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## Employment

- 2024– Professor of General Linguistics  
Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies  
University of Oslo
- 2016– Professor of Scandinavian Linguistics  
Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies  
University of Oslo
- 2016 Associate Professor of Scandinavian Linguistics  
Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies  
University of Oslo
- 2015 Associate Professor of Norwegian and Teaching Norwegian as a Native Language  
Department of Languages  
Buskerud and Vestfold University College
- 2012–15 Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Scandinavian Linguistics  
Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies  
University of Oslo
- 2013–15 Adjunct Assistant Professor  
Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures  
National Chiao Tung University
- 2008–10 Teaching Fellow  
Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures  
Harvard University
- 2007–10 Teaching Fellow  
Department of Linguistics  
Harvard University

## Education

- 2011 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Linguistics, Harvard University.  
 Dissertation: *The origin of variation in Norwegian retroflexion*.  
 Committee: Adam Albright, Jay Jasanoff, & Maria Polinsky.
- Major field: Phonology  
 Minor field: Historical linguistics
- 2008 Master of Arts (M.A.), Harvard University.
- 2005 Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in Language – Comparative Germanic Linguistics, University of Oslo.  
 Dissertation: *The Germanic (i)jō-stem declension: Origin and development*.  
 Committee: Jón Axel Harðarson & Trygve Skomedal.
- 2003 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), University of Oslo.

## Publications

### Articles and book chapters

- 2025 Norsk busetjing på Færøyarne etter svartedauden. *Norsk årbok*, 154–159.
- 2025 Likskapen millom norsk og færøysk. *Norsk årbok*, 139–153.
- 2025 Investigating potential MERGED and DISTINCT speakers in an ongoing merger—Evidence from production and perception. *Laboratory Phonology* 16(1): 1–42. With Maria Evjen and Timo B. Roettger.
- 2025 There is no ‘one High tone per word’ rule in Somali. In Pavel Iosad & Björn Köhnlein (eds.) *Synchronic and diachronic approaches to tonal accent*. Oxford studies in phonology and phonetics 8. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 118–145. With Nina Hagen Kaldhol.
- 2024 Fyresegner fyre ordkløyving i norsk. *Norsk Årbok*, 201–204.
- 2024 Tyngd på fyrsta stavingi i lånnord. *Norsk Årbok*, 89–102. With Maria Evjen and Luca Lukas.
- 2024 Knud Knudsen og opphavet åt ordet *ordskifte*. *Norsk Årbok*, 48–71.
- 2023 Oppklaringer om 1901-rettskrivningen. *Norsk lingvistisk tidsskrift* 41(1): 147–173.
- 2022 Villgang i vig og verja. *Norsk Årbok*, 69–78.

- 2021 The origin of the Proto-Indo-European nominal plural ending \*-ōs. *Historische Sprachforschung (Historical Linguistics)* 134: 186–195.
- 2021 1901-rettskrivingi var den fyrsta samnorsk-umboti. *Norsk Årbok*, 111–118.
- 2021 Grammaticalization in Somali and the development of morphological tone. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* 6(1): 587–599. With Nina Hagen Kaldhol.
- 2020 1901-rettskrivinga, midlandsmakselen og riksstyremålet [The orthography of 1901, the Midland norm, and the language of the central administration]. *Arkiv för nordisk filologi* 135: 95–111.
- 2020 Tilsvar til Sandøy, Conzett, Kristoffersen og Nesse. *Norsk lingvistisk tidsskrift* 38(2): 271–274.
- 2020 Norske ord og norsk ordleiding: *Slag og type*. *Norsk Årbok*, 91–99.
- 2019 Grunnleggjande spørsmål om språkendring og norsk språkhistorie [Fundamental questions of language change and the history of the Norwegian language]. *Norsk lingvistisk tidsskrift* 37(1): 77–138.
- 2016 Null subjects, preproprial articles, and the syntactic structure of Old Norwegian pronouns. *Norsk lingvistisk tidsskrift* 34(2): 183–217.
- 2016 Neighborhood density in phonological alternations. *Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS)* 36: 426–440.
- 2015 Språkendringar langs Oslofjorden [Language change along the Oslofjord]. In Helge Sandøy (ed.) *Talemål etter 1800*. Oslo: Novus. 125–158.
- 2015 Dialect change in South-East Norway and the role of attitude in diffusion. *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 19(5): 612–642.
- 2015 Vowel reduction in verbs in King Alfred's Pastoral Care. In Dag T. T. Haug (ed.) *Historical linguistics 2013*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. 19–40.
- 2013 The articulation of Norwegian retroflexes. *Journal of Phonetics* 41(1): 56–58.
- 2012 A diachronic account of phonological unnaturalness. *Phonology* 29(3): 505–531.
- 2012 Variation in Norwegian retroflexion. *Nordic Journal of Linguistics* 35(2): 197–212.
- 2012 Syncope of long \*ī in Old Norse nouns. In John Ole Askedal, Tom Schmidt, & Rolf Theil (eds.) *Germanisk filologi og norske ord*. Oslo: Novus. 33–51.

