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Research profile

All aspects of linguistic theory, taking a broadly Chomskian (biolinguistic) perspective on language; especially syntax and its interfaces with semantics (and pragmatics) and with morphology (and phonology).

Education

- Ph.D. Linguistics, University of California at Santa Cruz, 1994
- B.A. Cum Laude in Linguistics and Anthropology, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1986

Current posts

- Senior Researcher, Center for Advanced Study in Theoretical Linguistics (CASTL) (since 2002)
- Internal representative on CASTL's external Board (since 2002)
- Professor in English Linguistics at the University of Tromsø, Norway (since 2001)
- Editor in Chief for *Nordlyd*, the University of Tromsø's Working Papers in Language and Linguistics (since 2003)
- Linguistics Programme Chair, European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (on Programme committee since 2008)

Past posts

- 2006–2009: Co-editor for squibs department for *Linguistic Inquiry*, with Curt Rice and Gillian Ramchand
- 2006–2007: President, Generative Linguistics in the Old World (30th Anniversary year)
- 2003–2004: Coordinator (effectively Chair) of English Department, University of Tromsø
- 2002–2003: Acting Director of CASTL
- 2000: Visiting Scholar, University of Maryland, College Park
- 1999–2000: Visiting Scholar, MIT
- 1995–2001: Associate Professor, University of Tromsø
- 1994–1995: Fulbright Professor of English Linguistics at the University of Tromsø
- 1993: Assistant Professor, University of Tromsø
- 1993: Teaching Fellow, University of California at Santa Cruz

PhD theses supervised

- Inna Tolskaya, Russian Prefixes (to be completed in 2013)
- Rosmin Mathew, Malayalam Clause Structure (to be completed in 2012)
- Marina Pantcheva, *Decomposing Path: The Nanosyntax of Directional Expressions* (2011)

- Monika Bader, *Constraining Operations: A Phase-based Account of Improper Movement and Anaphoric Binding* (2011)
- Kaori Takamine, *The Postpositional Hierarchy and its Mapping to Clause Structure in Japanese* (2010)
- Kristine Bentzen, *Order and Structure in Embedded Clauses in Northern Norwegian* (2007)
- Mai Ellin Tungseth, *Verbal Prepositions in Norwegian: Paths, Places, and Possession* (2006)
- Merete Anderssen, *The Acquisition of Compositional Definiteness in Norwegian* (2005)

Selected grants

- 2010 ‘Two EEG studies of language structure’ funded by Tromsø forskningsstiftelse, ca. €25,000. The experiments will be carried out in the Psychology Lab in collaboration with Professor Magne Arve Flaten.
- 2010 Support from the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education for a research collaboration group on the lexicon (jointly with Marit Westergaard), ca. €31,000. The group consists of about twelve linguists at the University of Tromsø and the research collaboration money has so far been used mainly to develop grant applications.
- 2009 International conference support from the University of Tromsø for *Arctic Languages: Syntax, Morphology, Lexicon*, ca. €10,000.
- 2006 International conference support from the University of Tromsø for GLOW, *Generative Linguistics in the Old World* 30th annual meeting, ca. €20,000.
- 2005–2010 *Nordic Center of Excellence in Microcomparative Syntax* (NORMS), €2,230,000 from NOS-HS plus support from the University of Tromsø. This was a network project on Nordic dialect syntax which I led, involving seven partner institutions (Reykjavík, Trondheim, Oslo, Lund, Århus, Helsinki, and Tromsø).
- 2004–2010 *Moving Right Along*, a Young Excellent Researcher project, ca. €875,000 from the Norwegian Research Council plus equivalent support from the University of Tromsø. This was an investigation into the syntax and semantics of spatial expressions, crosslinguistically.
- 2004 International conference support from the University of Tromsø for a conference and PhD course on Neurolinguistics, ca. €19,000.
- 2003 International conference support from the University of Tromsø and the Faculty of Humanities for Morphology at the Interface conference and PhD course, ca. €12,500
- 2002 International conference support from the University of Tromsø and the Faculty of Humanities for a conference *The Displacement Property of Human Language* (held on the Hurtigruta coastal ship, between Trondheim and Tromsø), ca. €19,500
- 2002 International conference support from the University of Tromsø for the 19th Scandinavian Conference on Linguistics, ca. €12,500
- 2002–2012 *The Center for Advanced Study in Theoretical Linguistics*, a Norwegian Center of Excellence (co-applicant with Curt Rice, Tarald Taraldsen, and Anders Holmberg), ca. €7,500,000 from the Norwegian Research Council plus equivalent support from the University of Tromsø. This is a major international center for exploring the limits and nature of linguistic variation.

