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Education:

Ph.D. in Linguistics. 1988. University of Texas at Austin, U.S.A.
 B.A. Honours Degree in Physics. 1976. Oxford University, England.
 Studentereksamen (matematisk-fysisk). 1973. Risskov Amtsgymnasium, Denmark.
 1962–69 (age 7–14). Szkoła Podstawowa Nr. 129, Warsaw, Poland.

Field work:

Kalaallisut. 2006 (1 week). Field work with an Eskimo consultant. New York, USA.

Hebrew. 1997 (5 months). Field work in Israel.

Kalaallisut. 1986–1997 (2–8 weeks a year). Field work with Eskimo consultants.
 Copenhagen, Denmark.

Kalaallisut. 1982–84 (24 months). School teaching in Eskimo, and other field work.
 Ukkusissat, Uummannaq district, Greenland.

Hebrew. 1979–80 (9 months). Ulpan in Kibbutz Beit Hashita, Israel.

Kalaallisut (Thule dialect). 1978–79 (6 months). Interpreter (Eskimo-Danish-English)
 for a polar bear biologist, translator (Eskimo-to-Danish) for a local paper,
 and other field work. Qaanaq and Qeqqertat, Qaanaq district, Greenland.

Kalaallisut. 1977–78 (12 months). School teaching in Eskimo, and other field work.
 Illorsuit, Uummannaq district, Greenland.

Kalaallisut (East dialect). 1976 (2 months). Pilot study. Ammassalik and
 Kuummiut, Ammassalik district, Greenland.

Research support by National Science Foundation

NSF grant BCS–9905600:

Temporal Anaphora in Dynamic Cross-Linguistic Semantics.
 September 1, 1999 – August 31, 2002. Principal Investigator.

NSF grant BNS–9108381:

Syntax and Semantics of the Ergative Construction.
 September 1, 1991 – February 28, 1994. Principal Investigator.
 (One of two “companion grants” for a joint project with Ken Hale, MIT.)

Academic positions:

Professor of Linguistics, Rutgers, 7/2000 – .
Associate Professor of Linguistics, Rutgers, 7/1994 – 6/2000.
Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Rutgers, 9/1988 – 6/1994.

Other professional experience:

- 2009 • Faculty, *Linguistic Society of America Institute*.
University of California, Berkeley, USA.
Three-week course during July 6- August 13 (planned).
- 2006 • Faculty, *European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information*.
University of Málaga, Málaga, Spain.
July 31 – August 11.
- 2001 • Visiting Scientist, *Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics*.
Nijmegen, the Netherlands.
June 5 – 30.
- 2000 • Deputy for *Chair in General Linguistics (C4 Professorship)*
Bielefeld University, Bielefeld, Germany.
October 1, 2000 – March 31, 2001 (Winter Semester).
 - Visiting Professor, *Institute for Computational Linguistics*.
Stuttgart University, Stuttgart, Germany.
May 1 – 30.
- 1999 • Visiting Scientist, *Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics*.
Nijmegen, the Netherlands.
November 10 – December 9.
- 1998 • Visiting Professor, *Institute for Computational Linguistics*.
Stuttgart University, Stuttgart, Germany.
May 8 – June 18.
- 1997 • Fellow, *Institute for Advanced Studies (Semantics Group)*.
Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel.
August 3, 1997 – January 18, 1998.
 - Faculty, *Linguistic Society of America Institute*.
Cornell University, Ithaca, U.S.A.
June 23 – July 4.
- 1994 • Faculty, *Australian Linguistic Society Institute*.
La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia.
July 4 – 15.
- 1989 • Invited Participant, *Workshop on Crosslinguistic Quantification*.
Linguistic Society of America Institute, Arizona University.
June 26 – August 4.

Publications:

- **Book**

1994. *Case, Scope, and Binding*. Kluwer, Dordrecht. 202 pages.

- **Articles in refereed journals**

2006 “Ontology for human talk and thought (not robotics).”
Theoretical Linguistics **32**:47–56.

2005 “Future discourse in a tenseless language.”
Journal of Semantics **12**:339 – 388.

2001. “Surface composition as bridging.”
Journal of Semantics **8**:127–177.

1999. “Concealed causatives.”
Natural Language Semantics **7**:1 – 78.

1998. “Cross-linguistic semantics for questions.”
Linguistics and Philosophy **21**:1 – 82.

1996. “The structural determination of case and agreement.” With Ken Hale.
Linguistic Inquiry **27**:1 – 68.

1996. “Ergativity: Toward a theory of a heterogeneous class.” With Ken Hale.
Linguistic Inquiry **27**:531 – 604.

1994. “Cross-Linguistic Semantics.”
Linguistics and Philosophy **17**:53 – 108.

1987. “On the semantics of the Greenlandic Antipassive and related constructions.”
International Journal of American Linguistics **53**:194 - 231.