- 2012 From perception to phonology: The emergence of perceptually motivated constraint rankings. *Lingua* 122(2): 125–143.
- 2011 The phonetics and phonologization of Verner's law. In Thomas Krisch & Thomas Lindner (eds.) *Indogermanistik und Linguistik im Dialog*. Wiesbaden: Reichert. 232–241.
- 2009 Non-local binding in tenseless clauses. *Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS)* 45(2): 103–116.
- 2009 The development of voiced labiovelars in Germanic. In Stephanie W. Jamison, H. Craig Melchert, & Brent Vine (eds.) *Proceedings of the 20th annual UCLA Indo-European conference*. Bremen: Hempen. 197–211.
- 2007 The development of voiced labiovelars in Germanic. *Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics* 12: 15–26.
- 2005 The historical development of Gothic *aba* and its *n*-stem anomalies. *Historische Sprachforschung (Historical Linguistics)* 118: 251–262.
- 2003 Ljodsamhøvet i AM 315 f fol. [The vowel harmony in AM 315 f fol.]. *Arkiv för nordisk filologi* 118: 47–75.
- 2003 Sanningsdyljing i målvitskapen. *Målmannen* 2(2): 2.
- 2002 Eit forsvar for norsken. *Syn og segn* 108(1): 56–61. With Klaus Johan Myrvoll, Anders Olsen, & Kjetil Aasen.
- 2001 Meir um j-fenging. *Høgnorsknytt* 1: 4–6.
- 2000 Målreinsking – ein uting? *Høgnorsknytt* 4: 7–8.
- 2000 J-fenging. *Høgnorsknytt* 3: 4–5.

### Book reviews

- 2021 Review of Ivar Berg 'Språket som vart norsk'. *Norsk lingvistisk tidsskrift* 39(1): 207–219.
- 2014 Review of Kristján Árnason 'The phonology of Icelandic and Faroese'. *Phonology* 31(2): 329–337.
- 2006 Review of Robert Nedoma 'Kleine Grammatik des Altisländischen. 2. Auflage'. *Die Sprache*. Accepted for publication, but never appeared in print.

- 2004 Review of Robert Nedoma 'Kleine Grammatik des Altisländischen'. *North-Western Language Evolution (NOWELE)* 45: 119–123.
- 2001 Ordsoga åt dei heimlege ordi. *Vestmannen* 17(3): 6, 10, 14.

## Teaching

### University of Oslo

#### Ph.D. courses

- 2023–26 HFILN 9010A–E: *Text development seminar*
- 2023–25 HFILN 9501: *Formulating and testing hypotheses in linguistic and philological research*
- 2022–23 HFILN 9000A–D: *Thesis seminar*

#### Graduate courses

- 2018–25 LING 4140: *Linguistic method*
- 2020–23 NOR 4180: *Supervised reading in Scandinavian linguistics*
- 2023 LING 4181: *Supervised reading in linguistics*
- 2018 NOR 4515: *Norwegian Nynorsk for students in teacher education program*
- 2016–17 SPR 4120: *Language attitudes*
- 2012–16 NOR 4100: *Theory of science in Scandinavian, especially Norwegian, linguistics*

#### Undergraduate & graduate courses

- 2014–25 NOR 2101/4103: *History of the Norwegian language*
- 2024 NOR 2555/4455: *NORDKURS – Summer course in Scandinavian language and literature*
- 2023 NOR 2123/4123: *Germanic and Indo-European linguistics*
- 2019–22 NOR 2122/4122: *Norwegian phonology*
- 2022 NFI 2101/4123: *Runology – Runic inscriptions from the Migration Period to the Viking Age*
- 2017–18 LING 2121/4111: *Phonetics and phonology 2*

Undergraduate courses

2015–26	NOR 1100:	Norwegian grammar
2025	LING 2200:	Linguistic theories
2025	LING 1111:	Phonetics and phonology 1
2024	EXFAC03-SPR:	Examen facultatum, Linguistics
2017–22	NOR 3090:	Bachelor's degree thesis in Scandinavian studies
2018	LING 2108:	Language change
2018	NORINT 0190:	Phonetics for international students
2017–18	EXFAC03-NORD:	Examen facultatum, Nordic studies
2015–16	PSYC 2207:	Cognitive neuroscience 2
2013	NOR 1106:	Old Norse and the history of the Norwegian language