- 1999–2001 IGLO, Socrates LINGUA network project on Germanic syntax, €284,000 from EU plus equal support from the seven Universities in the network. This was a network project which I led from Tromsø, including partners in Antwerp, Hagen (Germany), Salzburg, Lund, Reykjavík, and Copenhagen. We developed software and content promoting intercomprehension and second language acquisition among the Germanic languages.
- 1999 International conference support from the University of Tromsø, the Department of Linguistics, and the Department of English for conference on Adverbs and Adjunction, ca. €7,500
- 1994–1995. Fulbright Scholarship. Ca. €40,000. One year's salary plus travel expenses, for teaching and research at the University of Tromsø.

Additional Research Leadership experience

- 2011–2012 Research Leadership Training course (nine days spread over three meetings) organized by the University of Oslo.
- An extensive international network for research, including good personal contacts with key researchers all over the world, developed through a high level of activity in the field over the past twenty years. Examples of drawing on this network: I recruited 100 experts to review for the 30th *GLOW* conference in 2007, and more than that number to review squibs for *Linguistic Inquiry*.
- Extensive experience facilitating the production of research papers from research groups, for example through organizing conferences and workshops (see examples under ten-year track record) and editing collections of papers, published with Benjamins, Oxford University Press, and in other venues, including the Tromsø University Working Papers on Language and Linguistics (*Nordlyd*).
- Editorship of *Nordlyd*, a publication with a history going back to 1979 and which I launched as an open access electronic journal in 2003 (<http://www.ub.uit.no/baser/septentrio/index.php/nordlyd>).
- Long experience building international networks for graduate education, including initiating a series of exchange agreements with Eastern European universities which allowed us to recruit, and provide scholarships for, a large number of students who then came to Tromsø to do Master's degrees (and occasionally PhDs) in Linguistics or English Linguistics
- Many experiences with interdisciplinary collaboration, e.g. in 2005–6 I collaborated with researchers in Medicine, Physics, and Psychology and successfully got a grant to hire a post-doc to do research using fMRI equipment at the University hospital in Tromsø which had previously been used only for diagnostics.

Most Cited Publications from the last ten years (based on number of citations on Google Scholar as of Jan. 24, 2012)

- 2004 'On the Edge' in *Peripheries: Syntactic Edges and their Effects* ed. by David Adger, Cécile de Cat, and George Tsoulas. Kluwer, Dordrecht, pp. 261-287.
- 2010 'Spatial P in English', in *Cartography of Syntactic Structures*, ed. by G. Cinque and L. Rizzi, Oxford University Press.
- 2002 'Subject positions and the placement of adverbials' in *Subjects, Expletives, and the EPP* (Oxford), 199-240.
- 2004 'Slavic Prefixes Inside and Outside VP' *Nordlyd* 32.2:205-253.

- 2002 'The Lexical Syntax and Lexical Semantics of the Verb-Particle Construction' with Gillian Ramchand, in *Proceedings of WCCFL 21*, ed. by Line Mikkelsen and Chris Potts, Cascadilla Press, Somerville, Ma. pp. 387-400.
- 2002 'Icelandic Case and the Structure of Events' *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* 5:197-225.
- 2007 'Adpositions, Particles, and the Arguments they Introduce' in *Argument Structure*, ed. by Eric Reuland, Tanmoy Bhattacharya, and Giorgos Spathas, pp. 63-103. John Benjamins, Amsterdam.
- 2003 'Limits on P: Filling in holes vs. falling in holes' in *Nordlyd* 31.2:431-445.
- 2006, 'The Emergence of AxPart,' in *Tromsø Working Papers in Language and Linguistics (Nordlyd)* 33.1:49-77.
- 2008, Projections of P, in *Syntax and Semantics of Spatial P*, ed by Anna Asbury, Jakub Dotlacil, Berit Gehrke, and Rick Nouwen, pp. 63-84. John Benjamins, Amsterdam.

