

Curriculum vitae

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Education

Southwest Secondary School, Minneapolis, 1977-80. High School Diploma, with top honors, 1980.

Washington University, St. Louis, 1980-84. Undergraduate studies in German language, literature and linguistics. A.B. in Germanic Languages and Literatures, with honors, 1984.

Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen, 1982-83. Undergraduate studies in German language, literature and linguistics, Swedish.

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1984-90. Graduate studies in German, Scandinavian and English linguistics and medieval literature, Swedish. M.A. in Germanic Philology, 1987. Ph.D. in Germanic Philology, 1990.

Philipps-Universität Marburg, 1990-91. Postgraduate studies in German and Dutch linguistics and medieval literature.

Professional experience

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant in German, 1983-84. Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, Washington University, St. Louis.

Teaching Assistant in German, 1984-88. Department of German, University of Minnesota.

Teaching Assistant in Swedish, 1988-89. Department of Scandinavian Studies, University of Minnesota.

Research Assistant in English, 1989-90. Department of English, University of Minnesota.

Assistant Professor of German and Linguistics, 1991-96. Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures and Program in Linguistics, Louisiana State University.

Assistant Professor of German and Linguistics, 1996-2000. Department of Germanic, Slavic and East Asian Languages and Literatures and Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina.

Associate Professor of German and Linguistics, 2000-06. Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures and Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina.

Visiting Professor of German linguistics, 2002-03. Fakultät für Sprach- und Literaturwissenschaften, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg.

Professor of German and Linguistics, 2006-. Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures and Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina.

Research interests

Germanic linguistics: German, Scandinavian, English, Dutch, Frisian, Gothic, Runes

Dialectology: German, Scandinavian, English, Dutch, Frisian

Historical phonology, Etymology

Books and edited books

Consonant Strength in Upper German Dialects. NOWELE Supplement Volumes 10. Odense: Odense University Press, 1994. (book, 127 pages)

[Reviews: Polomé, Edgar C. *Journal of Indo-European Studies* 22 (1994): 470-71. Banta, Frank G. *Journal of English and Germanic Philology* 95 (1996): 82-84. Rowley, Anthony R. *Zeitschrift für Dialektologie und Linguistik* 63 (1996): 336-38.]

Germanic Studies in Honor of Anatoly Liberman. Ed. with Martha Mayou and Marvin Taylor. North-Western European Language Evolution 31/32. Odense: Odense University Press, 1997. (edited book, 528 pages)

[Reviews: Platzack, Christer. *Arkiv för nordisk filologi* 113 (1998): 1. Anonymous. *Speculum* 74 (1999): 865.]

Lautverschiebungen in den germanischen Sprachen. Germanistische Bibliothek 23. Heidelberg: Universitätsverlag Winter, 2005. (book, 308 pages)

A Bibliography of English Etymology, 1599-1999, with some additions for later years. With Ari Hoptman and Martha Mayou. Edited by Anatoly Liberman with the assistance of Ari Hoptman. Vol. 1 of *An Analytic Dictionary of English Etymology*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2007. (bibliography in press, 830 pages)

Journal articles and book chapters

- “Germanic *ai* and *au* in Anglo-Frisian.” *Amsterdamer Beiträge zur älteren Germanistik* 33 (1991): 17-23. (journal article)
- “Consonant Lenition in the Scandinavian Languages.” *Svenska landsmål och svenskt folkliv* (1993): 7-17. (journal article)
- “Consonant Lenition in German Dialects.” *North-Western European Language Evolution* 24 (1994): 67-90. (journal article)
- “Fortis and Lenis in Standard German.” *Leuvense Bijdragen* 83 (1994): 31-45. (journal article)
- “A Comparative Study of the Scandinavian Consonant Shift.” *General Linguistics* 34 (1994): 195-202. (journal article)
- “On the Old High German *Medienverschiebung*.” *Insights in Germanic Linguistics II: Classic and Contemporary*. Ed. Irmengard Rauch and Gerald F. Carr. Trends in Linguistics. Studies and Monographs 94. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter, 1997. 63-70. (book chapter)
- “Notker’s Law and Consonant Strength.” *Germanic Studies in Honor of Anatoly Liberman*. Ed. Kurt G. Goblirsch, Martha Mayou, and Marvin Taylor. North-Western European Language Evolution 31/32. Odense: Odense University Press, 1997. 135-43. (book chapter)
- “From Voice to Length in High German Consonants.” *Interdisciplinary Journal for Germanic Linguistics and Semiotic Analysis* 2 (1997): 257-80. (journal article)
- “Consonant Strength and Syllable Structure in Swedish and Bavarian.” Ed. Gerald F. Carr, Wayne Harbert, and Lihua Zhang. *Interdigitations: Essays for Irmengard Rauch*. New York: Lang, 1998. 335-44. (book chapter)
- “The Types of Gemination in West Germanic.” *New Insights in Germanic Linguistics I*. Ed. Irmengard Rauch and Gerald F. Carr. Berkeley Insights in Linguistics and Semiotics 33. New York: Lang, 1999. 57-75. (book chapter)
- “The Correlation of Voice in Germanic.” *North-Western European Language Evolution* 35 (1999): 115-40. (journal article)
- “The Mechanism of Consonant Shifts in Germanic.” *Yazyk i rechevaya deyatel’nost’* (Language and Language Behavior). Journal of the Linguistic Society of St. Petersburg 2 (1999): 186-94. (journal article).
- “On the Germanic Consonant Shift: The Third Obstruent Series.” *New Insights in Germanic Linguistics II*. Ed. Irmengard Rauch and Gerald F. Carr. Berkeley Insights in Linguistics and Semiotics 38. New York: Lang, 2000. 35-44. (book chapter).

