

Dr. Merle Weßel

Education and Awarded Degrees

- 2014 - 2018 PhD in Area and Cultural Studies, University of Helsinki/ Finland,
(Dissertation: *An Unholy Union? Eugenic Feminism in the Nordic Countries, ca. 1890-1940*)
- 2012 - 2014 Master of Arts, European Studies/ General History, University of Helsinki/
Finland (Master thesis: *Female Sexuality in Swedish Eugenics 1890-1934 – A Gender-Class-Conflict*, Note: magna cum laude approbatur (very good))
- 2009 - 2012 Bachelor of Arts, History and Literature Studies, University of
Bielefeld/ Germany (Bachelor thesis: *Die Auswirkungen des "New Poor Law" von 1834 auf den Lebensstandard von englischen Arbeiterinnen*, Grade: 1,0)
- 2005 - 2009 Studis of German, Eastern European History, Philosophy and Business
Georg-August University of Göttingen/Germany
- 2005 Abitur, Besselgymnasium, Minden/ Deutschland

Current Position

- Postdoctoral researcher in Medical Ethics/ Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg
01.03.2019-

Previous Position

- Postdoctoral researcher in Nordic History/ University of Greifswald (01.02.2018-
28.02.2019)
- Associated Research Student, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, Great Britain
(01.08.2017-31.12.2017)
- Salaried Doctoral Position at the Doctoral Programme "Political, Societal, Regional
Change" /University of Helsinki (01.01.2016-31.01.2018)
- Doctoral student at the Centre for Nordic Studies/ University of Helsinki, supervision
Prof. Peter Stadius, Dr. Anu Korhonen (01.08.2014-22.05.2018)

Research Funding

- *Osteuropäische Live-in Hilfen in häuslichen Versorgungstriaden bei Demenz: Informelle Versorgungskonzepte, Kommunikationsmacht und Sorgeverantwortung (TriaDe) (Eastern-european live-in helps in home care triades with dementia: Informal care concepts, communication power and care responsibility)*, Co-PI, in cooperation with Dr. Milena von Kutzleben (Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg), Prof. Dr. Mark Schweda (Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg), Prof. Dr. Jo Reichertz (KWI Essen), 2023-2025, Deutsche Forschungsgesellschaft DFG, 606.658€
- *Caroline Mills Visiting Scholarship 2022*, Ethox Center, University of Oxford
- *“Moral conflicts in familial dementia care involving migrant live-in carers in Germany and Israel: A comparative empirical-ethical exploration and analysis (MoDeCare)*, PI, in cooperation with Dr. Milena von Kutzleben and Prof. Dr. Mark Schweda (Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg), Prof. Dr. Liat Ayalon and Dr. Michal Herz (Bar-Ilan Universität), 2022-2025, VolkswagenStiftung, 296.234€
- *Intersektionale und ethische Perspektiven auf Alter(n) und Körpergewicht, (Intersectional and ethical perspectives on age(ing) and body weight)*, in cooperation with Dr. Solveig Lena Hansen (University of Bremen), August-December 2021, Verbund Norddeutscher Universitäten, 5000€
- *DAAD Kongressreise-Stipendium*, 859€, for conference travel (July 2019)
- The Arts and Social Sciences Fund's Grant, University of Helsinki Research Fund, 950€, for conference travel (March 2018)
- Travel Grant for Doctoral Students, University of Helsinki, 920€, for conference travel (March 2018)
- Oskar Öflund Stiftelse, 4000€, for Research Visit at Oxford Brookes University/ Oxford/ Great Britain
- Travel Grant for Doctoral Students, University of Helsinki, 1000€, for conference travel (May 2017)
- Travel Grant for Doctoral Students, University of Helsinki, 900€ for conference travel (April 2016)
- *Chancellor's Travel Grant*, University of Helsinki 700€ for conference travel (April 2015)
- Letterstedtska föreningen, 500 € for conference travel, (March 2015)
- Suomen Kulttuurirahasto, 24.000 € for PhD-Project (April 2015- March 2016)
- Niilo Helander Foundation, 8000 € for PhD-Project (June- September 2014)

