

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

- 2008– Studies in university pedagogy, Åbo Akademi University (ÅÅ),  
Turku, Finland
- 07/01/07–12/31/2007 **Visiting scholar**, Division of Speech Pathology, School of  
Rehabilitation Sciences, University of Queensland (UQ), Australia
- 2005– **PhD Studies** in Finnish language, Finnish Department, ÅÅ, Turku,  
Finland
- 06/21/2005 **Master's Degree**; Majoring in Finnish language and literature, ÅÅ  
2004–2005 -Master's Thesis: "*Language as the mirror of national identity. Code-switching and dialect in the language of Finns and Italians living in Oslo*". The highest possible grade laudatur, ÅÅ
- 2003–2004 -Finnish language and literature, advanced course, ÅÅ
- 2003 Practical Norwegian, foundation course, University of Oslo (UiO),  
Oslo, Norway
- 2002 Medicine, UiO
- 02/04/2003 **Candidata Magisterii Degree**; Majoring in Finnish language and  
literature, UiO
- 2002 -Finnish language and literature, foundation and intermediate  
course, UiO
- 2002 -Italian language and literature, foundation course, UiO
- 2001 -English language and literature, foundation course, UiO
- 2000 -Norwegian for foreigners, foundation course, UiO
- 1999 -Norwegian life and society, foundation course, UiO
- 1999 -Norwegian for foreigners, level IV, UiO
- 1999 -Examen Philosophicum and Examen Facultatum,  
linguistic variant, (UiO)
- 05/31/1998 **High school Diploma**; Advanced classes in English, mathematics,  
physics and chemistry, Pudas High School, Tornio, Finland

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- February 2008 Finnish Cultural Foundation
- August 2007 Waldemar von Frenckell Foundation
- February 2007 Finnish Cultural Foundation
- January 2007 Foundation for Åbo Akademi University
- February 2006 Finnish Cultural Foundation

## **RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

July–December 2007	Teacher in Finnish as a second and foreign language, Brisbane Finnish School, Brisbane, Australia
September 2006–April 2007	Teacher in Norwegian as a second language, Åbo Swedish Workers' Institute, Turku, Finland
September 2006	Translator (Norwegian–Finnish), Finso Language Services, Helsinki, Finland
June–July 2006	High school credit facilitator in Finnish as a second language, Finnish Language Village, Concordia Language Villages, Bemidji, MN, USA
January–June 2006	Consultant in Norwegian language, Continuing studies in conference interpreting, University of Turku (TY), Turku, Finland
April 2005	Translator (Finnish–Norwegian), Department of Psychology, Åbo Akademi University (ÅA), Turku, Finland
November–December 2004	Substitute teacher in English as a foreign language, Lauri School, Mynämäki, Finland
October 2004–May 2006	Translator (English–Norwegian, Finnish–Swedish/Norwegian, Swedish/English–Finnish), Sportingbet, Turku, Finland
June–August 2004	Research assistant, Research Department, Research Center for Domestic Languages (Kotus), Helsinki, Finland
June–July 2003	High school credit teacher in Finnish as a second language, Finnish Language Village, Concordia Language Villages, Bemidji, MN, USA
February–August 2003	Nurse's assistant, Silurveien Nursing Home, Oslo, Norway
June–July 2003	Camp counselor in Finnish as a second language, Finnish Language Village, Concordia Language Villages, Bemidji, MN, USA
October 2000	Interpreter (English–Finnish), YWAM Finland, Porvoo, Finland

## **OTHER EDUCATION**

August–October 2007	Photography studies, Michael James Brown, Fine Art Photography, Brisbane, Australia
July 2002	Preclinical practice, Thorax Surgical Department, University Hospital of Turku, Turku, Finland
March–April 2001	Foundation course in conference interpreting, Nifin, Rovaniemi, Finland
1996–2006	Private singing lessons
1990–1997	Art School
1991–1995	Private flute lessons
1986–1998	Private piano lessons

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Finnish	mother tongue
English	fluent (August 4 <sup>th</sup> 2006, TOEFL iBT, 117/120)
Norwegian	fluent (December 15 <sup>th</sup> 1999, University of Oslo, highest level course in Norwegian language, grade 1,9 i.e. laudabilis)
Italian	fluent (August 31 <sup>st</sup> 2005, University of Turku (TY), Italian grammar course, grade 5/5)
Swedish	fluent (May 24 <sup>th</sup> 2003), ÅA, Swedish language test, 193/200)
German	good (May 31 <sup>st</sup> 1998, high school language course, grade 9/10)
French	good (May 31 <sup>st</sup> 1998, high school language course, grade 10/10)
Spanish	basics (May 31 <sup>st</sup> 1998, high school language course, grade 9/10)
Portuguese	basics (2005, TY, beginner's course)
Hungarian	basics (2004, TY, beginner's course)
Latin	basics (1998, high school language course, grade 9/10)
Polish	basics (2008, ÅA, beginner's course, grade 5/5)

## **REFERENCES**

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More references on request.