



Relevant work experience

- 2020 – Present** *Postdoctoral Researcher // University of Copenhagen*
Responsibilities: Co-leading a multi-site factorial intervention study in Ghana, Kenya and Uganda for a DANIDA-funded international research consortium, HEALTHYINSECT.
- 2020 – Present** *Consultant // World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe*
Responsibilities: Advising, leading and co-authoring research and knowledge materials on sustainable diets to advise policymakers in ministries of health across Europe.
- 2020 – Present** *Consultant-Researcher // Curt Bergfors Food Planet Prize*
Responsibilities: Scouting for game-changing innovations that can transform the future of global food systems.
- 2019 – Present** *Consultant // World Bank*
Responsibilities: Co-author on an upcoming report about Frontier Agriculture, a novel approach to producing nutritious food, creating jobs, and enhancing livelihoods in fragile, violent and conflict-prone states • Responsible for developing, coordinating and analyzing the data from a study of innovative farming activities in 13 African countries.
- 2019 – Present** *Urban Food Systems Expert // Gehl Urban Design Consultancy, Denmark*
Responsibilities: Developing of a methodology and toolkit that investigates the interactions between the built environment, food systems and public health • Responsible for developing a new service strategy on urban food environments.
- 2018 – Present** *Consultant, New Nordic Food // Nordic Council of Ministers, Denmark*
Responsibilities: Development of a campaign to collect new perspectives on the future of Nordic food and its potential to address sustainable development in the Nordic region • Author of a 7-part series on the future of food in the Nordic region.
- 2018 – Present** *Consultant, The Nordics Branding Project // Nordic Council of Ministers, Denmark*
Responsibilities: Development of knowledge materials on sustainable food consumption, gender equality and sustainable development to be used by projects highlighting Nordic values abroad, especially those carried out by embassies and consulates • Development of a new global concept called “Nordic Talks: Inspire to Act, Act to Inspire” • Host of the upcoming Nordic Talks podcast.
- 2018 – 2019** *Future Food Expert & Resource Person // Asian Productivity Organization*
Responsibilities: Development of an e-course, *Future Food: Exploring Business Opportunities*, which examines a variety of sustainable and climate-friendly ‘future foods’ in Asia.

- 2017 – Present** *Owner // Afton Halloran Consulting, Denmark*
Responsibilities: As an independent consultant, I have been advising intergovernmental and international organizations, companies, research institutions and civil society organizations on issues related to sustainable food systems such as the future of food, the social impacts of food production, food culture/gastronomy and sustainable diets • Clients include the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, Stockholm Resilience Centre, EIT Food, Centre for Food Policy at City University London, AirClim, DIIS and Nordic Council of Ministers Latvia Office.
- 2017 – Present** *External Consultant, Nordic Food Policy Lab // Nordic Council of Ministers, Denmark*
Responsibilities: Editor-in-chief of the *Solutions Menu: A Nordic Guide to Sustainable Food Policy* • Assisted in the development and implementation of the Lab's international strategy • Advised on strategic partnerships and communications • Lead organizer of high-level policy labs with representatives from government, civil society, international development agencies and the private sector • Facilitator and moderator of international events at the WHO European Office, High-level Political Forum, EAT Stockholm Food Forum and COP24 • Catalyzer of collaboration and knowledge exchange between global, national and Nordic stakeholders • Lead developer of a "just transitions" framework to assist governments understand the skills and competencies that will help them to make better food policy.
- 2017** *Consultant // Agriprotein, South Africa*
Responsibilities: Designed and conducted a social sustainability impact assessment of the largest insect-based animal feed company in the world.
- 2017** *Research Assistant // University of Copenhagen, Denmark*
Responsibilities: Coordinated joint project proposals for major research funds related to edible insects and sustainable food systems • Led the editorial team of a new book, *Edible insects in sustainable food systems* • Led media communication and research dissemination for the GREEiNSECT project.
- 2015 – 2016** *Researcher // International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems, Belgium*
Responsibilities: Carried out an extensive literature review on the potential for production diversification to lead to more sustainable food systems for the report, *From Uniformity to Diversity: A Paradigm Shift from Industrial Agriculture to Diversified Agroecological Systems*.
- 2014 – 2017** *GREEiNSECT Doctoral Fellow & Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellow // University of Copenhagen, Denmark*
Responsibilities: Assisted in the management and engagement of an international research consortium on the role of edible insects in green economy • Organized and led a consortium study trip to Thailand for 23 professionals representing 12 different countries • Led a team of research assistants conducting extensive fieldwork in Thailand and Kenya • Conducted extensive fieldwork in north-eastern Thailand and western Kenya.
- 2013** *Consultant // University of Copenhagen, Denmark*
Responsibilities: Coordinated and co-authored a successful funding application that was awarded 10 million DKK by the Danish International Development Agency Consultative Research Committee on Development Research • The research consortium, *GREEiNSECT: Insects for Green Economy*, involved companies, international organizations and research institutions from six different countries.

