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Research associate ('Prof II') at the University of Oslo

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

*Senior lecturer* ('*førstelektor*'), English language section of Department of Literature, Area Studies and European Languages (ILOS), University of Oslo. (April 2015–present)

*Research associate* ('*Prof II*') (20% of full time) on research project *Creativity and Convention in Pragmatic Development: Typical and Atypical Perspectives*, University of Oslo, funded by Research Council of Norway (302083). (Project leader: Ingrid Lossius Falkum.) (Jan 2021–May 2024)

*Honorary research associate* (unpaid role), Department of Linguistics, University College London. (2018–2020; 2022–2024)

### PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

*Research Fellow*, Reflective Mind project, Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature (CSMN), Department of Philosophy, University of Oslo. (April 2012–March 2015). Project funded by grant 213068 awarded by Research Council of Norway, humanities competition (FRIHUM).

*Post-Doctoral Research Fellow*, Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature (CSMN), Department of Philosophy, University of Oslo. (October 2008–March 2012)

*Teaching Fellow in Linguistics*, Department of Linguistics, University College London. (October 2007–October 2008)

### MAJOR GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS OBTAINED

*Centre for Philosophy and the Sciences:* Research and teaching project funded by Strategic Priorities 2019–2023, Faculty of Humanities, University of Oslo. I co-wrote the linguistics part of the project description: *Between linguistics, psychology and philosophy*.

*The Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind*: (annual summer school for graduate students, Oslo, 2016–2019). Grants awarded by Norwegian Graduate Researcher School in Linguistics and Philology (2016–2019); and within University of Oslo by CSMN (2016–2018), IFIKK (2016–2018), and *Philosophy and the Sciences* project (2019).

*The Reflective Mind*: Research project funded by the Research Council of Norway. Grant from the humanities section awarded to our team of four full-time researchers (grant no. 213068). Awarded 2011, for research 2012–2017.

*Pragmatics and Rationality*: PhD scholarship, full-time, awarded by the Arts & Humanities Research Council, UK, 2003–6.

## EDUCATION

*PhD in linguistics, University College London, 2001–2008*

Thesis: *Pragmatics and Rationality*. First supervisor: Deirdre Wilson; second supervisor: Neil Smith.

Submitted September 2007. Examined February 2008 by Robyn Carston and Billy Clark.

Funding: departmental scholarship, part-time, 2001–3; Arts & Humanities Research Council scholarship, full-time, 2003–6

*MA in linguistics, University College London, 2000–2001*

Pass with distinction. Thesis supervised by Deirdre Wilson; dissertation supervised by Robyn Carston.

*BA (Hons) in physics, St. Catherine's College, Oxford, 1991–1994*

*The King Edward VI School, Morpeth, Northumberland, 1986–1991*

## PUBLICATIONS & FORTHCOMING WORK

DOIs and ISBNs below link to journal or publisher's page.

There are downloadable postprints at [www.hf.uio.no/ilos/english/people/aca/nicholea/](http://www.hf.uio.no/ilos/english/people/aca/nicholea/)

### *Books – published*

Allott, N., Lohndal, T. & Rey, G. (Eds.). (2021). *A Companion to Chomsky*. Wiley Blackwell. ISBN: 9781119598701 (Finalist in the [philosophy category of the Association of American Publishers' PROSE Awards](#) – for PROfessional and Scholarly Excellence – 2022.)

Allott, N., Knight, C. & Smith, N. V. (Eds.). (2019). *The Responsibility of Intellectuals: Reflections by Noam Chomsky and others after 50 years*. University College London Press. DOI: [10.2307/j.ctv9b2xdv](https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctv9b2xdv)

- Smith, N. V. & Allott, N. (2016). *Chomsky: Ideas and Ideals* (3rd ed.). Cambridge University Press. (Considerably revised and expanded new edition of Smith, N. V. (2004). *Chomsky: Ideas and Ideals*) DOI: [10.1017/CBO9781139979634](https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781139979634)
- Allott, N. (2010). *Key Terms in Pragmatics*. Continuum. ISBN: [9781847063786](https://www.isbn-international.org/product/9781847063786)

*Books – under contract*

- Borthen, K., Falkum, I. L., Allott, N. & Rix Berthelin, S. (under contract). *Kommunikasjon, Ass! Innføringsbok i Pragmatikk*. Bergen: Fagbokforlaget.
- Allott, N. & Toh, K. (under contract). *Legal Interpretation*. Cambridge University Press

*Books – proposal accepted*

- Allott, N., Collins, J & Rey, G.(Eds.) (proposal accepted 2023). Selected articles and papers of Jerry Fodor on language and mind, in three volumes. Oxford University Press
- Allott, N. & Wharton, T. (Eds.) (proposal accepted 2023). *Cambridge Companion to Grice*. Cambridge University Press

