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Education and Academic Positions

Apr. 2013 – Spring 2013 **Deputy Director** at CoE Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan (MultiLing)
Fulfilled additional research leadership training at the [Research leadership programme](#) at University of Oslo

Nov. 2011 **Professor** in Scandinavian Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition
2009 – 2012 Research Director and part of the Management at the Dept. of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies, University of Oslo

2008/2009 Fulfilled the [Research leadership programme](#) at University of Oslo.

2007 – **Associate professor** at the Dept. of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies, University of Oslo

2005 – 2007 Post Doctoral Fellow at the Dept. of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies, University of Oslo. Project: Multiethnolects, multilingualism and identity constructions among adolescents in Oslo

2005 **Dr. art. (ph. d.)**

2004 – 2005 **Assistant professor**

2004 Doctoral thesis, *As long as we understand each other: Language choice, multilingual competence and socialization among Norwegian-Filipino children in Oslo*. Oslo: Unipub

1998 – 2004 Doctoral student with 1 year teaching at the Dept. of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies, University of Oslo (incl. child birth and care)

1997 **Pedagogical degree** (1 year)

1996 **MA**, Norwegian as a second language (MA. thesis: Acquisition of Adjectives), Semantics (minor) and Literature for children (minor), University of Oslo

1993 **BA**, Scandinavian studies (major), Norwegian as a second language (minor) and Political science (minor), University of Oslo

Research development and Administration (selected)

2011-2013 Initiated and co-developed the application for and the implementation of the Centre of Excellence: MultiLing Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan. Granted and opened 1. June 2013.

Spring 2014 Developed the annual Research Campaign organized by the Research Council of Norway and Center for Science Education, University of Bergen, wherein all pupils in the Norwegian schools are invited to be language researchers under the Norwegian Science Week in September, organized by the Research Council of Norway (with E. Ryen).

2013-2016 Project Leader for the Language Exhibition at Oslo City Museum 1.4.16-31.12.16.

2013-2016 Project Leader for a PhD project on Norwegian Romani held by Jakob Wiedner, financed by the Research Council of Norway.

Jan. 2013 WP leader in a proposal for EU-project: MORE within the 7. framework program.

2009-2013 As the Research Director at Dept. of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies I contributed to develop the Department's strategic plans; had the responsibility for the Department's research applications, research funding, doctoral committees, as well as the personal responsibility for the doctoral scholars at the Dept. (approx. 20)

Participant in web based learning tools <http://www.dialektxperten.no> and Nasjonal digital læringsarena <http://ndla.no/>: multilingualism and language use in multiethnic urban settings

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Participation in a reference group for Oslo municipality to develop foreign language teaching in non-European languages, December 2006 – June 2007.

Participation in a reference group for the Ministry of Education to develop the national curriculum in mother tongue instruction for linguistic minorities, December 1999.

Co-developer of a database with research over the Nordic languages as second language
www.nordbas.org

Member of Scientific Boards/Committees/Conference Organizations (last 5 years)

- 2011-2015 Board Member in the Norwegian Research Council's programme SAMKUL: Samfunnets kulturelle fortsetninger 'Cultural Prerequisites Underlying Societal Development'
- 2009-2013 Leader of the Research Committee at Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies, University of Oslo
- 2014 Co-organizer of the 11th International Conference on Romani Linguistics, University of Oslo, 15.-17. September
- 2014 Co-organizer of the SONE-conference, Sociolinguistic Network Symposium in Norway, Oslo, 6-7 March.
- 2013/14 Co-organizer of [Unesco's International Mother language Day](#) at the Literature House, Oslo, 21 February 2014 where I was invited as a plenary speaker.
- 2013 Organiser of the panel 'Sociolinguistic Perspectives on Multilingualism' at the national conference MONS Meeting on Norwegian Language(s), at the University of Oslo, November.
- 2013 Co-organizer of the seminar [Linguistic Diversity at the Work Place: Risk or Resource?](#) At the National Library, 15.10.13
- August 2012 Co-Organizer of the two days panel 'Language, Identity and Place' at The 19th International Symposium on Sociolinguistics, Berlin.
- 2011 Co-organizer of the [International Symposium on Bilingualism](#) in Oslo.
- 2009 Co-organizer (with Jacomine Nortier, Associate professor, University of Utrecht) of the work shop: Adolescents in multilingual contexts at The Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS), Wassenaar, Holland, 9.-10. January 2009.
- 1 ordinary opponent for Mette Vedsgaard Christensen's doctoral defense, Aarhus University Denmark, 6. December 2012
- 1 ordinary opponent for Edit Bugge's doctoral defense, Bergen University, Spring 2013
- 3 ordinary opponent for Gunhild Tomter Alstad's doctoral defense for the degree dr. philos. The title of the thesis: Barnehagen som språklæringsarena. En kasusstude av tre barnehagelæreres andrespråksdidaktiske praksiser (The Nursery as Arena for Language Acquisition). 23.5.14.
- 3 ordinary opponent for Kari Gresvik Rønneberg's doctoral defense for the degree dr. philos. The title of the thesis: Politisamtaler med publikum. Språkbruk som hemmer eller fremmer god kommunikasjon [Police Conversations], 16.1.2009
- Spring 2010 Committee for evaluation of Ph.D. Marie Maegaard for a regular position, University of Copenhagen
- Leader of four doctoral disputations, Toril Opsahl, Susan Nacey, Jan Grue, Karine Stjernholm.

