

# KRISTINE BENTZEN

## PERSONALIA

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- Place of birth: Narvik, Norway

## EDUCATION

**2007**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Ph.D. in Linguistics, CASTL*

- Ph.D. dissertation: *Order and Structure in Embedded Clauses in Northern Norwegian.*

**2000**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Cand.Philol. in English Linguistics, Department of English*

- M.Phil thesis: *'I like not it like du like it!' A Case Study of Language Transfer in Bilingual First Language Acquisition.*

## CURRENT POSITION

**2008 -> present**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Post doctor*

- Post doctor in the project *VIA (Variable Input in Acquisition)*, focussing on how children acquire optionality in syntax.

## RELEVANT WORKING EXPERIENCE

### Professional commitments:

**Current**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Group leader in NORMS*

- Leader of the thematic group *The Syntax of the Left Periphery* in the NORMS project (Nordic Center for Excellence in Microcomparative Syntax).

**Current**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Group leader in N'CLAV*

- Leader of the Tromsø group in the N'CLAV network (Nordic Collaboration on Language Variation Studies).

### Editorial work:

**Current**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Editing of Working Papers and books*

- Edited and co-edited several Working Papers issues and books (see the "Publications/Presentations" section below for details).

**2006 - 2009**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Linguistic Inquiry Squibs and Discussion*

- Editorial assistant for LI squibs and Discussion.

**Peer reviewing:**

**Current**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Peer reviewing for journals*

- Served as a reviewer for:                      *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*  
*Studies in Language*

**Conference organization:**

**June 2010**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Workshop organization*

- Will organize the annual *Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop (CGSW) 25* in Tromsø.

**May 2008**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Workshop organization*

- *Workshop on Root Phenomena and the Left Periphery* (co-organized with Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson).

**April 2007**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Workshop organization*

- The GLOW 30 workshop *Optionality in the Input: Children's Acquisition of Variable Word Order* (co-organized with Merete Anderssen and Marit Westergaard).

**Teaching (and related):**

**1999-2005**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Assistant teacher/Lecturer*

- Ran (and co-ran) various classes, such as Introduction to linguistics, Practical English grammar, English syntax, Variation in English grammar, and First language acquisition, and Academic writing/Composition.

**2004**                      **Bedriftsøkonomisk institutt (BI)**                      **Tromsø**

*External examiner*

- External examiner for a course in 'business English'.

**1995-2001**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Seminar teacher*

- I was an assistant seminar teacher in an introductory linguistics course (*Forprøven/Ex.fac.fon*) in the Linguistics Department for several semesters during these years.

## Miscellaneous:

**2000-2003**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Assistant on IGLO (Intercomprehension of Germanic Languages Online)*

- IGLO: Three-year EU funded project, developed netbased language courses with the aim of enhancing intercomprehension between the Germanic languages.
- Responsibilities: developing modules for the courses, translation and glossing of texts, writing grammars, as well as some administrative work.

**2002-2003**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Web editor*

- Responsible for developing and maintainin the web pages of the English department.

**1999-2000**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Research assistant*

- Transcription of Norwegian child language data (done for a PhD student at the English Department).

## Media:

**2007 - 2008**                      **NRK**                      **Tromsø**

*Scientific consultant and coordinator*

- Part-time scientific consultant and coordinator at *The Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation* for the radio program *Språkteigen*, which addresses various language-related topics.

## Ongoing

*Media handling experience*

- Have given interviews several times to newspapers and radio and TV stations (on both local and national level) on matters related to language and linguistics.

## OTHER INFORMATION

**2007-2008**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Child Language lab establishing*

- Participated in the establishing of the child language lab *TROLL* (TROMsø child Language Lab) where linguistic experiments with children are now conducted.

**2003**                      **University of Tromsø**                      **Tromsø**

*Saami for beginners I-II*

- Introduction to Northern Saami. Focussing on grammar and conversation.
- During the summer of 2003 I participated in a two-week Saami immersion class in Manndalen, Kåfjord, Norway.