*Peer-reviewed papers and chapters – published*

- Allott, N. (2023). Encapsulation, inference and utterance interpretation. *Inquiry*. DOI: [10.1080/0020174X.2023.2267084](https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2023.2267084)
- Allott, N. & Textor, M. (2022). Literal and metaphorical meaning: In search of a lost distinction. *Inquiry*. DOI: [10.1080/0020174X.2022.2128867](https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2022.2128867)
- Allott, N., Lohndal, T. & Rey, G. (2021). Chomsky’s “Galilean” explanatory style. In N. Allott, T. Lohndal & G. Rey (Eds.), *A Companion to Chomsky* (pp. 517–528). Wiley Blackwell.
- Allott, N. & Smith, N. (2021). Chomsky and Fodor on modularity. In N. Allott, T. Lohndal & G. Rey (Eds.), *A Companion to Chomsky* (pp. 529–543). Wiley Blackwell.
- Allott, N. & Wilson, D. (2021). Chomsky and pragmatics. In N. Allott, T. Lohndal & G. Rey (Eds.), *A Companion to Chomsky* (pp. 433–447). Wiley Blackwell.
- Allott, N. (2020). Metacognition and inferential accounts of communication. In T. Chan & A. Nes (Eds.), *Inference and Consciousness*. Routledge. DOI: [10.4324/9781315150703](https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315150703)
- Allott, N. (2019). Scientific tractability and relevance theory. In K. Scott, R. Carston & B. Clark (Eds.), *Relevance: Pragmatics and Interpretation* (pp. 29–41). Cambridge University Press. DOI: [10.1017/9781108290593.004](https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108290593.004)
- Allott, N. (2019). The responsibility of intellectuals in the era of bounded rationality and *Democracy for Realists*. In Allott, N., Knight, C. & Smith, N. V. (Eds.). *The Responsibility of Intellectuals: Reflections by Noam Chomsky and others after 50 years* (pp. 32–44). University College London Press. DOI: [10.2307/j.ctv9b2xdv.10](https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctv9b2xdv.10)
- Allott, N. (2018). Conversational implicature. In M. Aronoff (Ed.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Linguistics* (online encyclopaedia). Oxford University Press. DOI: [10.1093/acrefore/9780199384655.013.205](https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199384655.013.205)
- Allott, N. (2017). Metarepresentation. In A. Barron, G. Yueguo & G. Steen (Eds.), *Handbook of Pragmatics* (pp. 295–309). Routledge. ISBN: [9780415531412](https://www.isbn-international.org/product/9780415531412)
- Allott, N. & Rey, G. (2017). The many errors of Vyvyan Evans’ *The Language Myth*. *The Linguistic Review*, 34(3): 1–20. DOI: [10.1515/tlr-2017-0011](https://doi.org/10.1515/tlr-2017-0011)

- Allott, N. & Shaer, B. (2017). Inference and intention in legal interpretation. In J. Giltrow & D. Stein (Eds.), *The Pragmatic Turn: Inference and Interpretation in Legal Discourse* (pp. 83-118). De Gruyter Mouton. DOI: [10.1515/9781501504723-004](https://doi.org/10.1515/9781501504723-004)
- Allott, N. & Shaer, B. (2017). Legal speech and the elements of adjudication. In B. Slocum (Ed.), *The Nature of Legal Interpretation : What Jurists Can Learn About Legal Interpretation From Linguistics and Philosophy* (pp. 191-217). University of Chicago Press. ISBN: [9780226445021](https://doi.org/9780226445021)
- Allott, N. & Shaer, B. (2017). The illocutionary force of laws. *Inquiry*, 61(4), 351–369. DOI: [10.1080/0020174X.2017.1371865](https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2017.1371865)
- Allott, N. & Textor, M. (2017). Lexical modulation without concepts: Introducing the derivation proposal. *Dialectica*, 71(3), 399-424. DOI: [10.1111/1746-8361.12190](https://doi.org/10.1111/1746-8361.12190)
- Allott, N. (2016). Misunderstandings in verbal communication. In A. Rocci & L. de Saussure (Eds.), *Verbal Communication*. (pp. 485-507). Walter De Gruyter. DOI: [10.1515/9783110255478-025](https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110255478-025)
- Allott, N. (2014). Sperber, Dan (biographical entry). In C. A. Chapelle, K. Aijmer, M. Gonzales-Lloret, L. Ortega, L. Plakans & B. Wolter (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Applied Linguistics: online version*. Wiley-Blackwell. DOI: [10.1002/9781405198431.wbeal1451](https://doi.org/10.1002/9781405198431.wbeal1451)
- Allott, N. (2014). Wilson, Deirdre and relevance theory. In C. A. Chapelle, K. Aijmer, M. Gonzales-Lloret, L. Ortega, L. Plakans & B. Wolter (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Applied Linguistics: online version*. Wiley-Blackwell. DOI: [10.1002/9781405198431.wbeal1452](https://doi.org/10.1002/9781405198431.wbeal1452)
- Allott, N. (2013). Relevance theory. In A. Capone, F. Lo Piparo & M. Carapezza (Eds.), *Perspectives on Linguistic Pragmatics* (pp. 57-98). Springer. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-319-01014-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-01014-4)
- Allott, N. & Shaer, B. (2013). Some linguistic properties of legal notices. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*, 58(1), 43–62. DOI: [10.1017/S0008413100002516](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0008413100002516)
- Allott, N. & Textor, M. (2012). Lexical pragmatic adjustment and *ad hoc* concepts. *International Review of Pragmatics*, 4, 185–208. DOI: [10.1163/18773109-00040204](https://doi.org/10.1163/18773109-00040204)
- Allott, N. & Uchida, H. (2009). Classical logic, conditionals and “nonmonotonic” reasoning. [Short reply to a target article]. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 32(01), 85. DOI: [10.1017/S0140525X09000296](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0140525X09000296)
- Allott, N. (2006). Game theory and communication. In A. Benz, G. Jäger, & R. van Rooij (Eds.), *Game Theory and Pragmatics* (pp. 123–51). Palgrave Macmillan. DOI: [10.1057/9780230285897](https://doi.org/10.1057/9780230285897)
- Allott, N. (2006). The role of misused concepts in manufacturing consent: A cognitive account. In L. de Saussure, & P. Schulz (Eds.), *Manipulation and Ideologies in the Twentieth Century: Discourse, Language, Mind*. John Benjamins. DOI: [10.1075/dapsac.17](https://doi.org/10.1075/dapsac.17)