National Presentations (past 5 years)

39 wherein 26 have been as invited plenary speaker/guest lecturer.

International conference presentations (the past 5 years)

- March 2014 Where have all the languages gone, long time passing? Family language policy across time in a Filipino diaspora, AAAL, American Association for Applied Linguistics, Portland, Oregon, US, 24.03.14
- May 2014 Social Identities and Values in the Debate on «Kebab-Norwegian» – an Ideological Battlefield. Conference on *Urban Multilingualism*, University of Manchester. Invited participant. 2-3 May

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- October 2013 MultiLing Center of Multilingualism across the Lifespan – Qou Vadis? The 4th Nordic Network Conference on Linguistic Practices in Multilingual Urban Spaces (*MultiNord*), Copenhagen.
- August 2012 Between Local Romanticism and Dangerous Places. Language, Place and Identity in Contemporary Discourses on Young People in Ethnically Mixed Neighborhoods. *The 19th International Symposium on Sociolinguistics*, Berlin.
- 18.11.11 Flerspråklige urbane Skandinavia [Multilingual Urban Scandinavia]. Invited plenary speaker on the Nordic Conference *Ung i Norden* [Young in the Nordic area].
- October 2011 The Construction of Voices of Urban Adolescents (with Lian Malai Madsen). The 3rd Nordic Network Conference on Linguistic Practices in Multilingual Urban Spaces. University of Stockholm.
- 16.6.11 Constructing voices of multicultural youth. *The 8th International Symposium on Bilingualism*, Oslo (P. Quist & B.A. Svendsen)
- 04.09.10 Wallah, I swear this paper is on stylisation! Stylisation as expression of young people's apprehension of social stratification in Oslo. (Toril Opsahl & Bente Ailin Svendsen). *The 18th International Symposium on Sociolinguistics*, Southampton.

Publications (the past 5 years)

Svendsen won as part of an author collective the *Norwegian Language Award 2009* for publication nr 2.

Forthcoming

- (10) B.A. Svendsen & E. Lanza. *Language and migration*. Commissioned by Palgrave.
- (9) Between Local Romanticism and Dangerous Places. Language, Place and Identity in Contemporary Discourses on Young People in Ethnically Mixed Neighborhoods. In P. Quist & B.A. Svendsen (eds.), *Language, Place and Identity*. Planned to be published as part of a special issue of *International Journal of Sociology of Language*.

2014

- (8) J. Nortier & B.A. Svendsen (eds.) 2014: *Language, Youth, and Identity in the 21st Century. Linguistic Practices across Urban Spaces*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- (8a) B.A. Svendsen 2014: Language, Youth, and Identity in the 21st Century: Contents and continuations. In J. Nortier & B.A. Svendsen (eds.), *Language, Youth and Identity in the 21st Century. Linguistic Practices across Urban Spaces*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- (8b) L. M. Madsen & B.A. Svendsen 2014: Stylized Voices of Ethnicity and Social Divisions. In J. Nortier & B.A. Svendsen (eds.), *Language, Youth and Identity in the 21st Century*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- (7) B.A. Svendsen 2014. Kebabnorskdebatten En språkideologisk forhandling om sosial identitet *Tidsskrift for ungdomsforskning*, nr 1.

2012

- (6) Et språklig bakholdsangrep? "Østfold-l'ens" inntog i Oslo [A Linguistic Ambush? The March of Apical /l/ in Oslo]. In Enger, H.O. og U. Røyneland (red.), *Fra holtijaR til holting*. Oslo: Novus.

2011

- (5) Språklig leiliending eller entreprenør? [A linguistic tenant farmer or entrepreneur?] Integreringskartet, IMDI.
- (4) J. S. Nilsen, B.A. Svendsen, H. Uri og A. Østby: *Fakta faen*. Oslo: Cappelen Damm.

2010

- (3) Quist, P. & B. A. Svendsen (Eds): *Multilingual Urban Scandinavia. New Linguistic Practices*. Clevedon: Multilingual Matters.
- (3a) Introduction (Svendsen & Quist)
- (3b) Linguistic Practices in Multilingual Urban Contexts in Norway (Svendsen)

2009

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- (2) Flerspråklighet i teori og praksis (Multilingualism in theory and practice. I Rita Hvistendahl (Ed.), *Flerspråklighet i skolen* (Multilingualism in school). Oslo: Universitetsforlaget (Oslo University Press).
(1) Flerspråklige filippinere. (Multilingual Filipinos). In T. Bull (red.) *Flerspråklighet i Norge* ('Multilingualism in Norway'). Novus: Oslo.