**1996-1997**                      **University of of Wales, Bangor**                      **Bangor, Wales**

*Erasmus exchange student at the Linguistics Department*

- One year with a variety of topics within linguistics, including comparative syntax, Celtic syntax, semantics, and psycholinguistics.
- A one-year beginners' course in Welsh.

### Publications and manuscripts:

#### In journals:

- Abels, Klaus and Kristine Bentzen. To appear. A note on the punctuated nature of movement paths. *Catalan Journal of Linguistics*.
- Bentzen, Kristine, Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson, Thorbjörg Hróarsdóttir, and Anna-Lena Wiklund. 2007a. Extracting from V2. *Working Papers in Scandinavian Syntax* 79: 119–128.
- Bentzen, Kristine, Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson, Thorbjörg Hróarsdóttir, and Anna-Lena Wiklund. 2007b. The Tromsø guide to the Force behind V2. *Working Papers in Scandinavian Syntax* 79: 93–118.
- Bentzen, Kristine, Piotr Garbacz, Caroline Heycock and Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson. 2009. On variation in Faroese verb placement. *Nordlyd 36.2: NORMS Papers on Faroese*, 78–102.
- Bentzen, Kristine. 2000. First language acquisition in a bilingual child: Focussing on the acquisition of noun phrases. In *Nordlyd*, vol. 28, pp. 88–98.
- Bentzen, Kristine. 2003. Acquiring V-to-I movement in the absence of morphological cues. In *Proceedings of the 19<sup>th</sup> Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics*, *Nordlyd*, vol. 31, pp. 573–588.
- Bentzen, Kristine. 2004. Cues and economy in the acquisition of verb movement. In *Tromsø Working Papers in Language Acquisition*, *Nordlyd* vol. 32, pp. 156–175.
- Bentzen, Kristine. 2005. What's the better move? On verb placement in Standard and Northern Norwegian. *Nordic Journal of Linguistics* 28 2: 153–188.
- Bentzen, Kristine. 2007. The degree of verb movement in embedded clauses in three varieties of Norwegian. In *Scandinavian Dialect Syntax*, *Nordlyd* vol. 34, pp. 127–146.
- Bentzen, Kristine. 2009. Subject positions and their interaction with verb movement. *Studia Linguistica* 63.3: 1–31.
- Bentzen, Kristine. To appear. Kronoby revisited: Verbmovement in embedded non-V2 contexts in Northern Ostrobothnian. In *Nordlyd*.
- Hróarsdóttir, Thorbjörg, Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson, Anna-Lena Wiklund, and Kristine Bentzen. 2006. The Tromø guide to the Scandinavian verb movement. *Working Papers in Scandinavian Syntax* 78: 1–36.
- Hróarsdóttir, Thorbjörg, Kristine Bentzen, Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson, and Anna-Lena Wiklund. 2007. The afterglow of verb movement. *Working Papers in Scandinavian Syntax* 80: 45–75.
- Wiklund, Anna-Lena, Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson, Kristine Bentzen, and Thorbjörg Hróarsdóttir. 2007. Rethinking Scandinavian verb movement. *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* 10 3: 203–233.
- Wiklund, Anna-Lena, Kristine Bentzen, Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson, and Thorbjörg Hróarsdóttir. 2009. On the distribution and illocution of V2 in Scandinavian *that*-clauses. *Lingua* 119.12: 1914–1938.

#### In books/conference proceedings:

- Abels, Klaus and Kristine Bentzen. To appear. Are movement paths punctuated or uniform?. In Artemis Alexiadou, Tibor Kiss and Gereon Müller (eds.) *Local Modelling of Non-local Dependencies in Syntax*. Linguistische Arbeiten, Niemeyer.
- Anderssen, Merete, Kristine Bentzen, Yulia Rodina, and Marit Westergaard. To appear. The acquisition of apparent optionality: Word order in subject and object shift constructions in Norwegian. In Merete Anderssen, Kristine Bentzen and Marit Westergaard (eds.), *Variation in the Input: Studies in the Acquisition of Word Order*. [Studies in Theoretical Psycholinguistics], Springer Verlag.