**Buskerud and Vestfold University College**Teacher education

2015	KK-NOR 8210:	Norwegian 2 (1)
2015	G1S-NOR 1100:	Norwegian language, part 1

Undergraduate courses

2015	BS-NOR 1100:	Norwegian language and communication
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**Harvard University**Undergraduate & graduate courses

2008–10	Norwegian A:	Beginning Norwegian Language
2009–10	Linguistics 115b:	Intermediate Phonology
2008	Linguistics 110:	Introduction to Linguistics

Undergraduate courses

2008	Scandinavian 91r:	Introduction to Norwegian
2008	Linguistics 97r:	Runes: Origin, use, and development
2007	Linguistics 98a:	The structure of Norwegian syntax and phonology
2007	Social Analysis 34:	Knowledge of Language

**Educational training**

2019	Peer Supervision for Supervisors of Master Students LINK – Centre for Learning, Innovation & Academic Development University of Oslo
2014	Basic Pedagogical Competence Department of Education University of Oslo

- 2007 Harvard Fall Teaching Conference  
Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning  
Harvard University

## Advising

### Ph.D. dissertations

- 2025– *Rhotic variation in /rn/ and /rl/ clusters in Icelandic: A study of sociophonetic variables in an understudied phenomenon.*  
Ása Bergný Tómasdóttir. University of Oslo.
- 2023– *Intonation patterns of the North-American Norwegian heritage language in the USA.*  
Sophia Bjorsnes Haave. University of Oslo.
- 2022– *The role of perception in the Norwegian merger of /ʃ/ and /ç/.*  
Maria Evjen. University of Oslo.
- 2021– *Documentation of transposition of aspiration in dialectal Balochi.*  
Ali Hussain. University of Oslo.
- 2025 *Central Scandinavian dialectography from a diachronic perspective.*  
Luca Riccardelli. Sapienza University of Rome.
- 2023 *Cue weighting and enhancement in systems of contrast: Vowel quantity in Norwegian.*  
Aleese Block. University of California, Davis.

### Master's theses

#### University of Oslo

- 2025 *Animacy and prepositional null complements in the Old Norse of Egils saga.*  
Lonny Franklin Coots. Viking and Medieval Norse Studies.
- 2025 *Bortfallet av eige- og sidefallmerking i mellomnorsk tid i Fyresdal. Dokumentasjon og omrøding.*  
Tyler Russell Green. Linguistics.
- 2024 *Spredningen av skarre-r i Norge. En oppdatert kartlegging.*  
Luca Lukas. Linguistics.
- 2024 *Det er det ð er. Ei undersøking av utviklinga av gamalnorsk intervokalisk ð i dei nynorske målføra.*  
Maissenç Pierre Bennour-Ferrari. Scandinavian Linguistics.

- 2023 *So dere det, eller? En undersøkelse av uttalen so og lo i preteritum av å se og å ligge, blant barn og unge i osloområdet.*  
Ingrid Aanerud Solli. Scandinavian Linguistics.
- 2023 *Hvordan å speake norwegian. En undersøkelse av engelsk i norsk tale hos realitydel-takere.*  
Tonje Bjordal Heggdal. Scandinavian Linguistics.
- 2021 *Review of the literature about reduplication and ablaut of Germanic strong verbs of class VII.*  
Claudia Held. Viking and Medieval Norse Studies.
- 2021 *Kasusformer av adjektiviske førsteledd i sammensatte stedsnavn fra Ullensvang.*  
Wen Ge. Viking and Medieval Norse Studies.
- 2021 *The transmission of unnatural phonology. Testing final voicing and final devoicing through iterated artificial language learning.*  
Maria Evjen. Linguistics.
- 2020 *Om aksept av langdistanserefleksiver i norsk. En elevundersøkelse.*  
Hannah Arntzen Bondi. Scandinavian Linguistics.
- 2020 *Talemålsendring i rurale Stjørdal.*  
Solveig Lobben. Scandinavian Linguistics.
- 2018 *Lingvistiske faktorer i stamming hos norske talere.*  
Eli Muus. Linguistics.
- 2017 *The Oslo dialect of Somali. Tonal adaptations of Norwegian loanwords.*  
Nina Hagen Kaldhol. Linguistics.
- 2017 *Normer og former i statsforvaltinga. Om valet av tradisjonelle og nyare nynorskformer i departementa på 2000-talet.*  
Oda Malmin. Scandinavian Linguistics.
- 2016 *V2 i amerikanorsk – ufullstendig innlæring eller språkforvitring? En kvalitativ sosio-lingvistisk undersøkelse av V2-variasjonen i ikke-subjektinitiale deklaratve hovedset-ninger i amerikanorsk.*  
Sofiya Khayitova. Scandinavian Linguistics.
- University College of Southeast Norway
- 2016 *En sosiolingvistisk undersøkelse av språktrekk og språkholdninger blant ungdom i Fredrikstad.*  
Mona Mathisen. Teaching Norwegian as a Native Language.