*Peer-reviewed papers – Forthcoming; accepted for publication*

- Allott, N. (forthcoming). Dan Sperber and Deirdre Wilson. In C. A. Chapelle (Ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Applied Linguistics: Online*. (2nd ed.). Wiley.
- Allott, N. & Lohndal, T. (forthcoming). Minimalism: Emergence and theoretical foundations. In K. Grohmann & E. Leivada (Eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Minimalism and Its Applications*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

*Papers in preparation*

- Allott, N. (in preparation). Grice, Paul. Commissioned entry for the *Store Norske Leksikon* (the leading Norwegian encyclopaedia).
- Allott, N. (in preparation). Interfaces and modularity. In A. Fabregas, C. P. Moll, & L. Mayol (Eds.), *Handbook of Linguistic Interfaces*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Allott, N. & Shaer, B. (draft). Legal interpretation and the forms of laws.

*Peer reviewed introduction, bibliography etc.:*

- Allott, N., Lohndal, T. & Rey, G. (2021). Biographical sketch. In N. Allott, T. Lohndal & G. Rey (Eds.), *A Companion to Chomsky* (pp. 18–22). Wiley Blackwell.
- Allott, N., Lohndal, T. & Rey, G. (2021). Synoptic introduction. In N. Allott, T. Lohndal & G. Rey (Eds.), *A Companion to Chomsky* (pp. 1–17). Wiley Blackwell.
- Allott, N. (2020/2023). Relevance theory [Annotated bibliography, revised 2023]. In Aronoff, M (Ed.) *Oxford Bibliographies in Linguistics*. [Online resource] Oxford University Press. DOI: [10.1093/OBO/9780199772810-0256](https://doi.org/10.1093/OBO/9780199772810-0256)

*Reviews, introductions, working papers etc.: not (or only lightly) peer-reviewed*

- Allott, N. (2022). Review of Harris 2021 *The Linguistics Wars: Chomsky, Lakoff, and the Battle over Deep Structure*. *Journal of Pragmatics*, 202, 23–25. DOI: [10.1016/j.pragma.2022.10.009](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pragma.2022.10.009)
- Allott, N. (2019). Introduction: ‘The Responsibility of Intellectuals’: What it does and does not say. In Allott, N., Knight, C. & Smith, N. V. (Eds.). *The Responsibility of Intellectuals: Reflections by Noam Chomsky and others after 50 years* (pp. 1–4). University College London Press. DOI: [10.2307/j.ctv9b2xdv.6](https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctv9b2xdv.6)
- Allott, N. (2018). Some notes on the centrality of Chomsky’s methodology to the cognitive sciences. In M. Schiffmann (Ed.), *Revolutionary New Ideas Appear Infrequently: Essays for Noam Chomsky’s 90th Birthday* (pp. 23–29). (Informal *festschrift*.)
- Allott, N. (2010). Conference report: ‘Formal Semantics and Pragmatics, 19–21 November’. *The Reasoner*, 4(12).
- Allott, N. & Uchida, H. (2009). Natural language indicative conditionals are classical. *UCL Working Papers in Linguistics*, 21: 1–17.
- Allott, N. (2005). Paul Grice, reasoning and pragmatics. *UCL Working Papers in Linguistics*, 17: 217–43.
- Allott, N. (2003). Game theory and communication. *UCL Working Papers in Linguistics* 15: 1–33.
- Allott, N. (2002). Relevance and rationality. *UCL Working Papers in Linguistics* 14: 69–82.
- Allott, N. and Rubio Fernandez, P. (2002). This paper fills a much-needed gap. In P. Afuta, A. El Ghali and F. Toussanel (eds.), *Actes de l’Atelier des doctorants en linguistique 2002* (Université Paris 7), 97–102 (unnumbered pages).

*Writing for the general public*

Allott, N. (2019). Creativity and freedom: Nicholas Allott considers Chomsky at ninety. *The Philosophers' Magazine*, 87, 55–60.

Allott, N. (2013). Kommunikasjon ['Communication']. Commissioned entry for the *Store Norske Leksikon* (the leading Norwegian encyclopaedia). Ed. & trans. Georg Kjøll. <http://snl.no/kommunikasjon>

*PhD thesis*

Allott, N. (2008). Pragmatics and rationality. PhD thesis, University of London.

