

Curriculum Vitae Susan Wiksten

Education record

- 2013 **Master of Arts**, Sorbonne University, Paris Descartes, France, major in Comparative and International Education [*Coopération internationale en éducation et formation*]
- Thesis on the comparative development of education policy frameworks in Finland, Sweden and France.
- 2004 **Master of Arts**, Åbo Akademi University, Finland, major in Art History
- Thesis on the comparative development of modern city planning in Stockholm and Helsinki (graded Eximia cum laude approbatur (6/7)).
 - Nordplus-scholarship (2000-2001) for studies in Museology, Architectural History and the Care of Built Heritage at Stockholm University, Sweden.
- 1996 **Secondary School Diploma**, Lärkan, Helsinki, Finland, specialisation in media and communication

Professional experience

Summary

- Experience with comparative research, credential evaluation, lecturing, Web-editing.
- Four years of experience with administration in an international context.
- Two years of experience with press relations and as a freelance journalist.

Positions

- 09/2013 – present **Coordinator of Global Programs**, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Graduate School of Education and Information Studies (GSE&IS).
- 09/2012 – 06/2013 **Programme Coordinator**, Centre international d'études pédagogiques (CIEP), Paris, France.
- 01/2012 – 07/2012 **Researcher**, Inspectorate of Education, French Ministry of Education, Paris, France.
- 12/2007 – 08/2010 **Administrative Officer**, International Office, Department of Education (DPU), Aarhus University, Denmark.
- 10/2007 – 11/2007 **Accounting Assistant**, NSS Financial, Copenhagen.
- 08/2006 – 09/2007 **Sales and Customer Service for Alitalia**, ISS Facility Services, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 03/2006 – 08/2006 **Project Administrator**, design exhibition for Copenhagen RACA Architectural Gallery at Helsinki Gallery Johan S, Copenhagen and Helsinki.
- 01/2004 – 12/2004 **Freelance Writer**, Ottawa, Canada.
- 08/2002 – 06/2003 **Communications Secretary**, Embassy of Finland, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 01/2002 – 06/2002 **Event Organizer**, Finnish Cultural Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 01/2000 – 04/2000 **Lecturer**, Åbo Akademi University Extension, Finland.
- 06/1997...08/2000 **Assisting Curator**, Museum of Finnish Architecture, Helsinki, Finland.
- 09/1999 – 12/1999 **Teaching Assistant**, Art History, Åbo Akademi, University, Finland.

Languages

Swedish	Native language
Finnish	Fluent (second native language)
English	Fluent
French	Fluent
Danish	Fluent

Continued professional training

- 2010 *Theory and Research Methods*, Sociology, Lund University, Sweden (30 credit course, graded *pass with distinction*)
- 2009 *Administration of EU projects*, Department of Education (DPU), Aarhus University, Denmark (five day workshop)
- 2008 *Administration of International Offices and Study Abroad activities*, Department of Education (DPU), Aarhus University, Denmark (three day workshop)
- 2008 *Administrative law in the Danish public sector*, Department of Education (DPU), Aarhus University, Denmark (three day workshop)

Dissertations

- Wiksten Desjardins, S. (2013). *A comparison of education policy frameworks for compulsory schooling in Finland, Sweden and France* (Master Dissertation), Sorbonne University, Paris Descartes.
- Wiksten Desjardins, S. (2004). *The city centre and the suburb: City planning during the 1950s and 1960s in Stockholm and Helsinki* (Master Dissertation), Åbo Akademi University, Finland.
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Other publications and written papers

- Wiksten Desjardins, S. (2012). "A comparative look at education in the Nordic context", presented at the Colloque national de l'Association Française des Administrateurs de l'Éducation nationale (AFAE), Strasbourg.
- Wiksten Desjardins, S. (2006). "Plastic surgery, cityscape and the individual as a work of art", presented at RACA Architectural Gallery, Copenhagen February 9-11,
http://www.raca.dk/billeder/events/extreme/extreme_documentation.pdf
- Wiksten Desjardins, S. (2004). Meidän perintömme [Sustainable development and cultural heritage], *Museo*, 4/2004, Finnish Museums Association.
- Wiksten Desjardins, S. (2004). Ympäristöneuvos Sauli Rouhinen kehittää pohjoista pallonpuoliskoa [Interview of specialist in sustainable development], *Vapaa Sana*, 15/2004, Toronto.
- Wiksten Desjardins, S. (2004). Nordisk konst- och dokumentärfilm i Montréal [Nordic documentary films on art presented at filmfestival in Montréal], *Filmjournalen*, 1/2004, Finlandssvenskt filmcentrum
- Wiksten Desjardins, S. (2003). Suomalainen ja ruotsalainen teollinen muotoilu strategisena voimavarana [Report from seminar on Finnish and Swedish industrial design as a strategic resource], *Suurlähetystö tiedottaa*, 10.4.2003 <http://www.finland.se>