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Positions held

2013–present

Lecturer in Theoretical Phonology, The University of Edinburgh, Scotland

2012–2013

Lecturer in Language and Linguistics, University of Ulster, Northern Ireland

2007–2012

Pre-doctoral research fellow, Center for Advanced Study in Theoretical Linguistics (CASTL), University of Tromsø, Norway
(temporary leave July–December 2010)

July–December 2010

Research assistant to [Dr Øystein Vangsnes](#), Center for Advanced Study in Theoretical Linguistics (CASTL), University of Tromsø, Norway
Work on *Nordnorsk satt på kartet* (*Putting Northern Norwegian on the map*)

Education

2007–2012

PhD in Linguistics, University of Tromsø, Tromsø, Norway
Thesis: *Representation and variation in substance-free phonology: a case study in Celtic*
Supervisor: [Dr Bruce Morén-Duolljá](#)
External examiners: [Dr Keren Rice](#), [Dr SJ Hannahs](#)
Internal examiner: [Dr Martin Krämer](#)

2002–2007

Specialist (roughly MA equivalent) with distinction in theoretical and applied linguistics
Moscow State University, Moscow, Russian Federation
Thesis: *Initial consonant mutations in the world's languages: typology, theory, diachrony*
Supervisor: [Dr Vladimir Plungian](#)
Examiner: [Dr Sergei Knyazev](#)

Publications

Journal articles

2014

The phonology and morphosyntax of mutation in Breton. *Lingue e Linguaggio* 13(1), 23–42.

2012

Vowel reduction in Russian: no phonetics in phonology. *Journal of Linguistics* 48(3), 521–571.

A representational approach to final devoicing and vowel lengthening in Friulian. *Lingua* 122(8), 922–951

2008

Teorija optimal'nosti: obzor osnovnoj literatury. In Russian: 'Optimality Theory. A survey of the principal literature'. *Voprosy jazykoznanija* 4, 104–121

Edited volumes

2013

(with Catrin S. Rhys and Alison Henry) *Minority languages, microvariation, minimalism and meaning: Proceedings of the Irish Network in Formal Linguistics*. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Articles in edited volumes

To appear

'Pitch accent' and prosodic structure in Scottish Gaelic: Reassessing the role of contact. In Martin Hilpert, Janet Duke, Christine Mertzlufft, Jan-Ola Östman, and Michael Rießler (eds), *New trends in Nordic and General Linguistics*. Berlin: Mouton De Gruyter.

2013

(with Catrin S. Rhys and Alison Henry) Introduction. In Catrin S. Rhys, Pavel Iosad and Alison Henry (eds.) *Minority languages, microvariation, minimalism and meaning: Proceedings of the Irish Network in Formal Linguistics*, x–xiv. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Head-dependent asymmetries in Munster Irish prosody. In *Nordlyd* 40(1), Special XL Issue: A Festschrift on the occasion of X years of CASTL phonology and Curt Rice's Lth birthday, eds Sylvia Blaho, Martin Krämer and Bruce Morén-Duolljá, 66–107

2010

Right at the left edge: initial consonant mutations in the world's languages. In Michael Cysouw and Jan Wohlgemuth (eds.) *Rethinking universals: How rarities affect linguistic theory*. (Empirical Approaches to Language Typology 45.) Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. Pp. 105–138

Kassitskij jazyk [Cassite]. In N. N. Kazanskij, A. A. Kibrik and Yu. B. Koryakov (eds) *Jazyki mira. Drevnije reliktovyje jazyki Perednej Azii* [Languages of the world. Ancient relic languages of the Middle East]. Moscow: Academia (RAS Institute of Linguistics). Pp. 184–187. (In Russian.)

Book reviews

2013

Samuels, Bridget. 2011. *Phonological architecture: A biolinguistic perspective*. Oxford: OUP. *Norsk lingvistisk tidsskrift* 31(2), 298–305.

2009

Zaliznjak, A. A. 2008. *Drevnerusskie ènklitiki* [Enclitics in Old Russian]. Moscow: Jazyki slavyanskoj kul'tury. *Voprosy jazykoznanija*, 2009/5, 132–136 (in Russian)

2005

Mattissen, Johanna, 2003. *Dependent-Head Synthesis in Nivkh: A Contribution to a Typology of Polysynthesis*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. *Voprosy jazykoznanija*, 2005/1, 135–140 (in Russian).