## ACADEMIC LECTURING, SUPERVISION, EXAMINING AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Lecturing and teaching experience*

University of Oslo, *Department of Literature, Area Studies and European Languages* –

Lecture and seminar series given:

*Accents of English in the British Isles* (MA and advanced BA level: autumn 2018, autumn 2020)

*English Phonetics and Intonation* (Introductory BA level: autumn 2018; spring 2020; spring 2021; spring 2022)

*English legal language: Interpretation and meaning* (MA level: from autumn 2020)

*Linguistics and Literature in English* (MA and advanced BA level: from 2018)

*Pragmatics: Meaning, Communication and Cognition* (MA level: from spring 2021)

*Semantics and Pragmatics* (MA and advanced BA level: from 2015)

*Relevance Theory* (MA level: from 2016–2020),

Teaching of classes:

Classes on English grammar (Introductory BA level: from 2015)

Classes on the phonetics and intonation of English (Introductory BA level: from 2015)

University of Oslo, Lectures at *Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind* on:

linguistics for philosophers, pragmatics, and philosophy of language (MA/PhD level: from 2016)

University of Oslo, Department of Philosophy – lecture series given:

*Communication and Reasoning* (PhD level: 2013)

*Reference, Context and Speech Acts* (MA and advanced BA level: 2011)

*Pragmatics and Relevance Theory* (MA and advanced BA level: 2010, 2011)

*Thought, Interpretation and Communication* (BA level: 2011)

University College London, Department of Linguistics – lecture series given:

*Logic and Meaning B* (introduction to logic and formal semantics) (UCL: BA level: 2002–2008; MA level: 2004–2008)

plus:

Convenor of tutorial seminar for Advanced MA in Pragmatics (UCL: 2008)

Occasional cover for individual lectures in *Pragmatic Theory, Logic and Meaning A*, and *Semantic Theory* (UCL: BA and MA levels: 2002–2007)

Back-up classes and tutorials (2001-8) for various courses at UCL, and Advanced Core Training in Linguistics, London, for lectures in semantics, pragmatics and syntax, by Deirdre Wilson, Robyn Carston, Shalom Lappin, Neil Smith, and others.

Birkbeck College, London, Department of Linguistics – lecture series given:

*Pragmatics* (MA level: 2002)

#### *Courses created*

*English Legal Language: Interpretation and Meaning* (MA level)

*Communication and Reasoning* (PhD level)

*Linguistics and Literature in English* (MA level and advanced BA level)

*Pragmatics: Meaning, Communication and Cognition* (MA level)

*Relevance Theory* (MA level)

*Reference, Context and Speech Acts* (MA and advanced BA level)

*Thought, Interpretation and Communication* (BA level)

Plus, convened and co-created:

*Pragmatics and Relevance Theory* (MA and advanced BA level)

#### *Pedagogical training I have completed (extended courses)*

*Supervision of Master's Students* (Spring term 2019): 30-hour course, provided by Centre for Learning, Innovation & Academic Development, University of Oslo.

*Diploma in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education* (Spring term 2017): 100-hour foundation programme for tenured academic staff, provided by Academic Development Unit, Department of Education, University of Oslo.

Qualified as a teacher of English as a foreign language, International House, Newcastle 1996: RSA/Cambridge CTEFLA (Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language to Adults): one-month intensive course.

#### *Pedagogical training I have attended (one-day courses and workshops)*

*More advanced capabilities and uses of Canvas* (May 2019): one-day course on using Canvas for formative assessment and constructive alignment, with Robert Gray Jr., Univ. of Bergen.

*Teaching with Writing* (Sept. 2018): one-day course with Pamela Flash, University of Minnesota, organised by Academic Writing Centre and Centre for Teaching and Learning, University of Oslo.

*Course on using the Canvas Learning Management System* (Nov. 2017): one-day course with Jonathan Perry (Canvas/Instructure trainer).

*Small Group Teaching* (Autumn 2001): half-day course for teaching assistants provided by Centre for Advancing Learning & Teaching, University College London.

#### *Teaching materials created, plus lexicon of pragmatics*

Reference book for students and others:

Allott, N. (2010) *Key Terms in Pragmatics*. Continuum.

Wrote lectures, notes, handouts and assessment materials for:

*Communication and Reasoning* (PhD level)

*English Phonetics and Intonation* (Introductory BA level)

*English legal language: Interpretation and meaning* (MA level)

*Linguistics and literature in English* (MA level and advanced BA level)

*Pragmatics and Relevance Theory* (MA and advanced BA level)

*Pragmatics: Meaning, Communication and Cognition* (MA level)

*Semantics and Pragmatics* (MA and advanced BA level)

*Relevance Theory* (MA level)

*Reference, Context and Speech Acts* (MA and advanced BA level)

*Thought, Interpretation and Communication* (BA level)

*Logic and Meaning B* (introduction to logic and formal semantics) (BA and MA level: UCL)

*Pragmatics* (MA level: Birkbeck College, University of London)

Wrote some lectures and handouts for:

*Norwegian Summer School on Language and Mind* (MA/PhD level: University of Oslo)

#### *PhD and MA thesis supervision*

At University of Oslo:

PhD candidate (2021–present), in research project ‘Creativity and Convention in Pragmatic Development’, University of Oslo.

PhD candidate, (2012–2015), Anna Drożdżowicz: ‘Investigating utterance meaning’. After finishing her PhD, Anna held post-doc positions in Aarhus then Oslo/London, and is now Associate professor in philosophy, Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences.

MA student, (2012–2014): ‘Comprehension, acceptance and justification’.

MA student (2015–2016) – on speech acts, politeness and language acquisition.