“The Icelandic Consonant Shift in its Germanic Context.” *Arkiv för nordisk filologi* 116 (2001): 117-33. (journal article)

“The North Frisian Lenition and Danish Linguistic Hegemony.” *New Insights in Germanic Linguistics III*. Ed. Irmengard Rauch and Gerald F. Carr. Berkeley Insights in Linguistics and Semiotics 52. New York: Lang, 2002. 45-65. (book chapter)

“On the Development of Germanic Consonants: The Danish Shift and the Danish Lenition.” *Beiträge zur Geschichte der deutschen Sprache und Literatur* 124 (2002): 199-232. (journal article)

“Scandinavian Consonant Shifts.” *Michail Ivanovich Steblin-Kamenskij Centennial Conference Pre-Prints*. St. Petersburg: Nauka, 2003. 15-18. (presentation summary)

“The Voicing of Fricatives in West Germanic and the Partial Consonant Shift.” *Folia Linguistica Historica* 24 (2003): 111-152. (journal article)

“Die Ausbreitung der hochdeutschen Lautverschiebung und der Mechanismus der Lautverschiebungen im Germanischen.” (article in progress)

“Lenisierung und Vokaldehnung in den germanischen Sprachen.” (article in progress)

Reviews

“Language.” *The Year’s Work in Old English Studies 1998*. With Kathleen D. Turner and Robert Fulk. Ed. Peter S. Baker and Robert D. Fulk. Kalamazoo, MI: The Medieval Institute of America, 2000. 15-35. (Brief reviews)

“Language.” *The Year’s Work in Old English Studies 1999*. With Kathleen D. Turner. Ed. Peter S. Baker and Robert D. Fulk. Kalamazoo, MI: The Medieval Institute of America, 2001. 14-24. (Brief reviews)

“Language: Syntax, Phonology, Other Aspects.” *The Year’s Work in Old English Studies 2000*. With Haruko Moma. Ed. Daniel G. Donoghue and Roy Liuzza. Kalamazoo, MI: The Medieval Institute of America, 2002. 32-47. (Brief reviews)

“Language: Syntax, Phonology, Other Aspects.” *The Year’s Work in Old English Studies 2001*. With Haruko Moma. Ed. Daniel G. Donoghue and Roy Liuzza. Kalamazoo, MI: The Medieval Institute of America, 2003. 34-48. (Brief reviews)

“Language: Syntax, Phonology, Other Aspects: Phonology *et al.*” *The Year’s Work in Old English Studies 2002*. Ed. Daniel G. Donoghue and Roy Liuzza. Kalamazoo, MI: The Medieval Institute of America, 2004. 52-60. (Brief reviews)

Invited Presentations

“The Scandinavian Consonant Shift from a German Point of View.” Modern Language Association Conference, Chicago, 1995.

“Consonant Shifts in the Germanic Languages.” Modern Language Association Conference, San Francisco, 1998.

“Gemination and Lenition in the Middle Periods of the Germanic Languages.” Second International Colloquium of the *Sonderforschungsbereich 471: Variation and Evolution in the Lexicon*. Konstanz, Germany, June 2002.

“Entwicklungstendenzen im germanischen Konsonantismus.” Nordeuropa-Institut and Institut für Deutsche Sprache und Linguistik, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany, 5 June 2003.

“Scandinavian Consonant Shifts.” Michail Ivanovich Steblin-Kamenskij Centennial Conference. Institute of Linguistics, Russian Academy of Sciences and the Philological Faculty, St. Petersburg State University, Russia, September 2003.