## Ph.D. service

### Dissertation committee

- 2023 *Cue weighting and enhancement in systems of contrast: Vowel quantity in Norwegian.*  
Aleese Susan Block. Linguistics. University of California, Davis.

### Doctoral qualifying examination committee

- 2020 *Cue weighting and phoneme-specific patterns in perception of Norwegian vowel quantity.*  
Aleese Susan Block. Linguistics. University of California, Davis.

### Thesis defense moderator

- 2022 *A uniform account for agreement and information structure: A case study of Surati Gujarati.*  
Kinjal Hiren Joshi. University of Oslo.
- 2020 *Where does naturalness in phonology come from?—Insights from Artificial Language Learning.*  
Julian Kirkeby Lysvik. University of Oslo.

## Talks

### Invited

- 2025 *A three-way rounding contrast in Norwegian vowels.* Symposium on the occasion of Eli Fischer-Jørgensen's *Trends in Phonology*'s turning 50 in 2025. The Linguistic Circle of Copenhagen. With Donald Derrick.
- 2025 *Diakront korpus i forskarkvardagen.* Norchron startup workshop. University of Oslo.
- 2025 *Kva er vitsen med nynorsk?* Academic Pedagogy Day. University of Oslo.
- 2025 *Publication bias.* ReproducibiliTea. University of Oslo.
- 2025 *Færøyskt og norsk mål.* Norsk målstemna. Oslo.
- 2024 *The source of variation in language.* Microvariation and microchange in the Scandinavian languages. University of Agder.
- 2024 *Upphavet åt ordet ordskifte.* Høgnorskringen and Norsk måldyrkingslag. Oslo.
- 2023 *Norsk språk og språkhistorie.* Fondet for dansk-norsk samarbeid. Oslo.

- 2023 *Tyngdlegging i norske og utlendske ord i landsmålet*. Høgnorskringen and Norskt måldyrkingslag. Oslo.
- 2022 *Norsk språk og språkhistorie*. Fondet for dansk-norsk samarbeid. Oslo.
- 2022 *Eigofallet i norsk*. Høgnorskringen and Norskt måldyrkingslag. Oslo.
- 2021 *Norsk språk og språkhistorie*. Fondet for dansk-norsk samarbeid. Oslo.
- 2021 *Sams målvokster i færøysk og norsk*. Collegium Medievale, University of Oslo & Medieval Research Cluster, University of Bergen.
- 2021 *1901-rettskrivingi var den fyrsta samnorsk-umboti*. Annual meeting of Høgnorskringen. Oslo.
- 2020 *Hva er tekstlingvistikk – og hva bidrar den med i språkvitenskapen?* Department of Cultural Studies and Languages. University of Stavanger.
- 2020 *Oslo-målet spreier seg på Austlandet*. Department of Language and Culture. UiT The Arctic University of Norway.
- 2020 *Norsk språk og språkhistorie*. Fondet for dansk-norsk samarbeid. Oslo.
- 2020 *Grunndrag og mistak i Aasen-målet*. Høgnorskringen and Norskt måldyrkingslag. Oslo.
- 2019 *Tyngd på fyrste stavinga i lånord*. End seminar for the LIA project. Trondheim. With Janne Bondi Johannessen, Maria Evjen, and Joel J. Priestly.
- 2018 *Kva er vitsen med nynorsk?* Academic Pedagogy Day. University of Oslo.
- 2016 *Oslo-målet spreier seg på Austlandet*. Academic Pedagogy Day. University of Oslo.
- 2015 *Vowel harmony in an Old Norwegian manuscript*. Vowel harmony in Old Norwegian. University of Bergen.
- 2015 *Vowel reduction in Old English and its origin in phonetic error*. Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics. Concordia University.
- 2015 *Vowel reduction in Old English and its origin in phonetic error*. Department of Linguistics. University of Ottawa.
- 2014 *Ivar Aasen og normgrunnlaget for landsmålet*. Academic Pedagogy Day. University of Oslo.

