

I was born in 1981 at Tärendö and grew up at Jierijärvi north of Korpilombolo, to where I returned after having lived in different places in Sweden and Finland during works and studies. I am educated theologian with a diploma from Uppsala University, but I have also studied at Åbo Academy, Finland. In my degree project I specialized in the church history of Upper Torne valley. I have also done some studies in church music, political science and Tornedalian Finnish (Meänkieli).

I much like to work in the Torne valley, a region with a strong and distinct cultural, lingual and historical character, which not least Lars Levi Lästadius has contributed to. I do hope that more and more people in Pajala - Kolari, but also visitors from more distant places would discover the fine cultural environment at the Lästadius old vicarage and the museum. I also hope that the Lästadius week would serve as a meeting-place, where scholars studying the work of Lästadius and his followers get the opportunity to exchange experiences and presenting their work to the public.

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