MA student (2016–2017) – on rhetoric of political discourse concerning climate change.

MA student (2017–2018) – on humour theory.

MA student (2019–2020) – on the lexical semantics of *start* and *begin* and their Norwegian cognates.

MA student (2019–2021) – on textual cohesion in south Asian criminal codes.

MA student (2020–2021) – on irony in the dialogue of Hemingway’s fiction.

MA student (2021–2023) – on the pragmatics of legal contracts.

MA student (2021–2023) – on deceptive language in courtroom discourse.

MA student (2021–2023) – on the limits of freedom of expression.

MA student (2022–2023) – on processing of single and extended metaphor and similes.

MA student (2023–2024) – on theories of irony.

MA student (2023–2024) – on enjambment, poetic effects and cognitive effort.

At UCL, Department of Phonetics and Linguistics:

Two MA dissertations (2008) on pragmatics.



*Examining*

Set and marked examinations and continuous/qualifying assessment for lecture courses listed above.

Second marking for many courses.

External examiner for PhD (University of Brighton; University of Genoa) and MA (NTNU, Norway; HINN, Norway) theses.

Internal examiner for University of Oslo MA theses in English language/linguistics and philosophy: *Relevance Theory and the Problem of Content Sharing* (2010); *Received Pronunciation: Its current nature and status* (2017); *The Intelligibility of Norwegian-accented English* (2018); *Brexit & Ideology: Rendering the referendum* (2019); *Digital language learning* (2020); *Cross-cultural pragmatics: a study of refusals by Brazilian learners of English* (2022); *Suppression and enhancement in metaphor processing* (2023); *English emphasizees and their correspondences in Norwegian* (2023)

Member of UCL Linguistics BA exam board (2008)

Chair of PhD exam committee for candidate in English linguistics (2023–4)

*Pastoral care*

Personal tutor for ten BA students (2007–8).

*Experience with online teaching resources*

Zoom (video conferencing software) for UiO classes and seminars from April 2020 to present.

Screencast-O-Matic (video recording and editing software) for ENG1103 phonetics and intonation lectures from March 2020.

Youtube (for building up an accessible library of lecture videos) from January 2021.

Inspira (online examination software) for UiO courses from 2017.

Canvas (Learning Management System) for UiO classes and lectures from 2018: lecture notes, handouts, online tests

Fronter (Learning Management System) for UiO classes and lectures from 2015-2018: lecture notes, handouts

Technical and teaching work on online distance learning pragmatics course, UCL (2004–2008). Helped design course; implemented it in WebCT (Learning Management System): notes, quizzes and discussion forum; helped run course; helped with marking; converted course from WebCT to Moodle (Learning Management System).

*Non-pedagogical training*

General Data Protection Regulation training (Sept 2018): one-hour online module provided by UCL.

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Convenor of BA and MA teaching (*fagansvarlig*)

English language section, ILOS, University of Oslo. (Summer 2020–summer 2021)

Responsibilities include: planning what courses are to be taught; helping to recruit hourly-paid teachers (*timelærer*), and then being their contact person within the section; organising and chairing meetings of the English language section; reporting to the departmental leadership and negotiating with them about resources; attending departmental meetings with other section convenors and the departmental leadership team (in Norwegian).

## Member of interview and selection committee for five research positions

Research project, Creativity and Convention in Pragmatic Development, Humanities Faculty, University of Oslo. (2020)

Served on committee for postdoctoral positions and PhD positions. Responsibilities included reading and evaluating the applications including research proposals and publications, serving on the interview panel (with two colleagues), and helping with reports on the candidates for the departmental and faculty boards.

## Co-organiser for annual summer school, Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind

Humanities Faculty, University of Oslo (2016–2019: 4 courses)

I shared responsibility for recruitment of external lecturers, writing funding proposals each year, selection of students, and for co-ordination and chairing of the lectures and other events during the summer school. In addition I served as convenor of one strand of lectures (*emneansvarlig*) each year and had responsibility for the website and for promotion of the summer school.

Course convenor (*emneansvarlig*) for ENG1103 English Phonetics and Intonation

English language section, ILOS, University of Oslo (autumn 2018; spring 2020; spring 2021; spring 2022)

As well as giving the lectures, responsibilities include: updating the syllabus and materials; setting the assessments; coordinating the teaching of the classes.

When this course runs in the spring term, we have upwards of 250 students, and around 10 classes, split between around 6 teachers.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

*As invited speaker*

‘The limits of legal interpretation’, Workshop on Legal Hermeneutics, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, Freiburg, Germany, July 2023. (Joint work with Kevin Toh, UCL Laws.)

‘The inevitability of abstraction and the role of data: Why Chomsky was right about the philosophy of science’, GAME On workshop, University of Oslo, June 2023.

‘Literal and metaphorical meaning: in search of a lost distinction’, Relevance Researchers Network meeting (online seminar, organised by Ryoko Sasamoto, Dublin City University and Kate Scott, Kingston University) February 2023.

‘Literal and metaphorical meaning: in search of a lost distinction’ at workshop, Polysemy, Concepts and Word Meaning, UCL, December 2019. (Reporting on joint work with Mark Textor.)

Seminar on my paper, *Inference and intention in legal interpretation*, at Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, November 2018.

Talk on language and law at workshop on meaning and intention in legal and literary texts, UCL, October 2018.

