

## Peter Svenonius Short CV with Track Record

### Personal Information

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### Education

- Ph.D. Linguistics, University of California at Santa Cruz, 1994
- MA Linguistics, University of California at Santa Cruz, 1992

### Current Employment

- Professor of English Linguistics at the University of Tromsø (since 2001), with teaching and research in English and General Linguistics
- Director, Center for Advanced Study in Theoretical Linguistics (CASTL) (since 2013)

### Past Research Leadership Posts

- Board member, CASTL, a Norwegian Center of Excellence (2002–2012)
- Director, *Nordic Center of Excellence in Nordic Microcomparative Syntax* (NORMS) (2005–2010)
- Principal Investigator, *Moving Right Along*, a Norwegian Research Council *Young Excellent Researcher* project (2004–2009)
- Linguistics Programme Chair, European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (2008–2010)
- Board member of GLOW (Generative Linguistics in the Old World) (2002–2008)

### Fellowships and Awards

- 2010: Fridtjof Nansen Award for Excellent Research, The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters
- 2005–2010: NORMS (*Nordic Center of Excellence for Microcomparative Syntax*), €2.4M from NOS-HS plus a like amount from seven partner institutions
- 2004–2009: MRA (*Moving Right Along*), €750K from the Norwegian Research Council for a Young Excellent Researcher project
- 2004: Young Researcher Prize, University of Tromsø
- 2003–2012: CASTL (*Center for Advanced Study in Theoretical Linguistics*) (joint application with three co-applicants), €7M from the Norwegian Research Council for a Norwegian Center of Excellence, additional support from the University
- 1999–2001: IGLO (*Intercomprehension of Germanic Languages Online*), seven-institution EU network grant, €300K from Socrates, plus a like amount from the seven partner institutions

### Mobility

- 1999-2000: Sabbatical year at MIT, working with Noam Chomsky and his colleagues

### Supervision of Postdoctoral Research Fellows

- 2010: Björn Lundquist, NORMS project
- 2006–09: Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson, NORMS project
- 2004–09: Minjeong Son, MRA project

### Supervision of Graduate Students; date of completion of thesis

- (will finish in 2018): Desalegn Workneh, PhD on Amharic argument structure (cosupervisor with Tarald Taraldsen)
- 2016: Natalia Mitrofanova, PhD *Paths and Places: Aspects of Grammar and Acquisition* (cosupervisor with Marit Westergaard)
- 2014: Inna Tolskaya, PhD *Verbal Prefixes: Selection and Interpretation*
- 2014: Rosmin Mathew, PhD *The Syntactic Effect of Head Movement: Wh and Verb Movement in Malayalam*

- 2011: Monika Bader, PhD *Constraining Operations: A Phase-based Account of Improper Movement and Anaphoric Binding*
- 2011: Marina Pantcheva, PhD *Decomposing Path*
- 2010: Kaori Takamine, PhD *The Postpositional Hierarchy and its Mapping to Clause Structure in Japanese*
- 2007: Kristine Bentzen, PhD *Order and Structure in Embedded Clauses in Northern Norwegian*
- 2006: Mai Ellin Tungseth, PhD *Verbal Prepositions in Norwegian: Paths, Places, and Possession*
- 2005: Merete Anderssen, PhD *The Acquisition of Compositional Definiteness in Norwegian*
- 2004: Kateřina Součková, MA *Measure Prefixes in Czech: Cumulative na- and Delimitative po-*
- 2004: Polya Vitkova Vitkova, MA *The Interaction of English Particles, Bulgarian Prefixes, and Telicity*
- 2004: Nina Rojina, MA *English Particles, Russian Prefixes, and Prepositional Phrases*
- 2004: Monika Bašić, MA *Nominal Subextractions and the Structures of NPs in Serbian and English*
- 2003: Ulf Meeg, MA *Maori Words in New Zealand English: Comparing Hamilton and Dunedin*
- 1999: Hanne Kvam, MA *The Acquisition of Sentential Negation in English by Norwegian Learners: Evidence of Transfer*
- 1999: Mai Ellin Tungseth, MA *The Syntactic Representation of Goal and Result*

### Organization of Scientific Meetings

I have organized several major conferences, including the annual meeting of GLOW and the annual meeting of the Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics, and many smaller workshops, usually one or two a year, including but not limited to the following (in Tromsø unless otherwise specified):

