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Between 1961 and 1998, Nordenstam held teaching positions at the Universities of Khartoum, [Umeå](#), and [Bergen](#). In Bergen, he was first Reader in Philosophy (1968–81) and later Professor of Philosophy (1981–98). He is currently [Professor Emeritus](#) from Bergen.

In his philosophical career, Nordenstam moved from the [analytical philosophy](#) of language into ethics, aesthetics and the philosophy of the humanities.

Nordenstam has published a number of books, the most important of which are *Sudanese Ethics* (Stockholm: The Scandinavian Institute of [African Studies](#) / Almqvist & Wiksell, 1968) and, much more recently, *The Power of Example* (Stockholm: Santérus Academic Press, 2009); the content of the latter appeared earlier in Swedish as *Exemplens makt* in *Dialoger 69-70* (Stockholm, 2005). He has also published a goodly number of journal articles, mostly classifiable into the areas mentioned above, and some closely related to his book projects.

A foreign colleague of Nordenstam remarks, “Readers of Nordenstam’s works will find him to be a clear, careful, original and touchingly humanistic thinker, influenced by Wittgenstein and others, but not in thrall to any.”