Bentzen, Kristine and Thorbjörg Hróarsdóttir. To appear. From a V2 grammar to no verb movement: A step-wise approach. *Universals and Variation (Proceedings of the Seventh GLOW in Asia)*.

Westergaard, Marit and Kristine Bentzen. 2007. The (non-)effect of input frequency on the acquisition of word order in Norwegian embedded clauses. In *Frequency Effects in Language Acquisition: Defining the Limits of Frequency as an Explanatory Concept*, edited by Insa Gülzow and Natalia Gagarina, pp. 271–306.

#### **Books/volumes edited:**

Anderssen, Merete, Kristine Bentzen, Yulia Rodina, and Marit Westergaard (eds.). To appear. *Variation in the Input: Studies in the Acquisition of Word Order*. [Studies in Theoretical Psycholinguistics], Springer Verlag.

Bentzen, Kristine and Henrik Rosenkvist. To appear. *Studies in Övdalian Syntax*. John Benjamins.

Bentzen, Kristine and Øystein Vangsnes. 2007. *Nordlyd 34: Scandinavian Dialect Syntax 2005*.

Bentzen, Kristine. 2004. *Nordlyd 32.1: Tromsø Working Papers in Language Acquisition*.

Dahl, Anne, Kristine Bentzen, and Peter Svenonius. 2003. *Nordlyd 31.1-2: Proceedings of the 19<sup>th</sup> Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics*.

Svenonius, Peter, Kristine Bentzen, Janne Bondi Johannessen, Caroline Heycock, Jógvan í Lon Jacobsen, Jeffrey K. Parrott, Tania E. Strahan, and Øystein Vangsnes. *Nordlyd 36.2: NORMS Papers on Faroese*.

#### **Master thesis & PhD dissertation:**

Bentzen, Kristine. 2000. *'I like not it like du like it': A Case Study of Language Transfer in Bilingual First Language Acquisition*. Cand. Philol., University of Tromsø.

Bentzen, Kristine. 2007. *Order and Structure in Embedded Clauses in Northern Norwegian*. Phd dissertation, University of Tromsø, Norway.

#### **Manuscripts, work in progress:**

Anderssen, Merete, Kristine Bentzen, and Yulia Rodina. In progress. The acquisition of object shift and focus in Norwegian: An interface phenomenon. Ms. University of Tromsø

Bentzen, Kristine and Marit Westergaard. In progress. The syntax-morphology interface: Finiteness and word order in Norwegian and English child language.

Bentzen, Kristine, Anne Dahl, and Marit Westergaard. In progress. Embedded word order the second time around: Transfer, economy, and input frequency in the acquisition of English as a second language.

Bentzen, Kristine. In progress. V-to-T as vP-to-SpecTP. Manuscript, University of Tromsø.

Westergaard, Marit and Kristine Bentzen. In progress. The effect of input and economy in the acquisition of embedded word order in English. Manuscript, University of Tromsø.

## Conference and workshop presentations:

### Upcoming:

- February 24-26, 2010. 'The acquisition of Object Shift: A challenge at the syntax-pragmatics interface,' (joint with Merete Anderssen and Yulia Rodina), at the DGfS workshop *Information Structure in Language Acquisition*, Berlin, Germany.

### 2009:

- November 26, 2009. 'Om datainnsamling – feltarbeid,' [Collecting data – fieldwork] (joint with Øystein Vangsnes), invited talk at a *Norwegian Dialect Syntax (NorDiaSyn)* seminar, Trondheim, Norway.
- November 6-8, 2009. 'Word order and finiteness in English and Norwegian child language: Parameters vs. cues,' (joint with Marit Westergaard), at *Boston University Conference on Language Development 34 (BUCLD)*, Boston.
- November 3, 2009. 'Embedded root phenomena in Scandinavian and English: The (ir)relevance of assertion and presupposition,' invited guest talk at University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- September 9-11, 2009: 'The acquisition of Focus: The case of Object Shift,' (joint with Merete Anderssen and Yulia Rodina), at *Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition (GALA)*, Lisbon, Portugal.
- September 2-4, 2009: 'Embedded root phenomena, assertion, presupposition, and main point of utterance,' invited talk at the workshop *Root Phenomena*, ZAS, Berlin, Germany.
- August 25-29, 2009: 'The development of syntax in micro-Scandinavians: Object Shift in Norwegian child language,' (joint with Merete Anderssen and Yulia Rodina), at *The 2009 Grand Meeting for the Network for Scandinavian Dialect Syntax*, Älvdalen, Sweden.
- May 28-29, 2009: 'Step-wise loss of verb movement,' (joint with Thorbjörg Hróarsdóttir), at *The Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop 24*, Brussels, Belgium.
- February 25-27, 2009: 'From a V2 grammar to no verb movement: A step-wise approach,' (joint with Thorbjörg Hróarsdóttir), at *The 7<sup>th</sup> GLOW in Asia*, Hyderabad, India.