- **Other publications**

- in press* “Quantification as reference: Evidence from Q-verbs.” With Naja Trondjem. In: *Quantification: A Cross-Linguistic Perspective* (Lisa Matthewson, ed.), Chap. 2, pp. 7 – 66. Elsevier, Amsterdam.
- in press* “Aspectual universals of temporal anaphora”. In: *Theoretical and Crosslinguistic Approaches to the Semantics of Aspect* (Susan Rothstein, ed.), Chap. 11, pp. 349 – 385. John Benjamins, Amsterdam.
- 2007 “Online update: Temporal, modal, and *de se* anaphora in polysynthetic discourse.” In: *Direct Compositionality* (Chris Barker and Pauline Jacobson, eds.), Chap. 11, pp. 363–404. Oxford University Press, Oxford.
- 2003 “Word order and incremental update.” In: *Proceedings from CLS 39-1*, pp. 634–664. Chicago Linguistics Society, Chicago.
2001. “Topical referents for individuals and possibilities.” In: *Proceedings from SALT XI* (R. Hastings, B. Jackson and Z. Zvolensky, eds.), pp. 36 – 55. CLC, Cornell University.
2000. “Comparative notes on ergative case systems.” With Ken Hale. In *Papers on Australian Languages [MITWPEL 2]* (Robert Pensalfini and Norvin Richards, eds.), pp. 67 – 104. Department of Linguistics, MIT.
1999. “Tense and aspect in Cross-Linguistic Semantics.” Report Nr. 143, *Working Papers of SFB 340: Linguistic Foundations for Computational Linguistics*, 32 pages. Universität Stuttgart *et al.*
1995. “Quantification in Eskimo: A challenge for compositional semantics.” In: *Quantification in Natural Languages* (E. Bach *et al.*, eds.), pp. 59 – 80. Kluwer, Dordrecht.
1995. “Remarks on definiteness in Warlpiri.” With Ken Hale. In: *Quantification in Natural Languages* (E. Bach *et al.*, eds.), pp. 81 – 106, Kluwer, Dordrecht.

Mini-courses:

2009 (planned):

Crosslinguistic compositional semantics (6 x 105 min).
Linguistic Society of America Institute,
University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A.
Three-week course during July 6 – August 13

2006:

Temporal anaphora in tenseless languages (5 x 90 min).
Advanced course in Logic and Language.
European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information.
University of Malaga, Málaga, Spain.
July 31 – August 11

2000:

Individuals and possibilities (3 x 2 hrs).
Institute for Computational Linguistics,
Stuttgart University, Germany.
May 12 – 26.

1998:

Tense and aspect in Cross-Linguistic Semantics (6 x 2 hrs).
Institute for Computational Linguistics,
Stuttgart University, Germany.
May 19 – June 17.

1997:

Semantic issues in ergative languages (4 x 2 hrs).
Linguistic Society of America Institute,
Cornell University, Ithaca, U.S.A.
June 23 – July 4.

1994:

Syntax and semantics of the ergative construction (4 x 2 hrs, with Ken Hale).
Australian Linguistic Society Institute,
La Trobe University, Australia.
July 4 – 15.

Ergativity (3 x 2 hrs, with Ken Hale).
Institute for Research in Cognitive Science,
University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
April 13 – 15.

Invited conference presentations since 2000:

2008 (planned):

“Conditional prospects in a tenseless language” (February 28)
DGfS-Workshop on *Tense across Languages*.
Bamberg University, Germany. February 27–29.

2006:

“World-based or centering-based perspective: Comments on Roberts” (November 4)
Workshop on *Philosophy and Linguistics*.
Michigan University, U.S.A. November 3–5.

“Referents for natural language quantifiers”
First RULing Conference in Theoretical Linguistics,
Rutgers University, U.S.A. April 21.

2005:

“Aspect-based temporal anaphora across languages.” (June 28)
Workshop on *Theoretical and Crosslinguistic Approaches to Aspect*.
Bar Ilan University, Israel. June 27–30.

2003:

“Ontology for incremental update: Polysynthesis online.” (June 19)
Workshop on *Direct Compositionality*.
Brown University, U.S.A. June 19–22.

“Word order and incremental update.” (April 12)
39th Annual Meeting of the *Chicago Linguistic Society*.
Chicago University, U.S.A. April 10–12.

2001:

“Topical referents for individuals and possibilities.” (May 11)
11th Conference on *Semantics and Linguistic Theory*.
New York University, U.S.A. May 11–13.

“Dynamics of ‘free’ word order in Greenlandic Eskimo.” (April 20)
Conference on *Semantics of Underrepresented Languages in the Americas*.
University of Massachusetts at Amherst, U.S.A. April 20–22.

2000:

“Type-driven bridging in serial verb constructions.” (December 18).
5th Conference on *Sinn und Bedeutung*.
Amsterdam University, the Netherlands. December 18–20.

“Nominal and modal anaphora in correlatives.” (June 16)
Workshop on *The Syntax and Semantics of Relative Clause Constructions*.
Tel Aviv University, Israel. June 14 – 16.

Some other invited lectures since 2000:

2006:

“Aspectual universals of temporal anaphora”
Construction of Meaning Workshop, *Stanford University*, U.S.A.
March 13.

2005:

“Remarks on the semantics of a polysynthetic lexicon.”
Invited lecture.
Department of Linguistics, *Bar-Ilan University*, Israel.
December 20.

2004:

“‘Future’ as expectation in a tenseless language.” Linguistics colloquium.
Center for General Linguistics, Typology and Universals, Berlin.
May 28.

“Online update: Quantified *de se* and polysynthesis.” Invited lecture.
Institute for Computational Linguistics, *Stuttgart University*, Germany.
May 21.

2003:

“Habituals in discourse: Reference to habits.” Linguistics colloquium.
Department of Linguistics, *Harvard University*, Boston.
December 12.

2002:

“Unified dynamics for ‘free’ and ‘rigid’ word order.” Linguistics colloquium.
Center for Cognitive Science, *Edinburgh University*, United Kingdom.
May 24.

2001:

“Unified dynamics for ‘free’ and ‘rigid’ word order.” Invited lecture.
Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop, *Stanford University*, U.S.A.
March 8.

“Topical referents for individuals and possibilities.” Invited lecture.
Center for General Linguistics, Typology and Universals, Berlin, Germany.
February 23.

2000:

“Field work and theory: The Eskimo antipassive revisited.” Linguistics colloquium.
Graduate School of Linguistics, *Bielefeld University*, Germany.
May 11.