- 2014 *Kva slags Oslo-mål er det som spreier seg på Austlandet?* Departmental Seminar in Linguistics. University of Oslo.
- 2014 *Vowel reduction in Old English.* School of English Literature, Language and Linguistics. Newcastle University.
- 2013 *Ivar Aasen og normgrunnlaget for landsmålet.* Departmental Seminar in Linguistics. University of Oslo.
- 2013 *Ivar Aasen og normgrunnlaget for landsmålet.* Department of Language and Linguistics. University of Tromsø.
- 2013 *Fagdidaktiske problem med én eller tre karakterer i norskfaget i studieforberedende retning i videregående skole.* Department of Cultural Studies and Languages. University of Stavanger.
- 2013 *Grammatiske problem med å beskrive ordklassen adverb og setningsleddet adverbial i norsk.* Department of Cultural Studies and Languages. University of Stavanger.
- 2012 *Austlandsk språkutvikling.* Seminar for *Ny norsk språkhistorie*. Talemålsutviklinga i Norge etter 1800. University of Bergen.
- 2012 *Rhyme acceptability determined by perceived similarity.* Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures. National Chiao Tung University.
- 2012 *Vowel weakening in Old West Saxon.* Seminar in Theoretical Linguistics. University of Oslo.
- 2012 *Vowel weakening in Old West Saxon.* Phonology Circle. Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- 2012 *Vowel weakening in Old West Saxon.* GSAS Workshop in Historical Linguistics. Harvard University.
- 2011 *Phonological variation from perceptual asymmetry.* Department of Linguistics. University of Leipzig.
- 2009 *Perceptual distance & sound change.* GSAS Workshop in Historical Linguistics. Harvard University.
- 2008 *The phonetics and phonologization of Verner's law.* GSAS Workshop in Historical Linguistics. Harvard University.
- 2008 *The coda condition and the nature of glides — in Burmese.* Linguistics Theory Group. Harvard University.

- 2007 *Perceptual and articulatory notes on the origin of Germanic geminates*. GSAS Workshop in Historical Linguistics. Harvard University.
- 2006 *The historical derivation of Gothic aba 'husband'*. GSAS Workshop in Historical Linguistics. Harvard University.
- 2006 *Die phonologische Entwicklung des auslautenden Zischlauts im Germanischen*. Workshop in Old Scandinavian & Old Germanic. University of Vienna.

### Conferences and workshops

- 2026 *A three-way rounding contrast in Norwegian vowels*. Phonology in the Nordic Countries (FiNo). Lund University. With Donald Derrick.
- 2025 *The spread of uvular /r/ in Norway – an updated survey*. 'r-atics 8. University of Malta. With Luca Lukas.
- 2025 *The spread of uvular /r/ in Norway – An updated survey*. Phonology in the Nordic Countries (FiNo). University of Oslo. With Luca Lukas.
- 2024 *Spredningen av skarre-r i Norge. En oppdatert kartlegging*. The 20th Meeting on the Norwegian Language (MONS). University of Oslo. With Luca Lukas.
- 2024 *Samanfall mellom 2. og 3.ET.NOT.SEL. i gamalnorsk*. The 20th Meeting on the Norwegian Language (MONS). University of Oslo.
- 2024 *So og lo som nye preteritumsformer av se og ligge i østlandsk*. The 20th Meeting on the Norwegian Language (MONS). University of Oslo. With Ingrid Aanerud Solli.
- 2024 *Merger of 2. and 3.SG.PRES.IND. in Old Norse*. Linguists united. University of Oslo.
- 2024 *Knud Knudsen og opphavet til ordet ordskifte*. General Linguistics Forum. University of Oslo.
- 2024 *Merger of 2. and 3.SG.PRES.IND. in Old Norse*. Old English and Old Norse Symposium. Oslo.
- 2023 *An acoustic analysis of the East Norwegian merger of /ʃ/ and /ç/*. Phonology in the Nordic Countries (FiNo). Vytautas Magnus University. With Maria Evjen.
- 2022 *Søyle og pøyle – utviklingen av -øyl- i norsk*. The 19th Meeting on the Norwegian Language (MONS). UiT The Arctic University of Norway. With Luca Lukas.
- 2022 *Monophthongization before the retroflex flap in Norwegian*. Phonology in the Nordic Countries (FiNo). Aarhus University. With Luca Lukas.