Encyclopædic articles

Various years

Articles for *Bol'shaja Rossijskaja ènciklopedija*:

Vakašskie jazyki (Wakashan languages), *Irlandskij jazyk* (Irish [Gaelic]), *Idoma*, *Yoruba*, *Idžoidnyje jazyki* (Ijoid languages), *Irokezskie jazyki* (Iroquois languages), *Kel'tskie jazyki* (Celtic languages), *Kornskij jazyk* (Cornish)

Presentations

2014

Length and tenseness across Welsh dialects. Amrywiaeth Ieithyddol yng Nghymru / Language Diversity in Wales, National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth, Wales.

Stress and consonant length in Welsh revisited. 21st Welsh Linguistics Seminar, Plas Gregynog, Wales.

Areal'nyje sxoždenija v fonologii jazykov Severnoj Evropy: jazykovye kontakty ili tipologija?. In Russian: 'Areal similarities in the phonologies of Northern European languages: language contact or typology?' Invited talk, Phonology Seminar, Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia.

Phonologization of redundant contrasts and the Contrastivist Hypothesis. 8th North American Phonology Conference, Concordia University, Montréal, Canada.

The [ATR]/laryngeal connection and emergent features. GLOW Workshop on Phonological Specification and Interface Interpretation, KU Leuven HUBrussel, Brussels, Belgium.

Nordeuropäische Lautgeographie revisited: the view from theoretical phonology. Invited talk, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK.

(Poster presentation) *Connecting the dots: phonologization of redundant tenseness across Welsh dialects*. Symposium on Historical Phonology, The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland

2013

In search of lost phonology: svarabhakti, metathesis, and stem allomorphy in South Welsh. Invited talk, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.

(with Patrick Honeybone) *Phonemicization vs. phonologization: voiced fricatives in Old English and Brythonic.* 2013 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK.

Non-contrastive epenthetic segments as surface prosodic structure. 21st Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK

Glottal stop insertion in Scottish Gaelic and contrastive syllabification. Teangeolaíocht na Gaeilge / Cànanachas na Gàidhlig / The Linguistics of the Gaelic Languages XV, University College Dublin, Dublin, Republic of Ireland

2012

The phonological endgame: Welsh svarabhakti revisited. New Researchers Forum in Linguistics, University of Manchester and University of Salford, Manchester, UK

Phonetic realization is irrelevant for phonological representation: the case of Celtic laryngeal phonology. Research Seminar in Language and Linguistics, University of Ulster, Jordanstown, Northern Ireland.

In defence of Richness of the Base: context-free weight in Welsh. CASTL Decennium Conference, University of Tromsø/CASTL, Tromsø, Norway.

A unified account of the behaviour of high vowels in Breton. 7th Celtic Linguistics Conference, University of Rennes II, Rennes, France.

Deconstructing mutation in Breton. Workshop on the Selection and Representation of Morphological Exponents, University of Tromsø/CASTL, Tromsø, Norway.

Laryngeal realism revisited: voicelessness in Breton. 20th Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK.

'Pitch accent' and prosodic structure in Scottish Gaelic: historical implications. 11th International Conference of Nordic and General Linguistics, University of Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany.

2011

Explaining licensing mismatches in Welsh. Old World Conference in Phonology 8, Marrakech, Morocco.

On (some) dimensions of headship in phonology. The PJ Workshop, University of Tromsø/CASTL, Tromsø, Norway.

2010

Final devoicing and vowel lengthening in the north of Italy: a representational approach. Going Romance 24, Leiden University, Leiden, Netherlands.

A bad case of excessive computation: the rôle of morphology in palatalization-related alternations in Russian. Workshop on Morphosyntax – Phonology Interface Theories, Leiden University, Leiden, Netherlands. (Invited.)

How good is the internal evidence for multiple-level phonological computation? A view from Russian. 'What's in a word? Exploring the relationship between syntax and phonology', University of Tromsø/CASTL, Tromsø, Norway.