Other Publications

- To appear, Drowning “into” the river in North Sámi: Uses of the illative, in *Space and Time across Languages and Cultures*, ed. by Filipović, Luna and Kasia M. Jaszczolt, John Benjamins, Amsterdam.
- To appear, Constructions, in *Handbook of Contemporary Syntax*, ed. by Artemis Alexiadou, Tibor Kiss, and Miriam Butt, Mouton de Gruyter, Berlin.
- To appear, Non-concatenative Morphology is epiphenomenal (with Patrik Bye), in *The Morphology and Phonology of Exponence*, ed. by Jochen Trommer, Oxford University Press, Oxford.
- To appear, Case in Övdalian, in *Studies in Övdalian Syntax*, ed. by Kristine Bentzen and Henrik Rosenkvist, John Benjamins, Amsterdam.
- To appear, Degree questions without overt degree words, in *Studies in Northern Norwegian Syntax*, ed. by Peter Svenonius, John Benjamins, Amsterdam.
- To appear, *Studies in Northern Norwegian Syntax* (edited), John Benjamins, Amsterdam.
- To appear, *Functional Structure from Top to Toe* (preliminary title; edited), Oxford University Press, New York.
- 2012. On phrase structure (with Gillian Ramchand). Ms. CASTL, University of Tromsø.
- 2011, Features in Minimalist Syntax (with David Adger), in *The Oxford Handbook of Linguistic Minimalism*, edited by Cedric Boeckx, 27–51, Oxford University Press, Oxford.
- 2009 (edited), *Nordlyd: Tromsø University Working Papers on Language and Linguistics*, 36.2 NORMS Papers on Faroese (edited together with Kristine Bentzen, Caroline Heycock, Jógvan í Lon Jacobsen, Janne Bondi Johannessen, Jeffrey K. Parrott, Tania E. Strahan, and Øystein Alexander Vangsnes).
- 2009 (edited), *Nordlyd: Tromsø University Working Papers on Language and Linguistics*, 36.1 Special issue on Nanosyntax (edited together with Gillian Ramchand, Michal Starke, and Knut Tarald Taraldsen).
- 2009, Complex prepositions (with Isabelle Roy) in *Autour de la Préposition*, edited by J. François, É. Gilbert, C. Guimier, and M. Krause, pp. 105–116. Presses universitaires de Caen.
- 2008, Microparameters of Cross-linguistic variation: Directed motion and Resultatives (with Minjeong Son), in the *Proceedings of the 27th West Coast Conference on*

Formal Linguistics, ed. by Natasha Abner and Jason Bishop, pp. 388-396. Cascadilla Press, Somerville, Ma.

- 2008, 'Review of Toivonen's (2003, Kluwer) Non-Projecting Words' *Language* 84.3:666-670.
- 2008, 'Mapping a parochial lexicon onto a Universal Semantics' (with Gillian Ramchand), in *The Limits of Syntactic Variation*, edited by M.T. Biberauer, pp. 219-245. John Benjamins, Amsterdam.
- 2008, The position of adjectives and other phrasal modifiers in the decomposition of DP, in *Adjectives and Adverbs: Syntax, Semantics, and Discourse*, ed. by Louise McNally and Chris Kennedy, 16-42, Oxford University Press, Oxford.
- 2008 'Russian Prefixes are Phrasal' in *Formal Description of Slavic Languages*, edited by Gerhild Zybatow, Luka Szucsich, Uwe Junghanns, and Roland Meyer, pp. 526-537. Peter Lang, Frankfurt am Main.
- 2008. 'Paradigm Generation and Northern Sámi Stems,' in *The Bases of Inflectional Identity*, 73-100, edited by Asaf Bachrach and Andrew Nevins. Oxford University Press, Oxford.
- 2007. 'Interpreting Uninterpretable Features' in *Linguistic Analysis* 3-4:375-413.
- 2007. '1...3-2' *Oxford Handbook of Linguistic Interfaces*, edited by Gillian Ramchand and Charles Reiss, pp. 239-288. Oxford University Press.
- 2006. 'Case Alternations in the Icelandic Passive' in *Passives and Impersonals in European Languages*, edited by Satu Manninen, Diane Nelson, Katrin Hiietam, Elsi Kaiser, and Virve Vihman.
- 2006, 'Northern Norwegian Degree Questions and the Syntax of Measurement' with Chris Kennedy, in *Phases of Interpretation*, edited by Mara Frascarelli, pp. 129-157. Mouton de Gruyter, Berlin.
- 2005 'Extending the Extension Condition to Discontinuous Idioms' *Linguistic Variation Yearbook* 5: 227-263.
- 2005 'How Phonological is Object Shift?' *Theoretical Linguistics* 31.1/2:215-227
- 2005 Review of Dehé (2001, Benjamins) Particle Verbs in English: Syntax, Information Structure, and Intonation *Linguistische Berichte* 202:261-265.
- (in revision) 'Prosodic V2' (coauthored with Curt Rice)
- 2004 'Slavic Prefixes and Morphology' *Nordlyd* 32.2:177-204
- 2004 'Prepositions and External Argument Demotion' with Gillian Ramchand, in *Demoting the Agent: Passive and other Voice-related Phenomena*, ed. by Torgrim Solstad, Benjamin Lyngfelt, and Maria Filiouchkina Krave, University of Oslo, pp. 93-99.
- 2003 'Swedish Particles and Directional Prepositions' in *Grammar in Focus: Festschrift for Christer Platzack* ed. by Lars-Olof Delsing, Cecilia Falk, Gunlög Josefsson, and Halldór Ármann Sigurdsson, Dept. of Scandinavian, Lund University, pp. 343-351.
- 2002 'Strains of Negation in Norwegian,' *Working Papers in Scandinavian Syntax* 69:121-146.
- 2002 'Review of Zeller (2001, Benjamins) Particle Verbs and Local Domains' *Linguist List* 13:743
- 2002 *Subjects, Expletives, and the EPP* (ed.), Oxford University Press. (250 pp.)
- 2002 'Introduction' in *Subjects, Expletives, and the EPP* (Oxford), 1-25.
- 2002, 'Case is uninterpretable aspect,' in *Proceedings on Perspectives on Aspect Conference at Utrecht*.