‘Some remarks on *wohl* and inference’, at Non-At-Issue Meaning and Information Structure (NAIS) conference, University of Oslo, May 2017. (Invited commentary)

‘The pragmatics of statutory enactment and interpretation’ at University of Brighton linguistics colloquium, March 2017. (Reporting on joint work with Ben Shaer.)

‘Inference and intentions in legal interpretation’ at Law, Language and Normativity workshop, Surrey University, Jan. 2017. (Reporting on joint work with Ben Shaer.)

‘Lexical modulation without concepts’, at Linguistics and Philosophy joint departmental seminar, University of Maryland, Jan. 2016. (Reporting on joint work with Mark Textor.)

‘Game-theoretic pragmatics: Is it “low hanging fruit”?’ at Eastern Session of American Philosophy Association, Washington DC, Jan. 2016. (In session organised by Mitchell Green)

Two papers: ‘In defence of inferential-intentionalism about legal interpretation’, and ‘The illocutionary force of legal speech’, at Workshop: Inference, intention, and ‘ordinary meaning’: What jurists can learn about legal interpretation from linguistics and philosophy. University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. 1st May 2015. (Joint work with Ben Shaer, Carleton University)

‘Do linguistic theories require intentional content?’. Workshop on Linguistics, Intentionality and Cognitive Science, NTNU, Trondheim, Norway. March 2015.

‘Inference, metacognition and utterance interpretation’. Philosophy of Language and Linguistics conference, Dubrovnik Inter-University Centre, September 2014.

‘Metacognition and inferential accounts of communication’. Pragmatic Inference Workshop, Centre for Research into English Language and Linguistics, University of Roehampton, July 2014

‘It’s all in the bag’. Short talk at Word Meaning Conference, Cumberland Lodge, organised by KCL, April 2014. (Joint talk with Mark Textor, KCL.)

- 'It's all in the bag: Lexical modulation without concepts'. Talk for Language and Cognition Seminar, KCL, March 2014. (Joint talk with Mark Textor, KCL.)
- '*Ad hoc* concepts and grab bags' at "*Ad hoc* concepts in Relevance Theory" workshop at the University of the Basque Country, Vitoria, Oct 2013. (Joint talk with Mark Textor, KCL.)
- Talk on use of legal language at "Pragmatic Issues in Legal Translation" conference, Department of Law of the University of Turin, Nov–Dec 2012.
- 'Behind pragmatic magic: Principles, heuristics and inference' (plenary speaker), Relevance Round Table meeting, University of Warsaw, September 2012.
- 'What are *ad hoc* concepts?' at "Small words and other big issues – workshop on pragmatics", Department of Language and Communication Studies, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, March 2012.
- 'Lexical adjustment, *ad hoc* concepts and extensional semantics'. Talk for KCL Philosophy Department Seminar, May 2011. (Joint talk with Mark Textor, KCL.)
- 'Behind pragmatic magic: Principles, heuristics and inference'. Pragmatics, Semantics and Systematicity Conference, Stockholm: CSMN, University of Oslo & Philosophy Department, Stockholm University, 2009
- On Grice, rationality and pragmatics. Monthly research colloquium at Department of Speech Communication, Argumentation Theory and Rhetoric, University of Amsterdam, 2005
- On game-theoretic pragmatics. Pragmatic Interfaces Conference, University of Geneva, 2004
- On game-theoretic pragmatics. Colloquium at Research Centre for English and Applied Linguistics, Cambridge University, 2003

#### *Refereed conferences*

- 'Why do 5-year-olds have more difficulty with figurative use than younger children?', talk for 3rd Joint Conference of the SPP/ESPP, University of Milan, July 2022.
- 'Legal interpretation and the forms of law', International Language and Law Association (ILLA) general conference, University of Alicante, September 2021
- Two papers: 'In defence of inferential-intentionalism about legal interpretation', 'Legal notices and illocutionary force', *The Pragmatic Turn: Interpretation and Inference in Legal Discourse*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver. July-August, 2014. (Joint work with Ben Shaer, Carleton University)
- Two papers: 'The illocutionary force of laws', 'Some linguistic properties of legal notices', *Meaning, Context & Cognition*, University of Lodz, April 2013. (Joint work with Ben Shaer, Carleton University)
- Paper on conditionals, 6th International Symposium of Cognition, Logic and Communication: Formal Semantics and Pragmatics: Discourse, Context, and Models, University of Latvia, November 2010. (Joint work with Hiroyuki Uchida, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)
- Paper on conditionals accepted for Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Budapest, August 2009. (Joint work with Hiroyuki Uchida, RPI, USA)

- ‘Natural language indicative conditionals are classical’. *Semantics and Philosophy in Europe* 2009. School of Advanced Studies, University of London. (Joint work with Hiroyuki Uchida, RPI, USA)
- On Grice, rationality and pragmatics. Conference of the International Pragmatics Association, Lake Garda, 2005
- On game theory and pragmatics. Game Theory and Pragmatics Conference, Berlin, 2004
- On game theory and pragmatics. Conference of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain, Oxford, 2003
- On game theory and pragmatics. Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Turin, 2003
- On misused concepts in the manufacture of consent. *Manipulation in the Totalitarian Ideologies of the Twentieth Century*, University of Lugano, 2002
- On pragmatic illusions. Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Lyon (joint talk with Paula Rubio Fernandez, Cambridge University), 2002