- 2017, Coorganizer for a workshop on ‘The emergence of semantic features’
- 2016, Coorganizer for a workshop on ‘Hierarchies in feature structure’
- 2015, Coorganizer for ‘Generative Syntax in the Twenty-first Century: The Road Ahead’ in Athens, Greece (major conference)
- 2015, Coorganizer for a workshop on ‘Spell-out and the syntax-phonology interface’
- 2014, Chief organizer for a workshop on North Germanic DPs
- 2014, Chief organizer for a workshop on the occasion of Rosmin Mathew’s doctoral defense
- 2013, Coorganizer for a conference on ‘Features in Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, and Semantics: What are they?’
- 2013, Chief organizer for a workshop on Differential Object Marking
- 2012, Coorganizer for the Decennium, tenth year anniversary of CASTL (major conference)
- 2010, Coorganizer for the annual meeting of the Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop (major conference)
- 2010, Chief organizer for a workshop on Cartography of Noun Phrases
- 2009, Chief organizer for a Symposium on Spatial Representations at the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology annual meeting in Budapest
- 2009, Chief organizer for ‘Arctic Languages: Syntax, Morphology, Lexicon’
- 2009, Chief organizer for ‘Workshop on Spatial Expressions’
- 2008, Chief organizer for conference ‘Parameters Revisited: Holmberg and Platzack 1995 Reloaded’ in Lund
- 2007, Coorganizer for conference on the Syntax of Measurability
- 2007, President of and chief organizer for GLOW conference
- 2007, Chief organizer for NORMS thematic workshop on Particles
- 2006, Chief organizer for workshop on Neurolinguistics
- 2006, Coorganizer for workshop on Northern Norwegian dialect syntax
- 2005, Coorganizer for workshop on Complex Predicates at the LSA Summer Institute at MIT/Harvard
- 2004, Chief organizer for workshop on Argument Structure
- 2003, Chief organizer for workshop on Morphology
- 2003, Coorganizer for major conference on Syntax and Phonology (CASTL Kick-off Conference)
- 2002, Chief organizer for workshop on Displacement held on the coastal steamer (Hurtigruta) between Trondheim and Tromsø
- 2001, Chief organizer for the 19th Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics (major conference)

### Current Editorial Posts

- Editor for *Nordlyd*, University of Tromsø Working Papers in Language and Linguistics (since 2003)
- Editorial board for *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*, *Syntax*, *Linguistic Analysis*, and Oxford's *Studies in Theoretical Linguistics* book series.

### Collections Recently Edited

- 2014. *Nordlyd: Tromsø University Working Papers on Language and Linguistics*, 41.1–2 Special issues on Features (edited together with Martin Krämer and Sandra Ronai).
- 2014. *Functional Structure from Top to Toe*, Oxford University Press, New York.
- 2009. *Nordlyd: Tromsø University Working Papers on Language and Linguistics*, 36.2 NORMS papers on Faroese (edited together with Kristine Bentzen, Caroline Heycock, Jógvan í Lon Jacobsen, Janne Bondi Johannessen, Jeffrey K. Parrott, Tania E. Strahan, and Øystein Alexander Vangsnes).
- 2009. *Nordlyd: Tromsø University Working Papers on Language and Linguistics*, 36.1, Special issue on Nanosyntax (edited together with Gillian Ramchand, Michal Starke, and Knut Tarald Taraldsen).
- 2008. *Nordlyd: Tromsø University Working Papers on Language and Linguistics*, 35.1, Special issue on Complex Predicates (edited together with Inna Tolskaya).
- 2007. *Nordlyd: Tromsø University Working Papers on Language and Linguistics*, 34.2, Special issue on Space, Motion, and Result (edited together with Marina Pantcheva).

### Track Record

According to Google Scholar, my publications have been cited 4824 times, with an h-index of 37 (37 papers have been cited at least 37 times)

### Publications of the past ten years

- 2017. Declension class and the Norwegian definite suffix. In *The Morpho-Syntax Phonology Connection*, ed. by Vera Gribova and Stephanie Shih, Oxford.
- 2016. Complex predicates as complementation structures. In *Approaches to Complex Predicates*, edited by Léa Nash and Pollet Samvelian, Brill.
- 2016. Spans and words. In *Morphological Metatheory*, ed. by Daniel Siddiqi and Heidi Harley, 199–220. John Benjamins.
- 2015. Syntactic constructions, in *Handbook of Contemporary Syntax* vol. I, 15–24, ed. by Artemis Alexiadou, Tibor Kiss, and Miriam Butt, Mouton.
- 2015. Linguistic explanation and domain specialization: A case study in bound variable anaphora. *Frontiers in Psychology* 6: 1421 (with David Adger)
- 2015. The morphological expression of case in Övdalian, in *Studies in Övdalian Syntax*, ed. by Kristine Bentzen and Henrik Rosenkvist, Benjamins.
- 2014. Deriving the functional hierarchy (with Gillian Ramchand), *Language Sciences* 46: 152–174.
- 2014. Generalized applicatives: Reassessing the lexical-functional divide. *Theoretical Linguistics* 40.3/4:439–446.
- 2014. Introduction. In *Functional Structure from Top to Toe*, Oxford.
- 2013 (with Kristine Bentzen and Jason Merchant). Deep properties of surface pronouns: Pronominal predicate anaphors in Norwegian and German. *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* 16.2/3: 97–125.
- 2012. Drowning “into” the river in North Sámi: Uses of the illative. In *Space and Time across Languages, Disciplines, and Cultures* vol. I, ed. by Luna Filipović and Kasia Jaszczolt, 73–94, Benjamins.
- 2012. Non-concatenative morphology is epiphenomenal (with Patrik Bye), in *The Morphology and Phonology of Exponence*, ed. by Jochen Trommer, Oxford.
- 2011. Features in Minimalist Syntax (with David Adger), in *The Oxford Handbook of Linguistic Minimalism*, edited by Cedric Boeckx, Oxford.
- 2010. Spatial P in English, in *Cartography of Syntactic Structures*, ed. by G. Cinque and L. Rizzi, Oxford.