Incomplete neutralization and unorthodox markedness in Breton laryngeal phonology. 6th Celtic Linguistics Conference, University College Dublin, Dublin, Republic of Ireland

Feature geometry meets contrastive specification: incomplete neutralization reloaded. 18th Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK

A good old-fashioned approach to Russian palatalization. Invited talk, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway.

(with Bruce Moréen-Duolljá) *Russian palatalization: the true(r) story.* Old World Conference in Phonology 7, University of Nice, Nice, France

(Poster presentation) *Structure versus prominence: evidence from Munster Irish.* Old World Conference in Phonology 7, University of Nice, Nice, France

2009

(with Bruce Morén-Duolljá) *Russian (morpho)phonological palatalization: a holistic approach.* Formal Description of Slavic Languages 8, University of Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany

Cuique suum: vowel reduction in Russian. Formal Description of Slavic Languages 8, University of Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany

Tre problemar i russisk fonologi: vokaler, palatalisering og nivåer. In Norwegian: ‘Three problems in Russian phonology: vowels, palatalization, and levels’. Novemberseminaret i russisk, University of Tromsø, Tromsø, Norway

Russian palatalization in substance-free phonology. CASTL Colloquium series, University of Tromsø, Tromsø, Norway

Sandhi, mutation, and contrast: laryngeal phonology in Plougrescant Breton. Toronto – Tromsø Phonology Workshop, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Russian vowel reduction without functional motivation. Third Scandinavian PhD Conference in Linguistics and Philology. University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway

Cuique suum: vowel reduction in Russian. Laboratory Phonology course workshop. University of Tromsø, Tromsø, Norway

2008

Fonetikk versus fonologi: den ubehagelige sannheten om vokalreduksjon i russisk. In Norwegian: ‘Phonetics vs phonology: the inconvenient truth about Russian vowel reduction’. Novemberseminaret i russisk, University of Tromsø, Tromsø, Norway

Too many levels, too few solutions: mutations and postlexical phonology in Breton. 16th Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK

All that glistens is not gold: against autosegmental approaches to initial consonant mutation. GLOW 31 Colloquium, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

Liquids and spirants: a phonological perspective. GLOW workshop on ‘Categorical phonology and gradient facts’, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

Against autosegmental approaches to initial consonant mutation. CASTL Colloquium series, University of Tromsø, Tromsø, Norway

Initial consonant mutation and information flow in Mende. Old World Conference in Phonology 5, University of Toulouse II – Le Mirail, Toulouse, France

2007

Leksikalizovannyje veršiny v vallijskom sintaksise. In Russian: ‘Lexicalized heads in Welsh syntax’. Syntactic Structures 1, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, Russia

Phonological processes as lexical insertion: more evidence from Welsh and elsewhere. Old World Conference in Phonology 4, University of the Aegean, Rhodes, Greece

2006

Vallijskij jazyk i tipologija čeredovanij načal’nyx soglasnyx. In Russian: ‘Welsh and the typology of initial consonant mutations’. Third Conference on Typology and Grammar for Young Researchers, Institute of Linguistic Studies (Russian Academy of Sciences), St. Petersburg, Russia

Brythonic ‘second lenition’ revisited. Second Colloquium of Societas Celto-Slavica, Moscow State University & Institute of Linguistics (Russian Academy of Sciences), Moscow, Russia

Grammatikalizacija načal’nyx čeredovanij v vallijskom jazyke: nekotoryje nablyudenija. In Russian: ‘Some observations on the grammaticalization of Welsh initial consonant mutations’. Moscow Student Conference in Linguistics, Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia

Right at the left edge: Initial consonant mutations in the world’s languages. Rara & Rarissima: Collecting and interpreting unusual characteristics of human languages, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany

2005

K morfonologičeskoj tipologii: ‘reradikalizacija’ v jazykax mira. In Russian: ‘On morphophonological typology: “reradicalization” in the world’s languages’. Second Conference on Typology and Grammar for Young Researchers, Institute of Linguistic Studies (Russian Academy of Sciences), St. Petersburg, Russia

(with A. G. Pazel’skaya, M. A. Tsyurupa) *Tipologičeski značimyje parametry glagol’noj leksiki: imperfektivirujuščije derivacii neneckogo jazyka*. In Russian: ‘Typologically significant parameters in the verbal lexicon: imperfectivizing derivations in Nenets’. Given at the Fourth International School in Linguistic Typology and Anthropology, Yerevan, Armenia

