

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- 1992: Cand.paed., University of Oslo
- 1988: Adjunct in public policy and management, University of Tromsø
- 1987: Teacher, Tromsø Teaching College
- 1984: Studied mathematics, University of Tromsø
- 1982: Undergraduate degree (ex.phil), University of Trondheim

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## Professional activities

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- 03.01 – present *Director*, Human Rights Service (HRS), Oslo
- 05.00 – 02.01 *Senior consultant*, Fafo Research Foundation, Oslo
- 04.96 – 05.00 *Methods advisor*, Management Audit Department, Office of the Auditor General of Norway, Oslo
- 02.93 – 04.96 *Researcher*, pilot project "National evaluation of higher education," Norwegian Institute for Studies in Research and Higher Education, Oslo
- 08.91 – 08.92 *Scholar*, "Research on research" program, Institute for Studies in Research and Higher Education, Oslo
- 04.91 – 07.91 *Evaluation* of scholarship program, Council for Executive Education, Oslo
- 08.88 – 05.89 *Teacher*, Ammerud School, Oslo

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## Other relevant professional experience

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1996 - 2000:

- *Taught courses in method and management accounting, at Office of the Auditor General of Norway (autumn*

1996, spring 1998); County Auditor's Office, Hordaland (autumn 1997); Trondheim township (October 1998);

- *Project leader* for development of a quality control system for management accounting, Office of the Auditor General of Norway (1999)
- *Lecturer*, internal courses (in methods, management accounting, etc.), and external courses (accounting courses at colleges, management courses at Norwegian School of Management, etc.), Office of the Auditor General of Norway
- *International project in Zambia* – education and strategy connected to establishment of a management accounting in the Zambian national accounting office (1999).

1994 - 1996:

- *Member*, reference group for evaluating VEPS, an educational effort by the Ministry of Health
- *Secretary*, Program-Preparation Board for Educational Research, Research Council of Norway
- *Contact person and secretary*, National Committee, and *Member*, European Committee, EU Project "Evaluating Quality in Higher Education"

1990 – 1996:

- *External examiner and lecturer*, basic pedagogy, University of Oslo
- *Part-time lecturer*, pedagogical studies, University of Oslo
- *Advisor*, survey project on optional subject in teacher education, Council for Teacher Education

## **Professional publications**

### **Books and reports**

2004 Human Rights Service (HRS): *Norske barn i utlandet: Ute av syne, ute av sinn?*

2003 Storhaug, H., and Human Rights Service (HRS). *Feminin integrering – utfordringer i et fleretnisk samfunn. [Feminine Integration: Challenges in a Multiethnic Society]* Kolofon, 2003.

2002 Karlsen, Rita, and H. Storhaug. *Veiledning for lærere i osloskolene: forebygging og tiltak mot kjønnslemlestelse. [Guide for Teachers in Oslo Schools: Prevention of Genital Mutilation]* Distributed by Oslo Board of Education.

1999 Karlsen, Rita, and others. "Revisjonsstandarder for Riksrevisjonen." Office of the Auditor General of Norway .

1998 Karlsen, Rita, and others. "Retningslinjer for forvaltningsrevisjon i Riksrevisjonen." Office of the Auditor General of Norway .

1996 Karlsen, Rita, and Bjørn Stensaker (editors). *Kvalitet i høyere utdanning: Teori, empiri og praksis. [Quality in Higher Education: Theory, Empiricism, and Practice.]* Norwegian Institute for

Studies in Research and Education (NIFU).

- 1995 Karlsen, Rita (editor). *National report: European Pilot Projects for Evaluating Quality in Higher Education*. EU/KUF.
- 1994 Stensaker, Bjørn, and Rita Karlsen. *Å vurdere kvalitet? En studie av den eksterne evalueringen av økonomisk-administrativ utdanning. [To Evaluate Quality? A Study of External Evaluation of Education in Financial Administration.]* Study Institute for Research and Higher Education.
- 1993 Karlsen, Rita, and Bjørn Stensaker. "Å organisere kvalitet?" [*To Organize Quality?*] Study Institute, NAVF.