*Invited talks - local*

- ‘How do we understand what people mean when they do not say it directly?’: outreach talk on pragmatics for upper secondary school students at the University of Oslo, June 2023.
- ‘How do we understand what people mean when they do not say it directly?’: outreach talk on pragmatics for school teachers at the University of Oslo Academic Pedagogical Day [Faglig pedagogisk dag], Nov. 2022.
- ‘Abstraction in linguistics: Chomsky’s “Galilean” Explanatory Style’: talk for philosophy of science reading group, philosophy department, University of Oslo, October 2022.
- Led discussion session on relevance theory and the cognitive principle of relevance for GOODATTENTION project at the philosophy department, University of Oslo, October 2022
- ‘How do we understand what people mean when they do not say it directly?’: outreach talk on pragmatics for upper secondary school students at the University of Oslo, June 2022.
- ‘Who is Noam Chomsky, is he still relevant, and if so why?’: outreach talk for the general public and students at the modern languages department, University of Oslo, March 2022.
- ‘The pursuit of the Strong Minimalist Thesis: The Minimalist Program in linguistics as a radical scientific research programme’, Centre for Philosophy and the Sciences (CPS) forum, November 2021
- ‘Legal interpretation and the forms of law’, English Language and Corpus Linguistics Research group (ELC), October 2021
- ‘What ‘grammatical’ and ‘semantic’ illusions don’t tell us about utterance interpretation, and some of what they do’, invited talk for Language, Meaning and Conscious Experience workshop, University of Oslo, August 2021
- ‘Inference, encapsulation and utterance interpretation’, invited talk for Linguistic Understanding: Perception & Inference workshop, University of Oslo, May 2021
- ‘Literal and metaphorical meaning: in search of a lost distinction’, invited talk for CPS Lunch Forum, University of Oslo, November 2020.

- ‘Literal and metaphorical meaning: in search of a lost distinction’, talk for English and Corpus Linguistics group at Oslo University, December 2019.
- ‘Metacognition and inferential accounts of communication’ at Linguistics and Nordic Department (ILN) seminar, November 2017.
- ‘Review of some arguments against the possibility of pragmatics’, at Philosophy of pragmatics workshop at CSMN closing conference, May 2017.
- ‘The pragmatics of judicial adjudication’, at Workshop: Inference and representation in legal interpretation, CSMN, University of Oslo, October 2016. (Joint talk with Ben Shaer, Carleton University.)
- ‘The pragmatics of statutory enactment’, at Workshop: Inference and representation in legal interpretation, CSMN, University of Oslo, October 2016. (Joint talk with Ben Shaer, Carleton University.)
- ‘Intentions and utterance content’, at “The Role of Intentions in Communication”, workshop at CSMN, University of Oslo, August 2016
- ‘The pragmatics of legal language’, talk for Corpus Linguistics group at Oslo University, Oct. 2015.
- ‘Metacognition and inferential accounts of communication’ at “Metacognition and metarepresentation: Perspectives from philosophy and psychopathology” workshop, at CSMN, University of Oslo, April 2014
- Talk on the application of pragmatics in literary studies at “Thinking with Literature” conference at University of Oslo, convened by the Balzan Project: Literature as an Object of Knowledge, Oxford University, Sept. 2013.
- ‘Some comments on “representation” in syntax’, Mini-conference on early representation, CSMN, Nov 2012, organised by Georges Rey (Maryland) and Carsten Hansen (Oslo).
- ‘Legal norms: Grammatical form and illocutionary force’ at CSMN workshop: ‘The pragmatics of legal language’, May 2012. (Joint talk with Ben Shaer, Carleton University.)
- ‘The use and meaning of DPs. Joint workshop: CASTL (Tromsø)/CSMN (Oslo), at the University of Oslo, October 2009.
- Invited response to talk by Anders Schoubye (Arché) on non-referring definite descriptions. Linguistic Intuitions Workshop, CSMN, University of Oslo, 2009.
- ‘Context and the interpretation of conditionals’. At ‘The state of the Stalnaker-Lewis semantics for conditionals’ conference, CSMN (Oslo), 2009

#### *Other talks and presentations*

- Presentations to CSMN Colloquium, Language and Rationality Seminar at CSMN and CSMN/Arché Joint Seminar, from 2008, on various subjects including conditionals, Grice’s *Aspects of Reason*, heuristics, reasoning and pragmatics, ad hoc concepts, and on the notion of representation in semantics.
- Several presentations to Pragmatics/Relevance Reading Group, University College London 2001–2008, on subjects including modularity, Grice’s *Aspects of Reason*, the selection task and pragmatics in the psychology of reasoning, pragmatic illusions, game theory and pragmatics, and Grice, reasoning and pragmatics.

## PREVIOUS TEACHING EMPLOYMENT

*Teaching Assistant* (hourly-paid position), Department of Phonetics and Linguistics, University College London, October 2001–June 2007

*Technical and teaching work on online pragmatics course* (hourly-paid position), Department of Phonetics and Linguistics, University College London, 2004–6

*Teaching Assistant* (hourly-paid position), Advanced Core Training in Linguistics, London, 2004–5

*Locum Lecturer* (hourly-paid position), Linguistics Department, Birkbeck College, London, 2002

*Teacher of English as a foreign language, various employers 1996–2002, including:*

Language centre of School of Oriental and African Studies, London, 2001–2

British Council English School, Tokyo: general English; academic writing, 1997–2000

International House, Newcastle: general English, 1996

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

*Member of editorial board*

*Semantics and Pragmatics* (from 2023).