Grants and awards

2013

(with Michael Ramsammy and Patrick Honeybone) Grant of £1,835 from the Moray Endowment Fund for the project *The boc bochd of the Highlands: documenting the dialect features of mainland Scottish Gaelic*

2006

Grant under the ‘Talented Youth Support’ programme, National project ‘Education’ (Education and Science Ministry of Russia)

‘Some observations on the grammaticalization of initial consonant mutations in Welsh’ recognized as ‘best presentation in the Theoretical and Applied Linguistics section’, ‘Lomonosov’ International Scientific Olympiad (Moscow State University, Moscow, Russian Federation)

2002

Winner of the Nationwide Competition in Russian language, Pskov, Russian Federation (1st place)

Winner of the Nationwide Competition in mathematical and computational linguistics, Ruse, Bulgaria (1st place)

2001

Winner of the 32nd Traditional Olympiad in linguistics and mathematics for high school students, Moscow State University & Russian State University for the Humanities (1st place)

2000

Winner of the 31st Traditional Olympiad in linguistics and mathematics for high school students, Moscow State University & Russian State University for the Humanities (1st place)

Teaching

The University of Edinburgh

LEL2D Cross-Linguistic Variation: Limits and Theories

LEL2E Structure and History of European Languages

Gaelic Dialectology

Honours Foundation Phonology and Phonetics

University of Ulster

CMM728 Theoretical Approaches to the Phonetics and Phonology of English

CMM302 Linguistics for Clinicians 2

CMM151 Linguistic Analysis

CMM351 Linguistic Theory

CMM317 Research Methods

CMM521 Current Issues in Linguistic Theory

CMM727 Critical Review

University of Tromsø

LIN-1014 Historical Linguistics

EXF-0720, EXF-0723 *Examen facultatum* for the humanities

RUS-2040 Structures of Russian

RUS-3010 Language and Literature of Medieval Russia

L^AT_EX for Linguists

LIN-1030 Phonetics

Fieldwork experience

2014–

Scottish Gaelic

2014–

Welsh

2003–2004

Tundra Nenets (Nel'min Nos, Nenets Autonomous District, Russian Federation. Part of Moscow State University linguistic expedition)

Computer skills

General

Linux, L^AT_EX, HTML/CSS

Programming

Common Lisp, Python (fair knowledge); Haskell, Clojure, JavaScript (some knowledge); C, R, SQL, Ruby (basic knowledge)

Specialized

Praat, Xerox finite-state software (xfst, lexc), PC-KIMMO

Language skills

Russian

Native

English

Proficient (IELTS General, overall band 8.5)

Norwegian

Advanced (Test i norsk—høyere nivå, bok-mål: 650/700)

Swedish

Advanced (9 semesters at university level)

Italian

Intermediate to advanced (7 semesters at university level)

French

Good reading knowledge

German

Good reading knowledge

Welsh

Fair, extensive structural knowledge, field-work experience

Ukrainian

Fair

Irish

Elementary, good structural knowledge

Scottish Gaelic

Elementary

Breton

Elementary, good structural knowledge

Tundra Nenets

Fieldwork experience

Ancient

Latin (fair knowledge), Middle Welsh (fair knowledge), Old Russian (fair knowledge), Old Irish, Sanskrit, Old Church Slavic

Other professional service

Reviewing

Journals: *Lingua*, *Cognitive Linguistics*, *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*, *Poznań Studies in Contemporary Linguistics*, *Linguistic Variation*, *International Journal of American Linguistics*, *Voprosy jazykoznanija*

Abstracts: Moscow Student Conference in Linguistics, Old World Conference in Phonology, GLOW, International Congress of Linguists

Proceedings: *Formal Description of Slavic Languages*, *Going Romance*, *Nordlyd*

Edited volumes: John Benjamins

Other: LAGB Siewerska Prize competition entries

Publishing

Typesetting support for *Oslo Studies in Language* (OSLa) journal

Website management

Website management for [Generative Linguistics in the Old World](#) (GLOW), [Saami Documentation and Revitalization Network](#)

Membership in professional organizations

2012–present

The Philological Society

2012–present

Linguistics Association of Great Britain

2009–present

Societas Celtologica Europaea