Reviewing and Editing for Professional Journals and Books

Peer review of manuscripts sent to various international journals such as Nordand. Nordisk tidsskrift for andrespråksforskning, Fagbokforlaget, NOA. Norsk som andrespråk, Novus, Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural development, Routledge, og Language, Culture and Curriculum, Routledge. Editor of NOA. Norsk som andrespråk, Novus, and in the Editorial Board for Oslo Studies in Language og Målbryting.

Media Participations (selected)

Op-eds: [‘Kebab-Norwegian’ and claims for Norwegian\(ness\)](#), NRK Ytring, 8.12.13, [Swearing is not a sign of poor language](#) (with Ingunn I. Ims), NRK Ytring, 13.12.13, [Find five mistakes in the debate on bilingualism](#) (with E. Lanza, H.G. Simonsen, P. Lane, E. Ryen & A. Golden), *Aftenposten Viten* 3.12.13, [International consensus in the research on bilingualism](#) (with E. Lanza, H.G. Simonsen, P. Lane, E. Ryen & A. Golden), *Aftenposten Viten* 10.12.13.

Television: National News and Debate Programmes: [Dialect Empire](#) TV Series, NRK, 3.11.13, Apical l in Oslo, Daily News, NRK, 20.2.14, The spread of ‘Østfold-l’ at [Aftenposten internet-TV](#), 11.1.2013, Sommeråpent, NRK, national TV, about swearing, 20.7.2011, The international mother tongue day (UNESCO), NRK/TV, national news, 21.2.12, Youth without jobs due to their language, [NRK/TV/I kveld](#), 17.6.09, Østfold-l is spreading, NRK/News 28.03.07, Language in multiethnic Oslo, NRK/News 31.08.05

Regional television: Multiethnolects in South of Norway? TVSør, 17.10.06, Learning Norwegian, NRK/TV, 18.09.96

National Radio: Språkteigen, NRK/P2, 20.10.13 Presentation of MultiLing Center for Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan (2 hours). Multilingualism, Språkteigen, NRK, 2.6.13, Radio Norge, 25.8.10, Early multilingualism, NRK/Migrapolis, 22.02.10, New report on bilingualism from the European Commission, NRK/Verdt å vite, 28.11.09, The rapper DannyBoy and the linguist are talking about new dialects in Oslo, NRK/Språkteigen, 18.11.09 and 25.4.10, In which language are our dreams? NRK/Magasinet, 03.11.09, Multicultural Norway. Migrapolis, NRK/P2, 14.6.09, Invited guest to Knutsen and Ludvigsen’s 25 års anniversary for the album *Juba Juba*. NRK/P3Morgen, 10.10.08, NRK/P2 Språkteigen 17.10.2008 and in August 2009, Multilingualism, NRK/Gull, 30.04.2008, The spread of apical L, NRK/Språkteigen, 28.4.08, Language and identity, Radio Nova 24.04.08, Learning Norwegian – what is difficult? NRK/P1, Norgesglasset, 30.08.07, Multiethnolects – NRK/Språkteigen, 13.08.07 and 10.3.08, Fuck you, NRK/Østlandssendingen, 16.10.07, Slang in Oslo, NRK/Østlandssendingen, 10.04.07, Multilingualism and language discrimination, NRK/P2, News, 02.05.05

National Newspapers: More brain activity with several languages, *Aftenposten* 29.1.13, Bilingualism, interview in *Aftenposten Leve*, 19.9.09, An including language? *Aftenposten*, 06.09.07, Who steps on whom? *Aftenposten*, 05.09.07, Language mixing, *Dagbladet*, 09.04.07, Slang in Oslo, *Aftenposten*, 23.11.06, Vietnamese and the Norwegian language, *Aftenposten*, 14.09.96

Regional Newspapers: Kebab-Norwegian is ok, interview in *Dagsavisen*, 13.6.09, <http://www.dagsavisen.no/innenriks/article420802.ece>, Multilingualism: competence and practice, *Uniforum*, 20.01.05, The Oslo dialect, *Uniforum*, 25.08.05, Bilingualism is good for the brain! *Stavanger Aftenblad*, 27.11.07

Magazines: Sjylling eller kylling? *Aftenposten Junior*, 4.2.2013, Multilinguals have advantages across the lifespan, *Apollon*, 12.8.13 (with E. Lanza). Teach your children more than one language. Interview in a magazine for parents *BAM*, 2009, 21-22 months old children (with E. Lanza)

Norwegian News Agency (NTB): (With prints in several national and regional newspapers): The spread of multiethnolects in Scandinavia, 07.07.07, Multilingualism and language discrimination, 24.05.05 Internet-news: HF-ere om forskningsmeldingen, HF-aktuelt, 7.3.12, Double joy with two languages, www.forskning.no, 01.10.09, Talks about early advantages: www.forskning.no, 20.4.09, Language discrimination, www.forskning.no, 02.05.05