- 2012 – 2014** *Consultant // Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, Italy*
Responsibilities: Co-authored a state-of-the-art publication on the global potential of insects as food and feed for release at the International Conference on Forests for Food Security and Nutrition • Developed a global stakeholder network connecting entrepreneurs, government, civil society, universities and international organizations • Planning committee member of the International Conference on Forests for Food Security and Nutrition • FAO Spokeswoman.
- 2012 – 2013** *Teaching Assistant // Copenhagen Innovation and Entrepreneurship Lab, Denmark*
Responsibilities: Coordinated and published an in-depth literature review of the circular economy-based alternatives to food waste in Denmark • Assisted in the development of a MSc course on Sustainable Urban Development at the Copenhagen Business School.
- 2011** *Urban Agriculture Researcher // Copenhagen House of Food, Denmark*
Responsibilities: Organized a stakeholder conference on urban agriculture for 100 people • Developed a Copenhagen urban agriculture strategy • Developed a network of global stakeholders working on issues related to urban agriculture.
- 2010 – 2012** *Urban Agriculture Project Officer & Affiliated Researcher // Sustainable Cities International, Tanzania*
Responsibilities: Developed a three-year project that led to the incorporation of urban agriculture as an official land use within the Dar es Salaam Master Plan for 2030 • Performed asset mapping and needs assessments • Facilitated meetings and workshops and collaborated with key stakeholders, such as local and national governmental representatives, civil society, universities and citizens • Spearheaded a program to help urban farmers voice their concerns to municipal authorities.
- 2006 – 2007** *Affiliate, Integrated Landed Learning Project // Centre for Sustainable Food Systems, Canada*
Responsibilities: Taught inner-city school children about gardening and environmental stewardship • Reconnected children with the natural environment while documenting their growth and learning as part of a ten-year research project.

Educational background

- 2019** **Forum for the Future School of System Change**
 Trained in a wide range of methods to understand and diagnose complex systems as well as to lead and manage transformational change processes • Carried out fieldwork in rural Russia together with local stakeholder groups • A member of a network of 250+ international systems thinkers.
- 2014 – 2017** **PhD in International and Pediatric Nutrition with a specialization in Sustainable Food Systems // University of Copenhagen, Denmark**
 Analyzed the policies of four different countries in relation to edible insect species and food security, nature conservation and erosion of traditional food culture • Conducted a life cycle assessment comparing insect and chicken production in Thailand • Carried out 347 household questionnaires and 13 focus group discussions on the awareness and adoption of cricket farming in Kenya • Led a data collection team of 8 people.

- 2010 – 2012** **MSc in Agricultural Development // University of Copenhagen, Denmark**
 Carried out 65 in-depth interviews with stakeholders from national and local government, NGOs, intergovernmental agencies, academic institutions, farmers and urban planners on the topic of institutionalizing and legitimizing urban agriculture in Copenhagen, Denmark and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania • Led a multidisciplinary research team to investigate the current and potential sustainable agricultural livelihood strategies in Sarawak, Malaysia using mixed methods including water sampling, soil sampling, forest assessment, participatory rapid appraisal techniques, household questionnaires and key informant interviews.
- 2008** **MSc in International Development Studies (exchange) // Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway and Makerere University, Uganda**
 Collected qualitative interview-based data on the impact of farmers' organizations on women's livelihoods in collaboration with a Ugandan community-based organization • Conducted multidisciplinary research on natural resource management challenges and the impact of chicken and pig rearing on rural livelihoods and in Uganda through participatory techniques and household questionnaires.
- 2005 – 2009** **BSc (Honors) in Global Resource Systems // University of British Columbia, Canada**
 Developed the University of British Columbia Centre for Sustainable Food Systems Ambassador Programme • President of the university sustainable food cooperative.

Selected teaching experience

- Food Innovation Design // Stanford University, USA
- Integrated Food Studies // University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Haas School of Business // University of California Berkeley, USA
- Global Resource Systems // University of British Columbia, Canada
- Sustainable Urban Ecosystems // University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- International Nutrition & Health // University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Innovation & Avant-garde Gastronomy // University of Mondragon, Spain
- Sustainable Urban Development // Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
- Natural Systems & Sustainable Development // University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
- Innovation Inspired by Nature // Copenhagen Business School/Technical University of Denmark/University of Copenhagen, Denmark

A complete overview of my teaching experience can be found here: www.aftonhalloran.com/teaching

Selected media appearances

BBC Food Programme (UK) • Guardian (UK) • CBS This Morning (USA) • Canadian Geographic (CAN) • BBC World Service (UK) • El Pais (ES) • Global and Mail (CAN) • Huffington Post (USA) • La Repubblica (IT) • BBC Radio 4 (UK) • Berlingske (DK) • Politiken (DK) • Le Monde (FR) • Bloomberg TV (UK) • ELLE (FR) • Digital Trends (USA) • National Post (CAN) • O Globo (BR) • TV1 (IT) • Zetland (DK) • Spis og Spar (DK) • Zetland (DK) • Yle (Finland) • Danmarks Radio (DK)

Public speaking appearances

I have been invited to give keynote speeches at various international conferences and summits including:

- How To Academy Food and Climate Talks, UK
- European Food Summit, Slovenia
- Future of Food, Latvia
- We Feed the Planet, Italy
- European Parliament Novel Foods Legislation, Belgium
- Tech2Development, Germany
- Les Napoleons, France
- Parabere Forum, Spain

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Selected memberships

- FoodTech working group member, SIRI Commission
- Independent Expert, EIT Climate-KIC
- Judging Panel Member, World Restaurant Awards
- Expert, The Agribusiness Academy
- Member, Kinnernet Innovation Network
- Member, TD Canada Trust Scholar Network
- Panellist, Academy of Finland
- Scientific reviewer, European Research Council

Languages spoken

English (Native speaker), **Danish** (Professional), **Italian** (Advanced), **French** (Intermediate), **Spanish** (Beginner), **Swahili** (Beginner), **Japanese** (Beginner), **Swedish** (understood when written and spoken), **Norwegian** (understood when written and spoken)