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Degrees and Employment

Filosofie magister in Scandinavian Languages, English, Literature, 1970, and Linguistics 1974.
Ph.D. (in Linguistics) 1983: Diss.: *Studies in Swedish Sign Language*
Docent in Sign Language 1988
Professor in Sign Language 1991-
Working member of the Royal Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities 2006-

Research

Initiated Swedish research on sign language in 1971. Since 1972 affiliated to the Department of Linguistics, Stockholm University. Research on the structure of Swedish Sign Language includes studies of sign formation, creation of a transcription system for Swedish Sign Language, studies in morphology, syntax, negation, reference, narrative structure, and analysis and evaluation of the manual system Signed Swedish. Present research interests are cognitive sign language theory and children's early sign language acquisition.

Educational development

I have contributed to the creation of Swedish Sign Language as an academic subject at Stockholm University, and to the establishing of the Sign Language Section within the Department of Linguistics. I have developed university programs in sign language for deaf students from basic level up to graduate studies (supervisor of four finished dissertations: Lars Wallin 1994, Johanna Mesch 1998, Marianna Hatzopoulou 2008, Anna-Lena Nilsson 2010), programs for interpreters, and programs in sign language for hearing students at basic level. I have taught courses on sign language since 1979.

Research grants (project leader)

European Cultural Heritage Online (ECHO): Language as Cultural heritage – a pilot study with Sign Languages 2003-2004 *EU*
Swedish Sign Language Dictionary 2001 *The Swedish Academy*
Digital Version of Swedish Sign Language Dictionary 1998-2000 *Foundation for Knowledge and Competence Development and The Swedish National Association of the Deaf*
Computer based Dictionary for Swedish Sign Language 1990-1993 *The Bank of Sweden Tercentary Foundation*
Sentence Structure in Swedish Sign Language 1983-85 *Swedish Council for Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences*
The Sign Language of the Deaf II: Grammatical Processes in a Visual-gestural Language 1980-83 *The Bank of Sweden Tercentary Foundation*
The Sign Language of the Deaf 1977-79 *The Bank of Sweden Tercentary Foundation*
The Linguistic Status of Sign Language 1972-76 *The Swedish National Board of Education*

Commissions (Member of)

- the Board and the Screening Committee of the *Swedish Fulbright Commission*, 1996-2001
- the Coordination Committee of the *European Science Foundation Network Intersign*: sign linguistics and data exchange, 1997-2000
- the editorial board and consultant to the Swedish Sign Language Dictionary (publ. 1997)
- the editorial board of the *International Journal of Sign Linguistics* 1989-1991.
- the Scientific commission of communication, *World Federation of the Deaf*, 1980-1988)
- the *scientific organizing committee* of among others the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Symposia of Sign Language Research (Stockholm 1979, Rome 1983, Lappeenranta 1987, Salamanca 1992) and of the 7th TISLR conference (Amsterdam 2000)

Awards

STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY AWARD FOR EXCELLENT TEACHING, 2004
LARS KRUTH MEDAL, National Swedish Association of the Deaf, 1992
HONORARY REWARD, National Swedish Association of the Deaf at its 60th anniversary, 1982
GRANHOLM FOUNDATION GRANT, the President of Stockholm University, 1980
GOLDEN ELEPHANT for outstanding contribution within education, Swedish National Board of Education, 1978