Sample of recent Talks

- 13–16.06.11 ‘Roots, modularity, and idiosyncrasy’ (invited), Conference *Approaches to the Lexicon (Roots III)*, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- 3–5.10.11 ‘Directed manner of motion in North Sámi’ (invited), *Workshop on Verbal Elasticity*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- 16.09.11 ‘A, A-bar, and agreement’ (self-organized) *Workshop on Locality*, Tromsø
- 30.05–03.06.11 ‘Minimalist case: Microcomparative and diachronic lessons from the dative’, ‘Case and Space: Two kinds of meaning’ (invited lecture series) Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan
- 26.05.11 ‘TAM and the functional sequence’ (local workshop) Tromsø *Tense Aspect Workshop*
- 29.03–01.04.11 ‘Locations and events: Goal and source readings in the North Sámi locative’ (invited) Debrecen *LFG Conference*
- 17.03.10 Lund (invited) Case in Övdalian
- 06.12.10 Lund CP workshop (invited) The emergence of the functional sequence
- 29.11.10 Paris Nominalizations (workshop) Things, places, and Axial parts
- 26.–27.09.10 Tromsø Nominalizations (workshop) Sentential nominalization in Navajo
- 16.–17.09.10 Tromsø What’s in a word? (workshop) Words and syntactic cycles
- 16.–17.09.10 Tromsø What’s in a word? (workshop) Verb stem formation in Sierra Miwok redux: Syntax, morphology, and phonology (with Patrik Bye)
- 07.09.10 Barcelona (Invited colloquium) The rises and falls of dative case in four Scandinavian languages
- 21.07.10 Albuquerque Navajo Language Academy (invited) Notes on Navajo postpositions
- 05.–06.07.10 Verona Invited lecture series: Case and adpositions; Lexicalization and spell-out; Datives and benefactives in North Germanic; Modularity and language
- 21.06.10 San Sebastian EdiSyn (invited) Case in Layers: Boom and Bust in North Germanic Datives
- 10.06.10 Tromsø NORMS/CGSW seminar (workshop) Microcomparison in the Nordic languages
- 30.04–02.05.10 Minneapolis ISMIL (selected) Measurement and paths in Indonesian and English (with Minjeong Son)
- 08.04.10 Cambridge STALDAC (selected) Drowning ‘into’ the river in North Sámi: Uses of the illative
- 20.03.10 Tromsø Cartography of DP (workshop) North Sámi numerals
- 03.03.10 Oslo (Invited colloquium) Features and categories: On the part-of-speech P
- 02.03.10 Reykjavík (Invited colloquium) Layered case
- 26.02.10 MIT (Invited colloquium) Features and categories: On the part-of-speech P
- 2009, Icelandic Passives and Middles: Event Structure and Licensing, UAB, Barcelona, ConSOLE (December)
- 2009, Passives and Middles as a Probe into Case and Event Structure, Maling Seminar, University of Iceland, Reykjavík (November)
- 2009, The Icelandic Passive and Middle: Case Assignment and Event Structure, Siena (November)
- 2009, Mental Representations of Space and their Descriptions in Language, Venice (October)
- 2009, Mental Representations and Linguistic Meanings, Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, Oslo (October)
- 2009, Location and Source in North Sámi, Arctic Languages: Syntax, Morphology, Lexicon, Tromsø (September)

