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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 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

- 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 át dei heimlege ordi. *Vestmannen* 17(3): 6, 10, 14.

Teaching

University of Oslo

Graduate courses

2018	LING 4140:	<i>Linguistic method</i>
2018	NOR 4515:	<i>Norwegian Nynorsk for students in teacher education program</i>
2016–2017	SPR 4120:	<i>Language attitudes</i>
2012–2016	NOR 4100:	<i>Theory of science in Scandinavian, especially Norwegian, linguistics</i>

Undergraduate & graduate courses

2014–2020	NOR 2101/4103:	<i>History of the Norwegian language</i>
2019	NOR 2122/4122:	<i>Norwegian phonology</i>
2017–2018	LING 2121/4111:	<i>Phonetics and phonology 2</i>

Undergraduate courses

2015–2020	NOR 1100:	<i>Norwegian grammar</i>
2018	LING 2108:	<i>Language change</i>
2018	NORINT 0190:	<i>Phonetics for international students</i>
2017–2018	EXFAC03-NORD:	<i>Examen facultatum, Nordic studies</i>
2017–2018	NOR 3090:	<i>Bachelor's degree thesis in Scandinavian studies</i>
2015–2016	PSYC 2207:	<i>Cognitive neuroscience 2</i>
2013	NOR 1106:	<i>Old Norse and the history of the Norwegian language</i>

Buskerud and Vestfold University College

Teacher education

2015	KK-NOR 8210:	<i>Norwegian 2 (1)</i>
2015	GIS-NOR 1100:	<i>Norwegian language, part 1</i>

Undergraduate courses

2015	BS-NOR 1100:	<i>Norwegian language and communication</i>
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Harvard University

Undergraduate & graduate courses

2008–2010	Norwegian A:	<i>Beginning Norwegian Language</i>
2009–2010	Linguistics 115b:	<i>Intermediate Phonology</i>
2008	Linguistics 110:	<i>Introduction to Linguistics</i>

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

- 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 sociolingvistisk undersøkelse av V2-variasjonen i ikke-subjektinitiale deklarativer i hovedsetninger i amerikanorsk.*
 Sofiya Khayitova. Scandinavian Linguistics.

University College of Southeast Norway

- 2016 *En sociolingvistisk undersøkelse av språktrekk og språkholdninger blant ungdom i Fredrikstad.*
 Mona Mathisen. Teaching Norwegian as a Native Language.

Talks

Invited

- 2020 *Hva er tekstlingvistik – 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 Norsk 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

- 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

- 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

2018–2019	Professor Didrik Arup Seip's Foundation University of Oslo	83 931	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
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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		
2005–2009	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

- 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
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: \LaTeX , R.

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