- 2021 *How to study sound change in Norwegian with the help of forced alignment*. Workshop on forced alignment and phonetic analysis. UiT The Arctic University of Norway. With Nathan Young.
- 2021 *Søyle og pøyle – utviklingen av -øyl- i norsk*. Departmental Seminar in Linguistics. University of Oslo. With Luca Lukas.
- 2021 *Grammaticalization in Somali and the development of morphological tone*. The 95th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA). With Nina Hagen Kaldhol.
- 2020 *Grammaticalization in Somali and the shaping of prosodic types*. The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE). With Nina Hagen Kaldhol.
- 2020 *Grammaticalization in Somali and the development of morphological tone*. The 51st Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL). Rutgers University. With Nina Hagen Kaldhol. Canceled due to COVID-19.
- 2019 *Imitation before innovation – A principle of language change*. The Fourth Edinburgh Symposium on Historical Phonology (ESHP). University of Edinburgh.
- 2019 *Norsk hev ikkje sidotyngd*. The 18th Meeting on the Norwegian Language (MONS). Trondheim.
- 2019 *Does secondary stress exist in Norwegian?* Phonology in the Nordic Countries (FiNO). University of Edinburgh.
- 2018 *Revisiting the prosodic system of Somali*. The 49th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL). Michigan State University. With Nina Hagen Kaldhol.
- 2018 *Revisiting the prosodic system of Somali*. The 3rd Norwegian Graduate Student Conference in Linguistics and Philology (NOSLIP). University of Oslo. With Nina Hagen Kaldhol.
- 2017 *Ganga og standa er ikkje avbrigde av gå og stå*. The 17th Meeting on the Norwegian Language (MONS). Solstrand, Os.
- 2017 *Ganga og standa er ikkje avbrigde av gå og stå*. Departmental Seminar in Linguistics. University of Oslo.
- 2017 *Is the high tone in Somali really culminative? Evidence from loanword adaptations*. The 47th Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics (CALL). Leiden University. With Nina Hagen Kaldhol.

- 2016 *Dialect change and diffusion in South-East Norway*. The 22nd Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference (GLAC). University of Iceland.
- 2013 *Ivar Aasen og normgrunnlaget for landsmålet*. The 15th Meeting on the Norwegian Language (MONS). University of Oslo.
- 2013 *Vowel reduction in Old English*. The 21st International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL). University of Oslo.
- 2013 *Vowel reduction in Old English*. The 87th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA). Boston.
- 2012 *Long-distance binding of Norwegian reflexives*. Nordic Collaboration on Language Variation Studies (N'CLAV) Grand Meeting 2012. Lysebu.
- 2011 *Rhyme acceptability determined by perceived similarity*. The 29th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL). University of Arizona.
- 2011 *Predicting rhyme with segment confusion*. The 47th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS). University of Chicago.
- 2011 *Rhyme acceptability determined by perceived similarity*. Phonology Circle. Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- 2011 *A diachronic account of phonological unnaturalness*. The 37th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS). University of California, Berkeley.
- 2011 *No phonetic base in Norwegian retroflexion*. The 85th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA). Pittsburgh.
- 2010 *Phonetic naturalness in Norwegian retroflexion*. Phonology Circle. Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- 2010 *Neighborhood density in phonological alternations*. The 36th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS). University of California, Berkeley.
- 2010 *On the origin of asymmetry in Norwegian retroflexion*. The 84th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA). Baltimore.
- 2009 *Contrast maintenance effects in Norwegian retroflexion*. Phonology Circle. Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- 2009 *Perceptual distance in Norwegian retroflexion*. The 40th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS). Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

- 2009 *Perceptual distance in Norwegian retroflexion*. Phonology Circle. Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- 2009 *Non-local binding in tenseless clauses*. The 45th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS). University of Chicago.
- 2009 *Binding in tenseless domains*. The 83rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA). San Francisco.
- 2008 *The development of voiced labiovelars in Germanic*. The 20th Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference. University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2008 *The phonetics and phonologization of Verner's law*. XIIIth International Conference of the Society of Indo-European Studies. University of Salzburg.
- 2008 *Finality constraints in Burmese — history and synchrony*. The 41st International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics (ICSTLL). University of London.
- 2008 *Binding in complements of perception verbs*. East Coast Workshop in Syntax (ECO 5). University of Connecticut.
- 2008 *Binding in complements of perception verbs*. Ling-lunch. Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- 2006 *The historical derivation of Gothic aba 'husband'*. The 18th Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference. University of California, Los Angeles.

## Media and outreach

### Debates

- 2018 *Norskfaget: Hva vil vi med skolens største språkfag?* The Language Council of Norway. National Library of Norway, Oslo. November 8.
- 2017 *Board Elections 2017: Debate and presentation of the candidates*. University of Oslo. May 16.

