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Employment

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

2012–2015 Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Scandinavian Linguistics

Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies

University of Oslo

2013–2015 Adjunct Assistant Professor

Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures

National Chiao Tung University

2008-2010 Teaching Fellow

Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures

Harvard University

2007–2010 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

- 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.
- Null subjects, preproprial articles, and the syntactic structure of Old Norwegian pronouns. *Norsk lingvistisk tidsskrift* 34(2): 183–217.
- 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.
- 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.) *Germansk filologi og norske ord*. Oslo: Novus. 33–51.

- From perception to phonology: The emergence of perceptually motivated constraint rankings. *Lingua* 122(2): 125–143.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- 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

	Graduate courses	
2018	LING 4140:	Linguistic method
2018	NOR 4515:	Norwegian Nynorsk for students in teacher education program
2016-2017	SPR 4120:	Language attitudes
2012-2016	NOR 4100:	Theory of science in Scandinavian, especially Norwegian, linguistics
	Undergraduate & graduate courses	
2014-2021	NOR 2101/4103:	History of the Norwegian language
2019-2020	NOR 2122/4122:	Norwegian phonology
2017-2018	LING 2121/4111:	Phonetics and phonology 2
	Undergraduate courses	
2015-2020	NOR 1100:	Norwegian grammar
2018	LING 2108:	Language change
2018	NORINT 0190:	Phonetics for international students
2017-2018	EXFACO3-NORD:	Examen facultatum, Nordic studies

Cognitive neuroscience 2

Bachelor's degree thesis in Scandinavian studies

Old Norse and the history of the Norwegian language

Buskerud and Vestfold University College

Teacher education

2015 KK-NOR 8210: Norwegian 2 (1)

2015 GIS-NOR 1100: Norwegian language, part 1

Undergraduate courses

2015 BS-NOR 1100: Norwegian language and communication

Harvard University

2017-2018 NOR 3090:

2015-2016 PSYC 2207:

2013 NOR 1106:

Undergraduate & graduate courses

2008-2010	Norwegian A:	Beginning Norwegian Language
2009-2010	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

Master's theses

University of Oslo

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.

Normer og former i statsforvaltinga. Om valet av tradisjonelle og nyare nynorskformer i departementa på 2000-talet.

Oda Malmin. Scandinavian Linguistics.

V2 i amerikanorsk – ufullstendig innlæring eller språkforvitring? En kvalitativ sosiolingvistisk undersøkelse av V2-variasjonen i ikke-subjektinitiale deklarative hovedsetninger 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

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.

Talks

Invited

- 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.
- 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.
- Vowel harmony in an Old Norwegian manuscript. Vowel harmony in Old Norwegian. University of Bergen.
- Vowel reduction in Old English and its origin in phonetic error. Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics. Concordia University.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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

- 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.
- 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.

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.
- Ivar Aasen og normgrunnlaget for landsmålet. The 15th Meeting on the Norwegian Language (MONS). University of Oslo.
- 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.
- A diachronic account of phonological unnaturalness. The 37th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS). University of California, Berkeley.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- 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

- 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 en måltid. Universitas. March 28, 9.

Letters to the editor

- 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

2021-2023	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Individual Fellowship Horizon 2020, European Commission Role: Supervisor Principal investigator: Nathan Young	202 159	EUR
2020-2023	Funding Scheme for Independent Projects (FRIPRO) The Research Council of Norway Role: Project participant and collaborator Project manager: Björn Lundquist	10 821 000	NOK
2018-2020	Professor Didrik Arup Seip's Foundation University of Oslo	97 931	NOK
2014-2016	Research Grant for Actively Publishing Researchers University of Oslo	40 000	NOK

2013	Research Travel Grant University of Oslo	20 000	NOK
2010-2011	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
2006-2009	Linguistics Summer Research Grant Harvard University	15 806	USD
2005-2009	Linguistics Grant Harvard University	92 642	USD
2008	Graduate Student Council Conference Grant Harvard University	721	USD
2005-2006	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

2019 Linguistic Institute
Department of Linguistics
University of California, Davis

2017 Linguistic Institute
Department of Linguistics
University of Kentucky, Lexington

2015–2017 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 2014-2016 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 Department of Linguistics & Philosophy 2005-2009 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Linguistic Institute 2007 Department of Linguistics Stanford University Leiden Summer School in Indo-European Linguistics 2006 Leiden University Department of Linguistics 2006 Department of European and Comparative Literature and Language Studies University of Vienna Linguistic Society of America Institute 2005 Department of Linguistics & Philosophy Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2004 Indo-European Summer School Department of Comparative and Indo-European Linguistics Free University of Berlin

Department of Indo-European Studies

2004

Jena University

Service

University of Oslo

2021-2024	Department Board member Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies
2019-	Founder and Organizer: Phonology Forum Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies
2016–2017	Teaching Coordinator Scandinavian Linguistics & Norwegian as a Second Language Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies
2012-2013	Organizer: Linguistic Seminar Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies
2012-2013	Member of interview committees Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies
2003	Executive Board member Faculty of Humanities
2003	Research Committee member Faculty of Humanities
2002-2003	Student Committee member Faculty of Humanities

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

2009-2010	Dudley Fellow — Social events

2007–2008 Resident Advisor English Language Program

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

2006–2008 Resident Advisor

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Conference service

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 21st International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL)

Peer reviewing

Journals: Arkiv för nordisk filologi

Canadian Journal of Linguistics

Ceræ Glossa

Heritage Language Journal

Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics

Journal of Germanic Linguistics Journal of Historical Linguistics

Journal of Phonetics Laboratory Phonology

Lingua

Maal og Minne Namn og Nemne

NOA – Norsk som andrespråk Nordic Journal of Linguistics Norsk Lingvistisk Tidsskrift Oslo Studies in Language

Phonology

Book series: Nordiske studier i leksikografi

Studier i svensk språkhistoria Studies in Language Variation

Conferences: Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)

Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS) Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) conference International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL)

International Conference on Language Variation in Europe (ICLaVE)

Norwegian Graduate Student Conference in Linguistics and Philology (NoSLiP)

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: ETEX, R.

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