

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

1990 – Licenced clinical psychologist, University of Oslo
 1996 – Completed 2-year clinical education program specializing in Therapy for Adults
 2006 – PhD degree in Psychology, University of Oslo

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

1991 – Clinical psychologist at an in-patient institution for adolescents
 1992 – Clinical psychologist at a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults
 1993 – Clinical psychologist at occupational rehabilitation centre for adults
 1994 – Psychologist/Head of Psychological Centre, Tuzla, Bosnia-Hercegovina, established by the NGO Norwegian People's Aid
 1995 – Clinical psychologist at an inpatient clinic for adults
 1996 – Clinical psychologist at the Stress Management Team for International Military Operations, Norwegian Armed Forces Joint Medical Centre
 2001 – Research fellow at University of Oslo, Department of Psychology/Norwegian Armed Forces Joint Medical Centre
 2005 – Senior Researcher at Norwegian Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies / University of Oslo

PhD Thesis: Thoresen, S. (2006). *Suicide in peacekeepers. A study of risk factors for suicide in Norwegian veterans of international military operations*. Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Psychology, University of Oslo, Norway. ISSN 1504-3991.

PUBLICATIONS:

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- Thoresen, S., & Øverlien, C. (2009). Trauma Victim: Yes or no? Why it may be difficult to answer questions regarding violence, sexual abuse, and other traumatic events. *Violence Against Women*, 15, 699-719.
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PAPER PRESENTATIONS (last 5 years):

- Michel, P. O., Elklit, A., Aakvaag, H. F., Dyb, G., Hjemdal, O. K., & Thoresen, S. Epidemiological traumatic stress research: Methodological and measurement issues. Symposium på 12th European Conference on Traumatic Stress, Wien, 2-5 juni 2011
- Aakvaag, H. F., Hjemdal, O. K., & Thoresen, S. Measurement of Exposure for Potentially Traumatic Events in Adulthood: Review of Selected Instruments. Paper presented at 12th European Conference on Traumatic Stress, Wien, 2-5 juni 2011
- Michel, P. O. & Thoresen, S. Measures of PTSD and post-traumatic stress reactions in epidemiological trauma research. Paper presented at 12th European Conference on Traumatic Stress, Wien, 2-5 juni 2011
- Stensland, S., Dyb, G., Thoresen, S., & Wentzel-Larsen, T. Traumatic experiences in adolescents and somatic complaints: Is this relationship mediated by posttraumatic stress reactions or depression? Paper presented at 12th European Conference on Traumatic Stress, Wien, 2-5 juni 2011
- Mia Myhre, Grete Dyb & Siri Thoresen. Violence, sexual abuse, and depression in mothers of young children: Impact on infant temperament and behavior. Paper presented at the 12th World Congress of the World Association for Infant Mental Health, Leipzig, 29 juni- 3 juli, 2010.
- Siri Thoresen & Grete Dyb. Life adversities and depression in women exposed to violence and abuse. Results from the Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study. Paper presented at ISTSS 26th Annual Meeting, Montreal, 4-6 november 2010.
- Thoresen, S., and Dyb, G. Violence and sexual abuse in mothers of young children: Risk of depression and mediating factors. Paper presented at the 25th International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Annual Meeting, Atlanta, USA, 5-7 November 2009
- Sareen, J., Stein, M. B., Thoresen, S., Belik, S. L., Zamorski, M. & Asmundson, G. Is peacekeeping peaceful? A systematic Review. The 11th European Conference on Traumatic Stress, Oslo, Norway, 15-18 June, 2009
- Schou, L., Dyb, G., and Thoresen, S. Disabled adolescents at increased risk of violence and sexual abuse. Paper presented at the 11th European Conference on Traumatic Stress, Oslo, 15-18 juni 2009
- Dyb, G., Broch, K., Schou, L. and Thoresen, S. Sexual abuse and medication – a study of Norwegian 10th year students. Paper presented at the 11th European Conference on Traumatic Stress, Oslo, 15-18 juni 2009
- Thoresen, S., Tambs, K., Hussain, A., Johansen, V., Heir, T., & Bisson, J. Brief measure of posttraumatic stress reactions: Impact of Event Scale-6. The 11th European Conference on Traumatic Stress, Oslo, Norway, 15-18 June, 2009
- Mia Myhre, Grete Dyb, and Siri Thoresen. Are young children whose mothers have experienced violence or sexual abuse more prone to accidents? Paper presented at the 11th European Conference on Traumatic Stress, Oslo, 15-18 juni 2009
- Idås, T., and Thoresen, S. A comparative study of journalists and first responders mobilized for the Tsunami disaster. Paper presented at the 11th European Conference on Traumatic Stress, Oslo, 15-18 juni 2009
- Thoresen, S., & Dyb, G. Violence and sexual abuse: Population Attributable Fraction (PAF) of depression in mothers of young children. Paper presented at the 11th European Congress of Psychology, Oslo, Norway, 7-10 July, 2009

Thoresen, S., & Øverlien, C. Trauma victim: Yes or No? Why it may be difficult to answer traumatic event screening questionnaires. Paper presented at the 24. annual meeting, The International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Chicago, 13-15 november 2008

Myhre, M. C., Thoresen, S., Grøgaard, J., & Dyb, G. (2008, november). Characteristics of young children with injuries. Poster presentert på The 2nd Congress of the European Academy of Paediatrics. Nice, France

CURRENT PHD SUPERVISION:

Out of work. Life adversities and health behaviour in 15-year-olds as predictors of marginalisation from the labour market ten years later.

Role: project leader and supervisor, co-supervisor: Grete Dyb

Research Fellow: Ida Frugård Strøm

Time period: 2011-2014. Funding: The Norwegian Research Council.

Interpersonal safety in Norway

Role: Senior researcher and primary supervisor. Research Fellow: Helene Aakvaag

Time period: 2011-2014. Funding: The Norwegian Department of Justice.

Traumatic events in adolescence

Role: co-supervisor. Project leader and supervisor: Grete Dyb, co-

Research Fellow: Synne Stensland

Time period: 2010-2014. Funding: Norwegian ExtraFoundation for Health and Rehabilitation

The Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study: Characteristics of young children with injuries

Role: co-supervisor. Project leader and supervisor: Grete Dyb

Research fellow: Mia Myhre

Time period: 2007–2013

CURRENT COLLABORATION:

Professor Dean Kilpatrick, Medical University of South Carolina; Professor Miranda Olf, University of Amsterdam & Arq Psychotrauma Expert Group, the Netherlands; Professor Ask Elklit, National Centre of Psychotraumatology, Denmark; Norwegian University of Science and Technology; The Norwegian Institute of Public Health; The Institute of Clinical Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo; Centre for Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Eastern and Southern Norway; Department of General Practice and Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo.

TEACHING / OTHER TASKS:

I have during the last ten years given lectures to a variety of institutions and organizations within the fields of psychology, suicidology, and traumatic stress research.

I am a board member and secretary of the European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS), and leader of the ESTSS Task Force 'Epidemiology, Trauma, and PTSD'.

I am a member of the Editorial Board of European Journal of Psychotraumatology.

I have acted as opponent or member of evaluation committee on several dissertations in Scandinavia.