### Interviews

- 2025 *Hvordan ble de første ordene til?* Ung.forskning.no. November 13.
- 2023 *Spør en språkforsker: Hvordan kan vi ta bedre vare på språk?* Språksafari. November 27.
- 2022 *Uenige om lydbok på dialekt*. Klassekampen. July 11, 22–23.

- 2019 *Storverk om norsk språkhistorie får kritikk.* Norsk Tidend 4: 12–13.
- 2019 *Slik har det norske språket endret seg: Sier du «sorry» – eller «omforladelse»? Vi.no.* May 21.
- 2017 *Dei vil representera dei faste vitskaplege i UiO-styret.* Uniforum. May 29.
- 2017 *Dei ber folk stemma dei inn i Universitetsstyret.* Uniforum. May 16.
- 2006 *Askiming forsker i språk på Harvard.* Smaalenenes avis. December 22, 26–27.
- 2003 *Østfold-studentar har valt nynorsk.* Østfoldmål 15(2): 1–2.
- 2001 *Hver tid er måltid.* Universitas. March 28, 9.

### Letters to the editor

- 2024 *Burde vitenskapelige ansatte forske mindre og jobbe gratis på fritiden?* Uniforum. January 24.
- 2020 *Svar frå ein useriøs synsar.* Norsk Tidend 1: 10–11.
- 2017 *Tre ting gjekk gale i skråstrek-saka.* På høyden. October 25.
- 2017 *Undervisningsplikta er eit nullsumspel.* Universitas. March 19.
- 2000 *Finn-Erik Vinje og landsmålet.* Øvre Smaalenene. November 15, 2.

### Grants & fellowships

2025–30	Center for the Use of Norwegian as an Academic Language The Research Council of Norway Role: Theme leader Center director: Unn Røyneland	40 000 000	NOK
2018–23	Professor Didrik Arup Seip's Foundation University of Oslo	205 571	NOK
2021–23	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Individual Fellowship Horizon 2020, European Commission Role: Supervisor Principal investigator: Nathan Young	202 159	EUR



2021–22	American-Scandinavian Foundation Fellowship Role: Advisor Fellow: Aleese Block	23 000	USD
2020–23	Funding Scheme for Independent Projects (FRIPRO) The Research Council of Norway Role: Project participant and collaborator Project manager: Björn Lundquist	10 821 000	NOK
2014–16	Research Grant for Actively Publishing Researchers University of Oslo	40 000	NOK
2013	Research Travel Grant University of Oslo	20 000	NOK
2010–11	Graduate Society Dissertation Completion Fellowship Harvard University	28 268	USD
2010	Graduate Summer Language Grant Harvard University	6 000	USD
2009	A. Richard Diebold, Jr., Fellowship in Indo-European Studies University of California, Berkeley	1 835	USD
2006–09	Linguistics Summer Research Grant Harvard University	15 806	USD
2005–09	Linguistics Grant Harvard University	92 642	USD
2008	Graduate Student Council Conference Grant Harvard University	721	USD
2005–06	Douglas Dillon Fellowship Harvard University	31 364	USD
2004	Travel Grant for Students in the Language Program University of Oslo	10 000	NOK
2004	Completion Grant for Students of German Studies German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) & The Research Council of Norway	1 845	EUR

**Coursework at other institutions**

- 2023 Linguistic Institute  
Department of Linguistics  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2019 Linguistic Institute  
Department of Linguistics  
University of California, Davis
- 2017 Linguistic Institute  
Department of Linguistics  
University of Kentucky, Lexington
- 2015–17 Danish Language and Culture  
The Danish-Norwegian Cooperation Fund  
Schæffergården
- 2016 Faroese language for Nordic students  
Department of Faroese Language and Literature  
University of the Faroe Islands
- 2014–16 Korean Language Program  
Ewha Language Center  
Ewha Womans University
- 2013 Linguistic Institute  
Department of Linguistics  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2010 Waseda Summer Japanese Program  
Center for Japanese Language  
Waseda University
- 2009 Linguistic Institute  
Department of Linguistics  
University of California, Berkeley
- 2005–09 Department of Linguistics & Philosophy  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2007 Linguistic Institute  
Department of Linguistics  
Stanford University

- 2006 Leiden Summer School in Indo-European Linguistics  
Leiden University
- 2006 Department of Linguistics  
Department of European and Comparative Literature and Language Studies  
University of Vienna
- 2005 Linguistic Society of America Institute  
Department of Linguistics & Philosophy  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2004 Indo-European Summer School  
Department of Comparative and Indo-European Linguistics  
Free University of Berlin
- 2004 Department of Indo-European Studies  
Jena University