### 2008:

- December 4-6, 2008: 'Stepwise loss of verb movement,' (joint with Thorbjörg Hróarsdóttir), at *The Glory of Babel: Celebrating diversity in languages and linguistics*, University of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland.
- November 17, 2008: 'Verb movement in Romance from an Arctic perspective,' at the research seminar at the University of Venice, Italy.
- November 7, 2008: 'The V-to-I parameter revisited,' poster at *NELS 39*, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
- October 16, 2008: 'Splitting up the V-to-I parameter,' at the *NORMS Workshop Revisiting Parameters: Holmberg and Platzack (1995) Reloaded*, Lund University, Sweden.
- June 18, 2008: 'A linguistic perspective on the acquisition of Norwegian,' (joint with Merete Anderssen and Marit Westergaard), at *Internasjonal tverrfaglig seminar om dysleksi og språk* [International interdisciplinary seminar on dyslexia and language], University of Tromsø, Norway.
- June 6, 2008: 'The acquisition of subject and object shift constructions in Norwegian: Frequency issues,' (joint with Merete Anderssen, Yulia Rodina, and Marit Westergaard), at the workshop *Frequency and Language Development*, University of Wuppertal, Germany.
- May 19, 2008: 'A cross-linguistic survey of epistemic modality in embedded clauses,' (joint with Antonio Fabregas, Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson, and Naoyuki Yamato), at the *NORMS Workshop on Root Phenomena and the Left Periphery*, University of Tromsø, Norway.
- March 26, 2008: 'Remnant movement vs. copying and partial deletion: Evidence from Scandinavian,' at *GLOW 31*, Newcastle University, UK.

- February 27, 2008: ‘Is there any evidence for punctuated paths?,’ (joint with Klaus Abels), at the workshop *Local Modelling of Non-Local Dependencies in Syntax* at DGfS, Universität Bamberg, Germany.
- February 21, 2008: ‘The acquisition of word order in subject and object shift constructions,’ (joint with Merete Anderssen, Yulia Rodina, and Marit Westergaard), *CASTL Colloquium*, University of Tromsø, Norway.
- January 12, 2008: ‘Remnant movement vs. partial deletion: Evidence from Scandinavian,’ at *ConSOLE XVI*, Paris, France.

#### **2007:**

- November 29, 2007: ‘Verbflytting som fraseflytting: Data fra to fastlandsskandinaviske dialekter,’ at the *GRIMM* seminar at the University of Lund, Sweden.
- November 7, 2007: ‘Phrasal movement approaches to verb movement: Evidence from Mainland Scandinavian,’ at the *MUST* seminar at the Uil-OTS, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands.
- November 6, 2007: ‘Phrasal movement approaches to verb movement: Evidence from Mainland Scandinavian,’ invited talk at the syntax seminar Groningen University, The Netherlands.
- October 20, 2007: ‘The acquisition of finiteness,’ Lecture as part of my PhD defence on a topic appointed by the committee. University of Tromsø, Norway.
- June 9, 2007: ‘The Force behind V2,’ (joint with Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson, and Þorbjörg Hróarsdóttir, and Anna-Lena Wiklund), at *CGSW 22 (The 22nd Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop)*, Stuttgart, Germany.
- June 8, 2007: ‘Verb movement interfering with subjects in Norwegian non-V2 contexts,’ at *CGSW 22 (The 22nd Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop)*, Stuttgart, Germany.
- April 12, 2007: ‘Verb movement in Scandinavian Non-V2 contexts,’ (joint with Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson, Anna-Lena Wiklund, and Þorbjörg Hróarsdóttir), at *GLOW XXX*, Tromsø, Norway.
- March 15, 2007: ‘Spring cleaning of embedded V2 in Scandinavian,’ (joint with Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson, Þorbjörg Hróarsdóttir, and Anna-Lena Wiklund), *CASTL Colloquium*, Tromsø, Norway.
- January 26-27, 2007: ‘Embedded V2 in Scandinavian: Empirical observations,’ (joint with Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson, Anna-Lena Wiklund, and Þorbjörg Hróarsdóttir), at the *Workshop on Verb Placement*, Reykjavik, Iceland.