Contributed Presentations

“Germanic *ai* and *au* in Anglo-Frisian.” Modern Language Association Conference, Washington, D.C., 1989.

“A Reconsideration of German Consonant Lenition.” Modern Language Association Conference, San Francisco, 1991.

“The Danish Lenition and Consonant Devoicing.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference, Austin, 1993.

“On the Old High German *Medienverschiebung*.” Berkeley Germanic Linguistics Roundtable, Berkeley, 1994.

“The Cause of West Germanic Gemination.” Berkeley Germanic Linguistics Roundtable, Berkeley, 1996.

“Consonant Strength and Syllable Structure in Swedish and Bavarian.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference, Urbana-Champaign, 1997.

“On the Germanic Consonant Shift: The Third Obstruent Series.” Berkeley Germanic Linguistics Roundtable, Berkeley, 1998.

“The Icelandic Consonant Shift.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference, Seattle, 1999.

“The North Frisian Lenition and Danish Linguistic Hegemony.” Berkeley Germanic Linguistics Roundtable, Berkeley, 2000.

“Scandinavian with a Southern Accent: Medieval Consonant Changes in Danish.” North and South: Identity, Imagination and Memory in Medieval and Renaissance Culture, Columbia, SC, 2001.

“Danish and the Development of Germanic Consonants.” Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference-7, Banff, Alberta, 2001.

“The Partial Consonant in West Germanic.” Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference-8, Bloomington, IN, 2002.

“The Voicing of Fricatives in West Germanic.” Forum for Germanic Language Studies / Society for Germanic Linguistics Joint Conference, London, England, 2003.

“Der Mechanismus von Lautverschiebungen im Germanischen: Das Zeugnis vom Skandinavischen und vom Hochdeutschen.” Phonologischer Wandel in den germanischen Sprachen: Die Lautverschiebungen. Kolloquium des Zentrums für Mittelalterstudien, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg, Germany, 2003.

“*Ausbreitung oder Entfaltung?* The Spread and Gradation of the High German Consonant Shift Reconsidered.” Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference-10, Ann Arbor, MI, 2004.

“Lenition and Vowel Lengthening in Germanic.” 17th International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Madison, WI, 2005.

“Old High German *kx* and the Mechanism of Germanic Consonant Shifts.” Berkeley Germanic Linguistics Roundtable, Berkeley, 2006.

External research grants

Research fellowship, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, ten months, 1990-91.
Project: Consonant lenition and quantity in German dialects, Forschungsinstitut ‘Deutscher Sprachatlas,’ Philipps-Universität Marburg.

Research fellowship, Svenska institutet, four months, 1992.
Project: Consonant lenition and quantity in Scandinavian languages, Dialekt- och folkminnesarkivet, Uppsala universitet.

Senior research fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities, six months, 2003.
Project: *Lautverschiebungen in den germanischen Sprachen*, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg.

External travel grants and participation stipends

Travel grant, American Swedish Institute, 1987.

Travel to Uppsala for Swedish language studies, Uppsala University.

Participation stipend, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, 1987.

German studies seminar, Philipps-Universität Marburg.

Participation stipend, Svenska institutet, 1989.

Swedish language studies and teachers' seminar, Folkhögskola Tjörn.

Travel grant, Swedish Information Service, 1992.

Travel to Uppsala.

Internal research grants

Dissertation fellowship, Germanic Philology Program, University of Minnesota, 1989-90.

Project: "Consonant Strength and Quantity in Upper German dialects."

Summer research stipend, Council on Research, Louisiana State University, 1993.

Project: Consonant length and the High German consonant shift, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Venture Fund grant, Research and Productive Scholarship, University of South Carolina, 1997.

Publication subvention for *Germanic Studies in Honor of Anatoly Liberman*.

Summer released time for research, Department of GSEA, 1997.

Project: The Germanic consonant shift, Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen.

Summer released time for research, Department of GSEA, 1998.

Project: Consonant shifts in the Scandinavian languages, University of Minnesota.

Sabbatical leave, University of South Carolina, 2002-03.

Project: *Lautverschiebungen in den germanischen Sprachen*, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg.

Teaching interests

Medieval Germanic languages:

Old High German, Middle High German, Old Norse, Old Saxon, Old English, Gothic

Medieval Germanic literature:

Scandinavian mythology, heroic poetry, Minnesang, courtly romance, Icelandic saga

Comparative Germanic linguistics

General Linguistics:

Historical linguistics, Phonology, Dialectology, History of Linguistics

Courses taught

German and Germanic linguistics:

Introduction to German linguistics / Structure of modern German

History of the German language

Comparative Germanic linguistics

General linguistics:

Survey of linguistics

Introduction to historical linguistics

Introduction to phonology

Schools of phonology

History and methodology of linguistics

German and Germanic literature:

Introduction to German literature

Germanic mythology

Medieval German literature and culture

Middle High German language and literature

German language:

First- and second-year German

German conversation

German composition

Advanced German grammar

German for reading knowledge

Swedish language:

First-year Swedish

Administration

Coordinator of German teaching assistants, Department of FLL (LSU), 1992-96.