Projects as PI

- *“Moral conflicts in familial dementia care involving migrant live-in carers in Germany and Israel: A comparative empirical-ethical exploration and analysis (MoDeCare),* PI, in cooperation with Dr. Milena von Kutzleben and Prof. Dr. Mark Schweda (Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg), Prof. Dr. Liat Ayalon and Dr. Michal Herz (Bar-Ilan Universität), 2022-2025, VolkswagenStiftung
- *Intersectional and ethical perspectives on ageing and body weight,* in cooperation with Dr. Solveig Lena Hansen (University of Bremen), August-December 2021, funded by Verbund Norddeutscher Universitäten
- *Sociocultural diversity and discrimination in medicine with an intersectional perspective (SoDiMe),* since May 2021
- *Relevant dimensions and aspects of stereotypes in human-machine interaction in aged care (DiAStereo),* in cooperation with Jade Hochschule, February-July 2021, funded by Forschungsfond (Jade Hochschule)
- *TriaDe_online – Eastern european live-in helps in domestic care arrangements with dementia: Problems and moral conflicts in the triade of person with dementia – live-in help – relatives. An analysis of online content and online focus groups,* in cooperation with Dr. Milena von Kutzleben (Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg), since September 2020

Supervision

- Research thesis Lucia Christians, 2022-, University of Oldenburg
- Research thesis Andreas Lübbers, 2020-2022, University of Oldenburg
- Research thesis Sarah de Marco, 2019-2021, University of Oldenburg
- MA-Thesis Jessica Thomas, 2019-2020, University of Greifswald
- MA-Thesis Charlotte Haugg, 2018-2019, University of Greifswald
- State exam for teachers Mareike Wegner, 2018-2019, University of Greifswald
- BA-Thesis Dominik Böhnen, 2018, University of Greifswald
- MA-Thesis Gökce Sandal, 2017-2018, University of Helsinki
- MA-Thesis Clarice Bland, 2017-2018, University of Helsinki
- MA-Thesis Roberta Estus, 2017-, University of Helsinki
- MA-Thesis Aliaksei Babets, 2017-2018, University of Helsinki

Science Communication

- „Ethical aspects of genetic research in Mennonite communities“, public lecture (in German), together with Mark Schweda, Mennonitischer Geschichtsverein, 06.09.2021
- „Buten und binnen“, Radio Bremen, Interview about Trisomie 21-Test as health care measure (in German), 19.08.2021
- „60 years the Pill – curse and blessing“, Interview with NordWest Zeitung Oldenburg (in German), 25.08.2020
- „Ethical questions during the Corona pandemic in the hospital“, online discussion (in German), 16.04.2020, Medical faculty, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg
- “Future, Society, Technology“, evening event with film and discussion (in German), 17.12.2019, HafenCity University & TU Hamburg, Hamburg
- „Gender equality in Northern Europe. Goal reached or stagnation?“Panel discussion (in German), 09.05.2018, Nordischer Klang, Greifswald

International Experience

- Caroline Miles Fellow, Ethox Centre, University of Oxford, March-April 2023
- Guest lecturer, University of Helsinki/ Finland, August 2018
- Associate Research Student, Centre for Medical Humanities/ Oxford Brookes University/ Oxford/ Great Britain, September- December 2017

Membership in scientific commissions

- Equal opportunity person of the Faculty VI Medicine and Health Care, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg
- Member of the commission of the development of the research portfolio of the Department of Health Research Services, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oldenburg
- Permanent member of the PhD committee Dr. rer. med., Faculty VI Medicine and Health Research, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg
- Editorial staff member at *Nordeuropaforum*
- Elected to deputy equal opportunity person of the Faculty of Humanities, University of Greifswald, February 2018, (election declined)
- Member of the Internal Evaluation Committee Teaching, 2018-2019, University of Greifswald
- Responsible person for the bilingual teaching certificate English/ History, University of Greifswald

- Member of the study committee, 2018-2019, University of Greifswald

Membership in scientific associations

- Co-founder and coordinator of the working group “Feminist perspectives in Medical and Bioethics, Academy of Ethics in Medicine, since 2021
- Member of the Academy of Ethics in Medicine (AEM)
- Member of the German Association of University Professors and Lecturers (DHV)
- Member of the Interdisciplinary Center for Gender Studies (IZfG), University of Greifswald

