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Education and degrees completed

1998, PhD, Sign Language, Department of Linguistics, Stockholm University

Thesis title: *Teckenspråk i taktill form – frågor och turtagning i dövblindas samtal på teckenspråk* (Tactile Sign Language – turn taking and questions in signed conversations of deaf-blind people), supervised by professor Brita Bergman and docent Inger Ahlgren

2012, Docent/Reader in Sign Language, Department of Linguistics, Stockholm University

Current position

January 2019, Professor in Sign Language, Department of Linguistics, Stockholm University

Previous work experience (academic only)

2005–2018 Associate professor in Sign Language, Dept. of Linguistics, Stockholm University;

2003–2004 Researcher, Department of Linguistics, Stockholm University; 2001–2004 Senior

Lecturer, Dept. of Education, Örebro University, 2000–2001 Senior Lecturer, Teacher Education,

Malmö University, 1997–1998 Research assistant, Stockholm University

Personal research funding and grants (selected 2019-2009)

Title	Source	Role	Size SEK	Period
Från tal till tecken – att lära sig Svenskt teckenspråk som andraspråk (principal investigator Krister Schönström)	RJ	Co-PI	2 900 000	2017–2019
Swe-Clarín, syntactic constructions (principal investigator Mats Wiren)	VR	Co-PI	324 236	2017
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Gemensamt teckenrum i taktill teckenspråk I-II	Mo Gårds Forskningsfond	PI	200 000/ 268 000	2015/ 2013
Utveckling av lärarutbildning för dövas och hörselskadades behov	SU/LUN	PI	698 762	2015
Ett studiematerial	SU/LUN	PI	573 133	2012
Korpus för det svenska teckenspråket	RJ	PI	3 500 000	2009–2011

Awards

Eva och Lars Gårdings pris i lingvistik 2020

Leadership and supervision experience

2017–2019 Co-PI learner corpus project; 2009–2011 principal investigator corpus project; 2018–2020 post-doc Sílvia Gabarró-López (responsible); 2015–2020 doctoral student Josefina Safar (main supervisor); 2015–present doctoral student Anna-Maria Slotte (secondary supervisor); 2017 doctoral student Pia Simper-Allen (secondary/main supervisor)

Teaching experience

1999–2020 BA courses: *Deaf language, culture and history, Deaf studies, Sign language grammar I-II, Analysis of sign language texts I-II, Tactile sign language, Sign language theory II, Computer*

linguistics, Sign language corpora Linguistics, communication, Swedish Sign language in practice II-III, Sign language grammar and Sign structure, Stockholm University, Sweden
2011–2020 MA courses: *Signed language corpora, Cognitive sign language theory, Project course*, Stockholm University, Sweden
2018 Guest lectures: *Sign language linguistics, sign language poetry, language teaching*, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil
1999–2015 Guest lectures MA: *Sign language linguistics, Text analysis, Semantic and pragmatics Sign language corpora*, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
2011 Guest lectures: *Arts Work with two languages*, Stockholm Academy of Dramatic, Sweden
2000–2004 BA courses: *Sign language 20-40p*, Örebro University, Sweden
1999–2000 BA courses: *Sign language 20-40p*, Malmö University, Sweden

Experience of organising scientific meetings

2012-2020 Organisation committee, Workshops on the Representation and Processing of Sign Languages at Language Resources and Evaluation Conferences (LREC), Istanbul, Reykjavik, Portorož, Miyazaki, Marseille, 5x100 participants
2013-2019 Theme day in sign language research, Stockholm University, 4x200 participants
2017, 2014 Nordic seminar for sign language corpus and lexika, Stockholm University, 2x40 participants
2009-2010 Member of the Sign Linguistics Corpora Network/ Program committee Workshop of the Sign Linguistics Corpora Network 1-4, London, Nijmegen, Stockholm, Berlin, 4x100 participants
2006 Local committee for 3rd International Deaf Academics and Researchers Conference, Stockholm, 100 participants

Other key scientific or academic merits

Pre-examiner/opponent of a doctoral dissertation, 2002, 2004, 2004, 2008, 2009
Grant reviews 2009-2020, 11 research councils
Journal reviews 2009-2020, 20 different journals (e.g. Language, Learning and Development; Language in Society; Sign Language Studies; Lingua; Research in Developmental Disabilities; Topics in Cognitive Science; Glossa: a journal of general linguistics; International Journal of Corpus Linguistics etc.)

Memberships and positions of trust in scientific societies

Professional membership: Vice-chair in Sign Language Linguistics Society 2013–; Steering committee member of the Linguistic Diversity future research area, SU 2020–; SWE-Clarín 2016–; Member of the Board of the Department of Linguistics, SU 2009–2020; Member of management team for BA programme in Sign Language and Interpreting, SU, 2013–2018; Advisory committee member for The Deafness, Cognition and Language Research Centre (DCAL) at University College London, 2011–2015; Member of the Sign Linguistics Corpora Network research group 2009–2010.

Membership in editorial boards: Advisory board for The Deaf Studies Digital Journal (DSDJ) 2018–; The Sociolinguistics in Deaf Communities series Member of editorial board 2016–; Editorial board for proceedings of the workshops on the Representation and Processing of Sign Languages, LREC 2012- ; Rapportserie "Forskning om teckenspråk (FOT)" Member of editorial board 2012– ; Sign Language Studies Member of editorial board 2010–;
Member of several scholarly associations (e.g. Sign Language Linguistics Society, International Pragmatics Association)

Altogether 4 sign language corpora; 88 listed publications; many television/radio interviews