### Articles

- 1999 Karlsen, Rita & Øivind Berg Larsen: "Fra ord til handling på én uke. Forvaltningsrevisjon i Zambia", i *Observasjonsposten* nr 6.99
- 1999 Karlsen, Rita: "De skal være rene, pene, ordentlige og 100 % riktige" i *Observasjonsposten* nr 5.99
- 1999 Gunvaldsen, Jens & Rita Karlsen: "The Auditor as an Evaluator – how to Remain an Influent Force in the Political Landscapes" i *Evaluation Special Issue: European Evaluation Society Conference, Volume 5, Number 4, October 1999, Sage Publications ( London , Thousand Oaks and New Delhi )*
- 1998 Karlsen, Rita; "Forvaltningsrevisjonens metodiske tilnærming" i *Internrevisoren* nr 4/98
- 1998 Karlsen, Rita; "Når forvaltningsrevisjon skal stå på egne ben" i *Internrevisoren* nr 3/98
- 1997 Karlsen, Rita; "Forvaltningsrevisjon: Riksrevisjonens moderniserings-avantgarde?" i *Observasjonsposten* 1/97
- 1997 Karlsen, Rita: "Algeme Rekenkamer – i Haags bakgård, men med bred front mot parlamentet" i *Observasjonsposten* 5/6-97
- 1995 Karlsen, Rita & Bjørn Stensaker ; "Endring av kriterier for ressurstildeling i høyere utdanning – økt satsing på evaluering?"
- 1995 Karlsen, Rita & Bjørn Stensaker ; "Når studiekvalitet blir et krav" i *NIFUs Utdanning og arbeidsmarkedsrapport*
- 1994 Karlsen, Rita & Bjørn Stensaker ; "Evaluering av høyere utdanning" i *Forskningspolitik* 2/94, Oslo
- 1994 Karlsen, Rita & Bjørn Stensaker ; "En evalueringsmodell for høyere utdanning i støpeskjeen" i *Schola* 1/94, KUF, Oslo
- 1994 Karlsen, Rita & Bjørn Stensaker ; "Evaluering av norsk økonomiutdanning: i skjæringspunktet mellom stat, region og profesjon" i *Søkelys på økonomisk-administrativ utdanning*, Utredningsinstituttet for forskning og høyere utdanning, rapport 6/94, Oslo
- 1994 Jordell, Øyvind, Rita Karlsen & Bjørn Stensaker ; "Review of Quality Assessment in Norway – The first national Self-Evaluation Process" i Westerheijden, D.J. Brennan & P.A.M. Maasen (Eds): *Changing Contexts of Quality Assessment – Recent Trend in West European Higher Education*. Uitgeverij Lemma

B.V, Utrecht

- 1993 Karlsen, Rita & Bjørn Stensaker ; "The National Evaluation of Higher Education in Norway " i *ASHE International News*, volume 1, Center for the Study of Higher Education

## Papers

- 1998 Gunvaldsen, Jens & Rita Karlsen: "The Auditor as an Evaluator – how to Remain an Influent Force in the Political Landscapes" *EES International Conference on Evaluation: Profession, Business or Politics?*, Rome , 29–31 October
- 1995 Karlsen, Rita & Bjørn Stensaker ; "Between Governmental Demands and Institutional Needs: Peer Discretion in External Evaluations – What is it Used for?" 17<sup>th</sup> EAIR forum i Zürich, 27– 30 August
- 1995 Karlsen, Rita; "Quality and Qualities in Higher Education? From a unified to a diversified definition" proposal to Association for Institutional Research, May 5–8
- 1994 Karlsen, Rita & Bjørn Stensaker ; "Evaluering av norsk økonomiutdanning: i skjæringspunktet mellom stat, region og profesjon." Paper presentert på konferansen "*Økonomiutdanningen i Norge mot år 2000*," Lillehammer 7–8 March
- 1994 Karlsen, Rita & Bjørn Stensaker ; "Økt selvstyre i utdanningsintitusjonene – strengere krav til kvalitetsforbedrende tiltak?" Paper presented at Educational Policy Conference, Oslo, 17 October
- 1993 Jordell, Karl Øyvind, Rita Karlsen & Bjørn Stensaker ; "Quality Assessment in Higher Education in Norway . A Review of the Self-Evaluation process in Schools of Economics and Business Administration." Paper presented at conference *Changing Context for Quality Assessment*, Amsterdam 25–26 October
- 1993 Stensaker, Bjørn & Rita Karlsen; "Quality Assessment through Self-Evaluation: Comments on the Organisation and Results of Self-Evaluation Processes in USA and Norway ." Paper presented at *Pre-ASHE Conference*, Penn State University, 1–2 November