Graduate Director, Linguistics Program, 2000-04.

Acting Director, Bamberg Exchange Program, Fall 2000.

Director, Bamberg Exchange Program, 2003-present.

Acting Director, German Program, Department of LLC, Fall 2003.

Director, Linguistics Program, 2004-present.

Advising

Faculty advisor, German Club (LSU), 1992-96.
Faculty advisor, Delta Phi Alpha (National Germany Honor Society), 1997-2000.
Faculty advisor, Historical Linguistics Research Group, 1998-2001.

Undergraduate advisor, German Program, 1997-2000.
Graduate advisor, Linguistics Program, 1998-present.
Acting graduate advisor, German Program, spring 2005.
Undergraduate advisor, Linguistics Program, 2005-06.

Committee member, three M.A. theses
Committee member, eight Ph.D. dissertations

Director, one honors thesis
Director, two M.A. theses
Director, three M.A. enhanced seminar papers
Director, one Ph.D. dissertation (in progress)

Departmental and Program Committees

Member, travel committee, Department of FLL (LSU), 1994-95.
Member, admissions committee, Program in Linguistics (LSU), 1994-96.
Member and chair, curriculum committee, German Program, 1996-97, 2003-04.
Member, search committee (late 19th and early 20th century), German Program, 1996-97.
Member, admissions committee, Linguistics Program, 1996-97.
Member, Ph.D. examination committee, Linguistics Program, 1996-97.
Chair, departmental newsletter committee, Department of GSEA 1996-2001.
Chair, curriculum committee, Linguistics Program, 1997-98.
Chair, post-tenure review guidelines committee, Department of GSEA, 1998-99.
Member, tenure and promotion committee, Department of GSEA, 2000-02.
Member, post-tenure review committee, Department of GSEA, 2000-02.
Member, chair's advisory committee, Department of GSEA, 2000-01.
Chair, search committee (post-war literature), German Program, 2000-01.
Member and chair, Ph.D. qualifying examination committee, Linguistics Program, 2000-04.
Member, tenure and promotion committee, Department of LLC, 2003-05.
Member, search committee (late 19th and early 20th century), German Program, 2004-05.
Chair, search committee (second language acquisition), Linguistics Program, 2004-05.
Organizer, Colloquium Series, Linguistics Program, 2005-06.
Member, search committee (Spanish pedagogy and acquisition), Department of LLC, 2005-06.
Library representative, Linguistics Program, Fall 2005.
Member, Interdisciplinary committee, Department of LLC, 2005-07.
Member, Ad hoc committee on chair evaluation procedure, Department of LLC, 2006-07.
Member, tenure and promotion committee, Department of LLC, 2006-08.

College and University Committees

Member, foreign language lab committee, College of Liberal Arts, 1996-97.

Member and chair, Academic responsibility committee, College of Liberal Arts, 1997-2000.
Member, Fellowships committee, Graduate School, 2000-02.

Replacement member, Graduate Council, Graduate School, Spring-Fall 2001.
Replacement member, Liberal Arts curriculum committee, Graduate School, Spring 2001.

Editorial boards

Contributing member, editorial board, *The Year's Work in Old English Studies*, 2000-05.

Professional organizations

Society for Germanic Linguistics
Linguistic Society of St. Petersburg, Russia

Service to the profession

Session chair: "Topics in Germanic Linguistics." Meeting of the Society for Germanic Philology, Modern Language Association Conference, Chicago, 1995.

Session organizer: "Problems in Historical Phonology," Meeting of the Discussion Group for General Linguistics, Modern Language Association Conference, Washington, 1999.

Session chair: Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference-8, Bloomington, IN, 2002.

Conference organizer, with Rolf Bergmann: Phonologischer Wandel in den germanischen Sprachen: die Lautverschiebungen. Mediävistisches Kolloquium des Zentrums für Mittelalterstudien, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg, May 2003.

Abstract reviewer and session chair: Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics Conference, Columbia, SC, 2004.

Grant proposal reviewer: Panel on Collaborative Research and Scholarly Editions in Philosophy, Science, and Linguistics, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC, 2004.

Manuscript reviewer for University of Alabama Press, 2006.

External reviewer on tenure and promotion case for University of Alabama, 2006.