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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 a native speaker. New York, USA.
Hebrew. 1997 (5 months). Field work in Israel.
Kalaallisut. 1986–1997 (2–8 weeks a year). Field work with native speakers.
Copenhagen, Denmark.
Kalaallisut. 1982–84 (24 months). Primary school teaching, in Kalaallisut, in a
hunting-and-fishing settlement inhabited by ca. 170 monolingual speakers.
Ukkusissat, Uummannaq district, Greenland.
Hebrew. 1979–80 (9 months). Ulpan in Kibbutz Beit Hashita, Israel.
Kalaallisut. 1978–79 (6 months). Interpreter (Kalaallisut-Danish-English) for a polar
bear biologist, translator (Kalaallisut-to-Danish) for a local paper, and other
field work. Qaanaq and Qeqqertat, Qaanaq district, Greenland.
Kalaallisut. 1977–78 (12 months). Primary school teaching, in Kalaallisut, in a
hunting-and-fishing settlement inhabited by ca. 140 monolingual speakers.
Illorsuit, Uummannaq district, Greenland.
Kalaallisut (East dialect). 1976 (2 months). Pilot study. Ammassalik and
Kuuummiut, 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.
27 July – 13 August (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
 - 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**

- 2008 “Quantification as reference: Evidence from Q-verbs.” With Naja Trondjem. In: *Quantification: A Cross-Linguistic Perspective* (Lisa Matthewson, ed.), Chap. 2, pp. 7 – 66. Emerald, Amsterdam.
- 2008 “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.

Under review

- 2008 “Counterfactuals as real attitudes.” Under review for *Journal of Semantics*. Submitted July 31, 2008. [pdf at <http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~mbittner>]
- 2008 “Grammatical centering: Tense, mood, and evidentiality.” Invited paper under review for *Tense across Languages* (R. Musan and M. Rathert, eds.), Niemeyer Series *Linguistische Arbeiten*, Tübingen. Submitted August 31, 2008. [pdf at <http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~mbittner>]

Book contract

- 2008 *Temporality: Universals and Variation*. Wiley-Blackwell.
Contract signed: April 15, 2008. Delivery date: September 30, 2010.

Mini-courses:

2009 (planned):

Crosslinguistic compositional semantics (6 x 1 hr 45 min).

Linguistic Society of America Institute,
University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A.
27 July – 13 August

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.
31 July – 11 August

2000:

Individuals and possibilities (3 x 2 hrs).

Institute for Computational Linguistics,
Stuttgart University, Germany.
12 – 26 May

1998:

Tense and aspect in Cross-Linguistic Semantics (6 x 2 hrs).

Institute for Computational Linguistics,
Stuttgart University, Germany.
19 May – 17 June

1997:

Semantic issues in ergative languages (4 x 2 hrs).

Linguistic Society of America Institute,
Cornell University, Ithaca, U.S.A.
23 June – 4 July

1994:

Syntax and semantics of the ergative construction (4 x 2 hrs, with Ken Hale).

Australian Linguistic Society Institute,
La Trobe University, Australia.
4 – 15 July

Ergativity (3 x 2 hrs, with Ken Hale).

Institute for Research in Cognitive Science,
University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
13 – 15 April

Invited conference presentations since 2000:

2008:

“Indicative counterfactuals” (June 18)
Mini-Workshop on *Causality*
Institute for Computational Linguistics, Stuttgart University, Germany.

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

2006:

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

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

2005:

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

2003:

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

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

2001:

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

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

2000:

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

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

Some other invited lectures since 2001:

2009

“Nominal and temporal anaphora in Chinese”

Department of Linguistics, *Ohio State University*, U.S.A.

January 16

2008:

“Grammatical centering: Tense, mood, and evidentiality”

ILLC, *University of Amsterdam*, the Netherlands.

September 5

“Tense, mood, and evidentiality”

Institute for Computational Linguistics, *Stuttgart University*, Germany.

June 12

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.”

Department of Linguistics, *Bar-Ilan University*, Israel.

December 20

2004:

“‘Future’ as expectation in a tenseless language.”

Center for General Linguistics, Typology & Universals, Berlin, Germany.

May 28

“Online update: Quantified *de se* and polysynthesis.”

Institute for Computational Linguistics, *Stuttgart University*, Germany.

May 21

2003:

“Habituals in discourse: Reference to habits.”

Department of Linguistics, *Harvard University*, Boston, U.S.A.

December 12

2002:

“Unified dynamics for ‘free’ and ‘rigid’ word order.”

Center for Cognitive Science, *Edinburgh University*, United Kingdom.

May 24

2001:

“Unified dynamics for ‘free’ and ‘rigid’ word order.”

Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop, *Stanford University*, U.S.A.

March 8

“Topical referents for individuals and possibilities.”

Center for General Linguistics, Typology and Universals, Berlin, Germany.

February 23