 17-18 April 2008.
  - [www.hf.uib.no/ahkr/forskning/konferanser/Health\\_and\\_citizenship.html](http://www.hf.uib.no/ahkr/forskning/konferanser/Health_and_citizenship.html)
- 2008 “*...For the benefit of the planters and the benefit of Mankind...*”. *The struggle to control midwives and obstetrics on St. Croix, Danish West Indies, 1818-1848.*

  - Seventh European Social Science History Conference
  - Lisbon, 26 February – 1 March 2008
  - <http://www2.iisg.nl/esshc/programme.asp?selyear=9>
- 2007 *Danmark som kolonimagt og slavehandelsnation, 1750-1850* [Denmark as a colonial power and slave trading nation, 1750-1850]

  - Folkeuniversitetet i København [Open University, University of Copenhagen], 19 November 2007
- 2007 *Fornuft og nytte: videnskab og medicin i oplysningstidens Danmark* [Reason and utility: Science and medicine in Enlightenment Denmark]

  - Folkeuniversitetet i København [Open University, University of Copenhagen], 5 November 2007
- 2007 “*...For the benefit of the planters and the benefit of Mankind...*”, *The Struggle to Control Midwives and Obstetrics on the Island of St. Croix in the Danish West Indies, 1803-1848.*

  - 21st Nordic Medical History Congress, 13-16 June, Umeå, Sweden

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

Danish:	verbal: mother tongue	written: Latin and gothic script
English:	verbal: fluent	written: fluent
German:	verbal: intermediate level.	written: intermediate level.
French:	verbal: basic level	written: basic level.
Italian:	verbal: basic level	written: basic level
Dutch:	verbal: no knowledge	written: basic level