*Editing*

*Inquiry* special issue: *Special Focus on Law and Language* (vol. 61, no. 4), co-edited with Benjamin Shaer (Carleton University).

*Refereeing*

Refereeing of books:

*Cambridge University Press*: linguistics and philosophy of language books and book chapters, from 2014.

*Oxford University Press*: linguistics and philosophy of language books, plus chapters for the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Linguistics*, from 2017.

*Palgrave Macmillan*: books on linguistics and philosophy, from 2018.

*Routledge*: language and linguistics section, and philosophy handbook chapter, from 2018.

*Wiley-Blackwell*: chapters for *The Encyclopedia of Applied Linguistics*, 2014.

Refereeing of grant applications:

The Leverhulme Trust, from 2013

Refereeing for journals:

*Analysis*, from 2016

*Argumentation*, from 2007

*Canadian Journal of Linguistics*, from 2012

*Dialectica*, from 2015  
*Evolutionary Linguistic Theory*, from 2021  
*Erkenntnis*, from 2015  
*Inquiry*, from 2012  
*International Review of Pragmatics*, from 2011  
*Journal of Pragmatics*, from 2010  
*Journal of Semantics*, from 2015  
*Kriterion: Journal of Philosophy*, from 2018  
*Language and Communication*, from 2014  
*Lingua*, from 2012 to 2015  
*Linguistics and Philosophy*, from 2019  
*Mind and Language*, from 2002  
*Norsk Lingvistisk Tidsskrift*, from 2011  
*Philosophical Quarterly*, from 2020  
*Polish Journal of Philosophy*, from 2007  
*Pragmatics*, from 2017  
*Pragmatics and Cognition*, from 2021  
*Revus: Journal for constitutional theory and philosophy of law*, from 2019  
*SKASE Journal of Theoretical Linguistics*, from 2021  
*Semantics and Pragmatics*, from 2023.  
*Theoria*, from 2012  
*WIREs Cognitive Science*, from 2014

Refereeing for conferences:

*XPrag (Experimental Pragmatics)* conference: 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2021, 2023  
*Workshop on Approaches to Coercion and Polysemy (CoPo)*, 2017, Oslo  
*Beyond Meaning* conference, Athens, 2017. (Member of scientific committee.)  
 Third *PLM (Philosophy of Language and Mind)* workshop, 2015, CSMN, Oslo  
*TPrag (Theoretical Pragmatics)* conference, 2011  
*On Linguistic Interfaces* conference, 2010  
 Student session of European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information  
 (ESSLLI), 2005

*Conferences and workshops organised or co-organised*

One-day panel, 'Pragmatic development, sense conventions and the puzzle of non-literal uses' at International Pragmatics Association conference, Université Libre de Bruxelles, July 2023. Co-organised with Ingrid Lossius Falkum.  
*The Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind*, University of Oslo, (Summer school for graduate students), June 2016, August 2017, August 2018, August 2019.  
 Pragmatics workshop at CSMN closing conference, May 2017.  
 'The Responsibility of Intellectuals', 50 Years On, University College London, Feb. 2017.  
*Inference and Representation in the Interpretation of Legal Speech*. CSMN, University of Oslo, Oct. 2016.  
*Inference and Communication* workshop, CSMN, University of Oslo, August 2014



*XPrag (experimental pragmatics) workshop*, University of Oslo, May 2012  
*Reflective Mind project launch workshop*, CSMN, University of Oslo, 2012  
*The Pragmatics of Legal Language workshop*, CSMN, University of Oslo, 2012  
*Frontiers of Pragmatics workshop*, CSMN, University of Oslo, 2012  
*Word Meaning workshop*, CSMN, University of Oslo, 2010  
*The State of the Stalnaker-Lewis Semantics for Conditionals conference*, CSMN, University of Oslo, September 2009  
*Metarepresentation and Non-Literal Language Use workshop*, CSMN, University of Oslo, 2009  
*Metarepresentation, Communication and Culture workshop*, CSMN, University of Oslo, 2009

*Reading groups and seminars organised or co-organised*

*Pragmatics reading group*, CSMN, University of Oslo, 2013–2014  
 CSMN Colloquium, University of Oslo, spring and autumn terms 2012  
*Language and Rationality Seminar*, CSMN, University of Oslo, 2010  
*Pragmatics/Relevance Theory Reading Group*, UCL, 2003

*Email lists*

Administrator: Relevance theory email list, 2002–present

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS OBTAINED (MINOR)

Funding from ILOS departmental research budget to present lecture at International Language and Law Association (ILLA) general conference in September 2021.

Grant from Anders Jahres' Fund for research travel to University of Brighton in March 2017.

UCL Linguistics Department PhD scholarship, part-time, 2001–2003.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

*English*: native speaker

*French*: intermediate (about CEFR level B2, but rusty)

*Norwegian*: lower intermediate (about CEFR level B1, og blir gradvis bedre)

*Japanese* (about CEFR level A2, and rusty)

*Mandarin* (about CEFR level A1: egregious)