Other membership

- Associate member in DFG/AHRC Collaborative Award-Projekt „Risky Hormones“, PIs Prof. Birgit Nemeč (Berlin), Dr. Jesse Olszynko-Gryn (Strathclyde), 2022-2025
- Member of the DFG-Network “Bridging the Baltics since 1945: Networks, Transfer and Effects”, since January 2021, PD Dr. Nils Hansson, Heinrich-Heine University of Düsseldorf
- Member of Deutscher Hochschulverband (DHV)
- Member of the Scientific Board der Konferenz “Medicine in the Baltic Sea Region since the early 20th Century: Networks, transfers, consequences”, 26 -27 March 2020, University of Lund/ Sweden

Organized events

- *Care at the intersection of gender, race and migration*, 04.07.2022, Workshop, Organisation together with Mark Schweda (Oldenburg) and Helen Kohlen (Vallendar)
- *Diversity in Medical Ethics*, pre-conference workshop of the Network of Young Medical Ethics, Annual conference of the Academy of Medical Ethics, Nuremberg-Erlangen (online), 23 August 2021, Member of the organization committee and presenter
- *Zwischen Genealogie und Genetik. Interdisziplinäre Perspektiven auf die Bedeutung von Vererbung im Kontext der Täuferbewegung*, workshop, 6 March 2020, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, member of organization committee
- Organizer of the research seminar in Nordic history, 2018, University of Helsinki
- Organization of international summer school for master and PhD students “Feminist Research in the Social Sciences and Humanities”, August 2018, University of Helsinki
- *3. Annual Conference of the Doctoral Programme Political, Social and Regional Change*, 27-28 October 2016, University of Helsinki/Finland, member of organization committee

- *Racial Hygiene and Population Politics in the Nordic Welfare State*, Symposium, 18 February 2016, CENS/ University of Helsinki/ Finland, member of organization committee
- *Conceptualizing Public Health. Nordic and International Contexts*, conference, 19-20 November 2015, CENS/ University of Helsinki and Swedish School for Social Science/ Finland, member of organization committee
- *Nordic Studies Research Seminar*, October 2015- September 2016, Centre for Nordic Studies/ University of Helsinki, organizer

Further education

- Helene-Lange Mentoring Programm “Progressio”, September 2022- September 2023
- Further education studies, “Medical ethics”, FernUniversität Hagen, February-July 2022
- „Conducting qualitative research interviews and focus group moderation”, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, 07.-08.02.2022
- „Lernen und Lehren mit digitalen Medien“ (Learning and teaching with digital media), Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, 04.-05.03.2021
- „e-teaching & diversity – Online-Lehre diversitätswusst gestalten“ (e-teaching and diversity – diversity-sensitive configuration of online teaching, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, 25.-26.02.2021
- “Multiple-Choice-Fragen” (Multiple-Choice-Questions), Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, February-April 2021
- „In Führung gehen – Führungskompetenzen erwerben“ (Taking on leadership – Acquiring leadership competence), Coaching for Postdocs, graduate academy, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, 17.-18.11.2020
- „Online Tools“, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, 13.11.2020
- “Peer Coaching Programme. Making a Career after the PostDoc”, Coaching Programm for Postdocs, Graduate academy, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, January-July 2020
- „Was brauchen meine Studierenden? – Evaluationsmethoden“ (What do my students need? Evaluation methods), Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, 03.12.2019
- „Lehre in der Fremdsprache – Teaching in English“, Inhouse-Seminar DAAD, University of Greifswald, 28-29.09.2018

Reviewing for (selection)

- DeGryter Oldenbourg Verlag, Frontiers Genetics, International Journal of Social Robotics, Nordeuropaforum, Journal of Aging and Health, Journal of Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy, Zeitschrift für Praktische Philosophie

Languages

German (native), English (C2), French, Swedish, Finnish (B1), Russian (A1), Danish, Norwegian, Icelandic (reading skills), Latin