- 2009. Complex prepositions (with Isabelle Roy) in *Autour de la Préposition*, edited by J. François, É. Gilbert, C. Guimier, and M. Krause, pp. 105–116. Caen.
- 2008. Mapping a parochial lexicon onto a universal semantics (with Gillian Ramchand), in *The Limits of Syntactic Variation*, edited by M.T. Biberauer, pp. 219-245. Benjamins.
- 2008. Microparameters of Cross-linguistic variation: Directed motion and Resultatives (with Minjeong Son), in *the Proceedings of the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, ed. by Natasha Abner and Jason Bishop, pp. 388-396. Cascadilla.
- 2008. Review of Toivonen's (2003, Kluwer) *Non-Projecting Words*, *Language* 84.3:666-670.
- 2008. Projections of P, in *Syntax and Semantics of Spatial P*, ed. by Anna Asbury, Jakub Dotlacil, Berit Gehrke, and Rick Nouwen, pp. 63-84. Benjamins.
- 2008. The position of adjectives and other phrasal modifiers in the decomposition of DP, in *Adjectives and Adverbs: Syntax, Semantics, and Discourse*, ed. by Louise McNally and Chris Kennedy, pp. 16-42, Oxford.
- 2008. Russian Prefixes are Phrasal, in *Formal Description of Slavic Languages*, edited by Gerhild Zybatow, Luka Szucsich, Uwe Junghanns, and Roland Meyer, pp. 526-537. Peter Lang.
- 2008. Paradigm Generation and Northern Sámi Stems, in *The Bases of Inflectional Identity*, pp. 73-100, edited by Asaf Bachrach and Andrew Nevins. Oxford.

### Presentations

I am frequently invited to hold lectures in Norway and abroad. I will be speaking at UCSC this year. I was recently invited to speak at a conference on Adpositions at the University of Cambridge, and also in the past year I was invited to hold a colloquium lecture at MIT, a guest lecture in Arezzo, and another in Stellenbosch. In addition, my anonymous abstracts to conferences are frequently successful, both to thematic workshops and to important regional and European conferences such as CGSW, GLOW, the LAGB, and others.

### Popularization

I have also delivered nonspecialist presentations on linguistic topics many times over the years. In 2012 I was honored to be invited by the Research Council of Norway, for the second time, to address a large public audience in the Oslo Concert Hall at an arrangement celebrating excellent research.

### Research Expeditions

I have led or participated centrally in organized field expeditions to

- 2011, CASTL Fieldwork expedition to South Africa (Stellenbosch).
- 2008, NORMS Fieldwork expedition to the Faroe Islands.
- 2008, MRA Fieldwork expedition to Indonesia (Jakarta, Bali, and other locations).
- 2007, MRA Fieldwork expedition to India (Delhi and Hyderabad).
- 2007, NORMS Fieldwork expedition to Älvdalen, Sweden.
- 2006, NORMS Fieldwork expedition to Senja, Norway.

### Project on adpositions

In 2004–2009, I led a *Young Excellent Researcher* project on Spatial expressions. As a direct result of the work on that project, I wrote or coauthored at least ten significant papers and supervised several more, including a doctoral dissertation on expressions of Path (Pantcheva 2011). Here is a partial list.

- 2004. Slavic prefixes inside and outside VP. Nordlyd.
- 2006. The emergence of Axial Parts. Nordlyd.
- 2007. Adpositions, particles, and the arguments they introduce. In a John Benjamins volume.
- 2008. Projections of P. In a John Benjamins volume.
- 2008, with Minjeong Son. Microparameters of cross-linguistic variation: Directed motion and resultatives. In WCCFL Proceedings.
- 2009, with Minjeong Son. Measurement and Paths. LAGB paper.
- 2009, with Isabelle Roy. Complex prepositions. In a University of Caen volume.
- 2010. Spatial prepositions in English. In an OUP volume.
- 2012. Structural decomposition of spatial adpositions. In a Ruhr University proceedings.
- 2013. P: The category and the extended projection. Ms.