## Service

### University of Oslo

- 2025– Theme leader  
Academic Language in Research and Education  
Center for the Use of Norwegian as an Academic Language  
Faculty of Humanities
- 2025– Mentor  
Honors program  
Faculty of Humanities
- 2024– Organizer: Old Norse Reading Group  
Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies
- 2022– Project leader  
Research Group in Phonology  
Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies
- 2022– Project leader  
Research Group in Language Change  
Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies
- 2021– Department Board member  
Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies

- 2019– Founder and Organizer: Phonology Forum  
Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies
- 2022–24 Ph.D. Coordinator  
Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies
- 2022–24 Member of the Program Council for the Doctoral Degree  
Faculty of Humanities
- 2022–23 Mentor  
Academic mentoring program  
Faculty of Humanities
- 2016–17 Teaching Coordinator  
Scandinavian Linguistics & Norwegian as a Second Language  
Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies
- 2016–17 Member of the Program Council for Scandinavian Studies and Ibsen Studies  
Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies
- 2012–13 Organizer: Linguistic Seminar  
Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies
- 2012–13 Member of interview committees  
Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies
- 2003 Executive Board member  
Faculty of Humanities
- 2003 Research Committee member  
Faculty of Humanities
- 2002–03 Student Committee member  
Faculty of Humanities

**Universities Norway**

- 2016–17 Member of the National expert body for Scandinavian Languages and Literature

**Buskerud and Vestfold University College**

2015 Deputy Head of Department  
Department of Languages

2015 Program Coordinator of Bachelor in Language  
Department of Languages

**Harvard University**

2009–10 Dudley Fellow — Social events

2007–08 Resident Advisor  
English Language Program  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

2006–08 Resident Advisor  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

**Conference service**

Main organizer: *Phonology in the Nordic Countries 2025 (FiNo)*

Scientific committee: *The 42nd Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) conference*

Session chair: *The 42nd Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) conference*  
*The 12th International Conference of Nordic and General Linguistics (NGL)*  
*The 21st International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL)*  
*Phonology in the Nordic Countries 2024 (FiNo)*  
*Phonology in the Nordic Countries 2025 (FiNo)*  
*Phonology in the Nordic Countries 2026 (FiNo)*

**Peer reviewing****Publications**

Journals: *Arkiv för nordisk filologi*  
*Canadian Journal of Linguistics*  
*Ceræ*  
*Futhark*  
*Glossa*  
*Glossa Psycholinguistics*  
*Heritage Language Journal*  
*Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*  
*Journal of Germanic Linguistics*

*Journal of Historical Linguistics*  
*Journal of Linguistics*  
*Journal of Phonetics*  
*Journal of the International Phonetic Association*  
*Laboratory Phonology*  
*Language Acquisition*  
*Lingua*  
*Maal og Minne*  
*Namn og Nemne*  
*NOA – Norsk som andrespråk*  
*Nordic Journal of Linguistics*  
*Norsk Lingvistisk Tidsskrift*  
*Oslo Studies in Language*  
*Phonology*  
*SAGE Open*

Book series: *Nordiske studier i leksikografi*  
*Oxford Research Encyclopedias*  
*Studier i svensk språkhistoria*  
*Studies in Language Variation*

### **Conference abstracts**

*Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*  
*Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS)*  
*Formal Linguistics in the Nordic Countries (FLiNC)*  
*Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) conference*  
*International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL)*  
*International Conference on Language Variation in Europe (ICLAVE)*  
*Meeting on the Norwegian Language (MONS)*  
*Norwegian Graduate Student Conference in Linguistics and Philology (NOSLIP)*  
*Phonology in the Nordic Countries (FiNO)*

### **Grant applications**

*The Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS) – Early Career Fellowship Programme*  
*The Icelandic Centre for Research – Icelandic Research Fund*

## Languages

### Modern

Native: Norwegian.

Near-native: American English.

Fluent: German, British English, Swedish.

Intermediate: Faroese.

Elementary: Korean, Icelandic, French, Danish, Japanese, Dutch, Italian.

### Ancient

High proficiency: Old West Norse, Old East Norse, Old English, Old Saxon, Old High German, Gothic, Latin, Ancient Greek.

Medium proficiency: Vedic, Sanskrit, Avestan, Oscan-Umbrian, Old Irish, Old Frisian.

### Computer

Intermediate:  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , R.

Beginner: C, HTML, Perl, Praat, Python.