- 2009, Measurement and Paths (with Minjeong Son), LAGB 50th annual meeting, Edinburgh (September)
- 2009, Mental models of spatial relations, European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Budapest (August)
- 2009, Directed manner of motion in verb serialization: A comparative study of Indonesian/Malay and Tetun Dili (with Minjeong Son), International Workshop on Malay/Indonesian Linguistics, Lombok (June)
- 2009, Is English *into* composed of *to+in*? Invited talk, Edinburgh (May)
- 2009, Features and Parameters, GLOW in Asia, Hyderabad (March)
- 2008, Series of invited lectures at University of the Basque Country, Vitoria-Gasteiz (November).
- 2008, On the order of constituents in the DP, Workshop on Greenberg's Universal 20, University of Cambridge (November).
- 2008, Features of English prepositions, Invited lecture at Queen Mary, University of London (October)
- 2008, The Decomposition of P, UC Santa Cruz Alumni Conference, University of California at Santa Cruz (September).
- 2008, Parametric Variation, a Theory of Features, and the Decomposition of P, invited lecture at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles (September).
- 2008, Parametric Variation, a Theory of Features, and the Decomposition of P, invited lecture at the University of Maryland, College Park (September).
- 2008, Parameters and features, Seminar on Universal Grammar, Language Acquisition, and Language Change at the Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, Oslo (August)
- 2008, Idioms and lexical insertion, Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan (July)
- 2008, The decomposition of spatial prepositions and particles in English, Osaka University, Japan (July)
- 2008 Two invited lectures on Universal Grammar at Senshu University, Tokyo, Japan (July)
- 2008, Idioms and lexical insertion, SICOOG 10, Dongguk University, Seoul, Korea (July)
- 2008, Two kinds of meaning, at the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology annual meeting, Utrecht, the Netherlands (June)
- 2008, Directed motion expressions in Malay/Indonesian, with reference to Javanese and Balinese (with Minjeong Son), at the International Symposium on Indonesian/Malay, Leiden, the Netherlands (June)
- 2008, An Övdalian Case system, at the Second Conference on Älvdalian in Älvdalen, Sweden (June)
- 2008, Microparameters of Cross-linguistic variation: Directed motion and resultatives (with Minjeong Son), WCCFL, UCLA (May).
- 2008, The decomposition of P, Syntactic Structures 2, Moscow (April).
- 2008, Idioms and Lexical Insertion, invited lecture at the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow (March).
- 2007, Lecture series on cross-linguistic expressions of space and directed motion, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Delhi University, Delhi (December)
- 2007, Lecture series on cross-linguistic expressions of space and directed motion, Hyderabad (November)
- 2007, The role of intuitions in data collection and analysis, NLVN network meeting, Copenhagen (October)

- 2007, Complex prepositions (with Isabelle Roy), *Autour de la préposition*, Caen (September).
- 2007, Features and modularity, Workshop on Features, King's College, UCL, London (September).
- 2007, Parameters, microparameters, and things that go bump in the night, Grand Meeting of Scandinavian Dialect Syntax, Myvatn, Iceland (August).
- 2007, The physiology of P, Summer Course at the Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, Stanford, Ca. (July).
- 2007, Geology as an alternative to Cartography: Emergent categories in the P domain, *Alternatives to Cartography*, Brussels (June).
- 2007, A microcomparative window to grammatical structure: The case of wh-determiners (with Øystein Vangsnes), ICLAVE, Cyprus (June).
- 2007, Modularity and the Late Insertion of Phonological Material, Workshop on the Phonology-Syntax Interface, Beer Sheva, Israel (June).
- 2007, Germanic adpositions and the construct state (with Tarald Taraldsen), Workshop on Comparative Germanic Syntax, Stuttgart (June).
- 2007, Icelandic Passives and Middles and the Structure of v, Workshop on Argument Structure and Syntactic Relations, Vitoria (May).
- 2007, Lecture series, The anatomy of P, at UCLA (February).
- 2007, Axial parts, invited lecture at USC (February).
- 2007, Interpreting Uninterpretable Features, Korean Linguistics Society, Seoul (January).
- 2006, Icelandic Passives and Middles and the Structure of v, Invited lecture in Berlin (December).
- 2006, Icelandic Passives and Middles and the Structure of v, Invited lecture in Leipzig (December).
- 2006, Uninterpretable features and Icelandic case; Invited lecture in Frankfurt (December).
- 2006, Icelandic Passives and Middles and the Structure of v, Invited lecture in Stuttgart (December).
- 2006, Lecture series 'The anatomy of P' at EALing, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris (September)
- 2006, 'The emergence of AxPart,' at McGill, Montréal (September)
- 2006, 'Complex predicates and the functional sequence,' workshop on Complex Predicates at the Australian Linguistics Society annual conference, Brisbane (August)
- 2006, 'The physiology of P' Invited lecture at the Conference on the syntax and semantics of P, Utrecht (June)
- 2006, 'Slavic prefixes at the interface of syntax and the lexicon' Interphases conference, Cyprus (May)
- 2006, 'Parameters of P' plenary lecture at Workshop on Comparative Germanic Syntax, Santa Cruz (April)
- 2006, 'Parameters of P' seminar at Nijmegen (April)
- 2006, Course 'P (Preposition, Postposition, Particle): Anatomy of a category' Course at LOT Winter School, Amsterdam