#### **2006:**

- October 30, 2006: ‘On the interaction between verb movement and subjects in Northern Norwegian embedded clauses,’ at the *NORMS workshop on Northern Norwegian dialects*, during the NORMS dialect meeting on Northern Norwegian, October 30-November 3, Tromsø/Senja, Norway.
- October 19, 2006: ‘The Tromsø guide to Scandinavian verb movement,’ (joint with Þorbjörg Hróarsdóttir, Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson, and Anna-Lena Wiklund), at *Grammatikseminariet*, Lund, Sweden.
- August 6, 2006: ‘Subject positions, subject interpretation, and remnant movement,’ at the *NORMS workshop on Subjects and microcomparative variation*, August 5-6, Trondheim, Norway.
- June 8, 2006: ‘V-to-I as remnant vP-to-SpecTP,’ at the *Workshop for PhD students and young researchers at the ScanDiaSyn Grand Meeting* in Solf, Finland.
- June 8, 2006: ‘Icelandic V-to-I movement reconsidered,’ (joint with Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson, Þorbjörg Hróarsdóttir, and Anna-Lena Wiklund), at the *Workshop for PhD students and young researchers at the ScanDiaSyn Grand Meeting* in Solf, Finland.
- May 11, 2006: ‘Spring cleaning of verb movement in Norwegian and Icelandic,’ (joint with Anna-Lena Wiklund, Þorbjörg Hróarsdóttir, and Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson), *CASTL Colloquium*, Tromsø, Norway.

- January 30, 2006: ‘Verb placement in embedded clauses in Norwegian dialects,’ at the *Workshop on Inversion and Verb Movement*, January 30-31, Tromsø, Norway.
- January 30, 2006: ‘The word order in embedded clauses in Norwegian child language,’ (joint with Marit R. Westergaard), at the *Workshop on Inversion and Verb Movement*, January 30-31, Tromsø, Norway.

**2005:**

- November 25, 2005: ‘Graden av verbflytting i underordnede setninger i tre norske dialekter’, at MONS11, November 24-26, Bergen.
- November 26, 2005 (joint with Marit R. Westergaard): ‘Hvilken rolle spiller inputfrekvens i tilegnelse av ordstilling i underordnede setninger hos norske barn?’, at MONS11, November 24-26, Bergen:
- September 22, 2005: ‘What’s the better move? On verb placement in embedded clauses in three varieties of Norwegian,’ at *CASTL Thursday Night Colloquium*.
- August 2005: ‘The degree of verb movement in Standard and Northern Norwegian embedded clauses,’ at *Grand Meeting for ScanDiaSyn*, Leikanger, Norway.
- February 2005 (joint with Marit R. Westergaard): ‘The (non-) effect of input frequency on the acquisition of word order in Norwegian embedded clauses,’ at the workshop 'Input Frequencies in Language Acquisition' at *DGfS*, Cologne, Germany.

**2004:**

- November 2004: ‘The interpretation of subjects and its relation to verb movement,’ at *Methods and tools for the study of grammatical variation*, Oslo, Norway.

**2003:**

- November 2003: ‘Verbflytting i underordnede setninger på nordnorsk’ [‘Verb movement in subordinate clauses in Northern Norwegian’], at *MONS 10* in Kristiansand, Norway.