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# Curriculum vitae 2024

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

- 1977 Candidatus magisterii, Universitetet i Oslo (English, German, mathematics)
- 1978 Candidatus philologiae, Universitetet i Oslo (German language)
- 1986 Doctor philosophiae, Universitetet i Oslo

## CURRENT POSITION

- 2024– Professor emeritus, Universitetet i Oslo

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 1996–2023 Professor of German linguistics, Universitetet i Oslo
- 2016–2019 Adjunct Professor of linguistics (10%), The Arctic University of Norway
- 1989–1995 Associate professor of German linguistics, Universitetet i Oslo
- 1987–1988 Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter, Universität Tübingen, West Germany
- 1984 Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter, Universität Konstanz, West Germany

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2022 The Dal Foundation Prize for research in comparative linguistics, theoretical mathematics and rationalist philosophy
- 2014– Fellow, The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (DNVA)
- 2013 Fellow under the Wigeland Endowment, University of Chicago
- 2010–2011 Fellow, The Centre for Advanced Study (CAS) at DNVA
- 1988–1989 Postdoctoral fellow under the Program for Digital Humanities, the Research Council of Norway

## SUPERVISION

- 1998– 1 dr.philos. candidate, 4 dr.art. candidates, 2 PhD candidates, 1 postdoc fellow, 2 ongoing PhD candidates, 5 MA candidates, at the University of Oslo

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## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2016 – Advanced courses in semantics and pragmatics, Arctic University of Norway
- 2013 Courses at undergraduate and graduate levels in semantics and pragmatics, Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago
- 1994 – Courses at ph.d. level on linguistic theory and methodology, thesis writing, and theories of knowledge, Faculty of Humanities, University of Oslo
- 1989 – Courses at introductory and advanced levels in German and linguistics (syntax, semantics, computational linguistics and more), including cross-disciplinary courses in corpus and statistical methodology

## ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- 2007 Organizer of Sinn und Bedeutung (SUB) 12, the 12th annual conference of the Gesellschaft für Semantik (Society of Semantics), Oslo, September 2007
- 1999 Co-organizer of the National Summer School in Dialectology and Sociolinguistics, Oslo, June 1999

## INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1997–99 Co-ordinator of the doctoral program in languages and linguistics at the  
+ 2001 Faculty of Humanities, University of Oslo
- 1997–99 Member of the Research Committee of the Faculty of Humanities,  
+ 2001 University of Oslo
- 1981–83 Member of the Education Committee of the Faculty of Humanities,  
University of Oslo

## REVIEWING ACTIVITIES AND COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

- 2019 – Editor, Semantics and Pragmatics (with Louise McNally)
- 2013–19 Associate Editor, Semantics and Pragmatics
- 2013 – Leibniz-Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (General Linguistics), Berlin:  
Member of Scientific Advisory Board
- 2019 Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Institut für Deutsche Sprache und Linguistik:  
External member of search committee for junior professorship
- 2008 – Served on doctoral and habilitation committees in Nijmegen (the Netherlands),  
Paris, and Barcelona
- 2008–09 Served on the program committee of the 2009 European Summer School in Logic,  
Language and Information (ESSLI) in Bordeaux
- 1996 – Reviewer for Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft and other research councils,  
for Brill and other publishers, Linguistics and Philosophy and other journals,  
for the Amsterdam Colloquium, Sinn und Bedeutung and other conferences
- 1989–91 Member of the steering committee for the Program for Digital Humanities,  
the Research Council of Norway

## MEMBERSHIPS IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- 2016 – Member of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)

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## MAJOR COLLABORATIONS

- 2018–22 Mentor at the Zukunftskolleg of the University of Constance, Germany
- 2010–11 Collaborator in the project Meaning and Understanding across Languages at the Centre for Advanced Study, Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, partners from Amsterdam, Göttingen, Paris, Stuttgart, Tübingen
- 1998–00 Collaborator in the NOS-H project Comparative semantics for Nordic languages (NORDSEM), partners in Copenhagen, Gothenburg
- 1992–94 Collaborator in the ÉSPRIT project Dynamic interpretation of natural language (DYANA II), partners in Amsterdam, Edinburgh, Stuttgart, Tübingen, Utrecht
- 1990–91 Collaborator in the ÉSPRIT project Dialogue and Discourse (DANDI), partners in Copenhagen, Liège, Lugano

## GOOGLE SCHOLAR STATS

1420 citations, h index 20, i10 index 32

## FOURTEEN PUBLICATIONS IN LEADING JOURNALS

- ◇ Counterfactual mood in Czech, German, Norwegian, and Russian, *Natural Language Semantics* 32 (2024), 93–134. doi.org/10.1007/s11050-023-09213-0
- ◇ Polarity subjunctives in German and Russian, *Language* 99 (2023), 317–350. doi.org/10.1353/lan.2023.a900089
- ◇ To *finish* in German and Scandinavian: Telicity and incrementality (with Alexandra Spalek), *Journal of Semantics* 36(2) (2019), 349–375. doi.org/10.1093/jos/ffz003
- ◇ The explicative genitive and close apposition, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* online first (2018). doi.org/10.1007/s11049-018-9421-4
- ◇ *How* questions and the manner-method distinction, *Synthese* 193(10) (2016), 3169–3194. doi.org/10.1007/s11229-015-0924-9
- ◇ Lessons from descriptive indexicals, *Mind* 124 (2015), 1111–61. doi.org/10.1093/mind/fzv031
- ◇ Reports of Specific Indefinites, *Journal of Semantics* 30(3) (2013), 267–314. doi.org/10.1093/jos/ffs015
- ◇ Judgment ascriptions, *Linguistics and Philosophy* 32(4) (2009), 327–352. doi.org/10.1007/s10988-009-9063-4
- ◇ Possession and pertinence: the meaning of *have*, *Natural Language Semantics* 17(4) (2009), 369–397. doi.org/10.1007/s11050-009-9047-5
- ◇ Focus interpretation in Thetic statements: Alternative Semantics and Optimality Theory Pragmatics, *Journal of Logic, Language and Information* 16(1) (2007), 15–33. doi.org/10.1007/s10849-006-9021-2
- ◇ Conversational contrast and conventional parallel: Topic implicatures and additive presuppositions, *Journal of Semantics* 21(2) (2004), 199–217. doi.org/10.1093/jos/21.2.199
- ◇ In a mediative mood: The semantics of the German reportive subjunctive (with Cathrine Fabricius-Hansen), *Natural Language Semantics* 12(3) (2004), 213–257. doi.org/10.1023/B:NALS.0000034514.27887.d9
- ◇ The semantics of Scandinavian Free Choice items, *Linguistics and Philosophy* 24(6) (2009), 737–788. doi.org/10.1023/A:1012788916366
- ◇ Anaphoric presuppositions and zero anaphora, *Linguistics and Philosophy* 19(2) (1996), 187–209. doi.org/10.1007/BF00635837