Awards

- 2010 Fridtjof Nansens Prize for Outstanding Research, Norwegian Academy of Science
- 2004 Young Researcher Award, University of Tromsø

Editorial and reviewing

- Editorial Board, *Linguistic Inquiry*
- Editorial Board, *Syntax: A Journal of Theoretical, Experimental, and Interdisciplinary Research*
- Editorial Board, *The Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*
- Editorial Board, *Linguistic Analysis*
- Editorial Board, *Oxford Studies in Theoretical Linguistics*
- Reviewing for various international journals, in addition to the above: *Language*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Lingua*, *Journal of Linguistics*, *The Linguistic Review*, *English Language and Linguistics*, etc.
- Reviewing for major international conferences: GLOW, WCCFL, CGSW, etc.
- Reviewing for various national science foundations and agencies: US, Netherlands, Sweden, UK
- PhD committees in Lund, Toronto, Hyderabad, Macquarie and elsewhere
- Search, tenure, and promotion committees at many universities in Europe and the US

Sample of Organizational efforts

- 2012, Coorganizer for *Decennium* conference at CASTL, Tromsø
- 2011, Organizer for workshop on Adpositions and Spell-out, CASTL, Tromsø
- 2011, Organizer for workshop on Locality, CASTL, Tromsø
- 2011, Organizer for plenary symposium on Number and Numerosity at the joint meeting of the European and North American Societies for Philosophy and Psychology, Montréal
- 2010, Coorganizer for Strategy Meeting for Lexicon Project at Malangen (near Tromsø)
- 2010, Coorganizer for Microcomparison in the Nordic Languages workshop on Sommarøy (near Tromsø)
- 2010, Chief organizer for Cartography of DP workshop in Tromsø
- 2009, Organizer for plenary symposium on Language and Spatial Cognition at the annual meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Budapest
- 2009 Coorganizer for Mental Representations and Linguistic Meanings, Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, Oslo
- 2009, Chief organizer for ‘Arctic Languages: Syntax, Morphology, Lexicon’ in Tromsø
- 2008, Chief organizer for conference ‘Parameters Revisited: Holmberg and Platzack 1995 Reloaded’ in Lund
- 2008, Fieldwork expedition to the Faroe Islands (as head of NORMS)
- 2008, Leader, Fieldwork expedition to Indonesia (as head of Moving Right Along)
- 2007, Leader, Fieldwork expedition to India (as head of Moving Right Along)
- 2007, Fieldwork expedition to Älvdalen, Sweden (as head of NORMS)
- 2007, Coorganizer for conference on the Syntax of Measurability in Tromsø
- 2007, Chief organizer for GLOW conference in Tromsø.
- 2006, Fieldwork expedition to Senja (as head of NORMS)
- 2006, Organizer for Neurolinguistics conference and PhD course, Tromsø
- 2005, Chief organizer for Argument Structure conference, Tromsø
- 2003, Coorganizer for CASTL Kick-off conference, Tromsø
- 2003, Organizer for Morphology at the Interface conference and PhD course in Tromsø
- 2002-2008: Board member of GLOW (Generative Linguistics in the Old World)

- 2002, Organizer of Conference on the Displacement Property of Human Language, held on the hurtigrute coastal ship between Trondheim and Tromsø
- 2002, Chief Organizer for the 19th Scandinavian Conference on Linguistics in Tromsø
- 1999, Coorganizer of Workshop on Adverbs and Adjunction in Tromsø