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Personal data:

Icelandic citizen. Born in Sauðárkrúkur, Iceland, June 1st, 1955. Married, one child.

University education:

1979-1982 Cand.Mag., University of Iceland (Icelandic Language and Linguistics)

1976-1979 B.A., University of Iceland (Icelandic and Comparative Literature)

Academic employment:

1993-present Professor of Icelandic Language, University of Iceland

1988-1993 Associate Professor of Icelandic Language, University of Iceland

1986-1988 Assistant Professor of Icelandic Language, University of Iceland

Main professional and administrative activities

2014- Member, University Council, University of Iceland

2014- Head, Institute of Linguistics, University of Iceland

2013-2014 Head of Local Organizing Committee, LREC 2014, Reykjavík, May

2010-2015 Member, Icelandic Language Council

2008-2010 Dean, Faculty of Icelandic and Comparative Cultural Studies, UI

2006-2008 Head, Department of Icelandic, University of Iceland

2006-2009 Vice-President, North-European Association for Language Technology

2005-2008 Member, LangTech Working Group (Nordic Language Council)

2005- Chairman of the Board, Icelandic Centre for Language Technology

2004-2009 Board member, Nordic Graduate School of Language Technology

2003 Chief organizer, NODALIDA 14, Reykjavík, May

2002-2004 Vice-Dean, Faculty of Humanities, University of Iceland

2001-2005 Coordinator, Icelandic Documentation Center for Language Technology

1998-2001 Board member, University of Iceland Computing Services

1995-2005 Chairman, Language Section, Icelandic Republic 50th Anniversary Fund

1994-2006 Chairman of the Board, Institute of Lexicography, University of Iceland

1993-1995 Head, Department of Icelandic, University of Iceland

1991-1992 Head, Department of Icelandic, University of Iceland

1989-1990 Head, Institute of Linguistics, University of Iceland

1989 Chief organizer, NODALIDA 7, Reykjavík, June

1986-1988 Secretary, Nordic Association of Linguists

1983-1988 Editor, *Íslenskt mál* (journal of the Linguistic Association of Iceland)

Teaching

I have 35 years of teaching experience at the University of Iceland, both in the Department of Linguistics and in the Department of Icelandic. I have taught more than 30 different courses – undergraduate courses on Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Corpus Linguistics, Linguistic Methods, and Composition, and graduate courses on Phonology, Morphology, Syntax (both synchronic and diachronic), Corpus Linguistics, and Natural Language Processing. I have supervised a number of Master's theses and co-supervised one PhD dissertation.

I have been active in developing teaching material and teaching methods. I have written textbooks on Icelandic phonetics, generative phonology and generative morphology for use at the university level. I was also a pioneer in distance education at the Department of Icelandic (and in fact at the University as a whole) in 1999. I have recently been experimenting with flipped teaching and with using MOOCs from other universities as an intergrated part of my own courses.

Research

In the beginning of my research career around 1980, I worked mainly on syntax. I have published several papers on Icelandic syntax, especially diachronic and historical syntax, but also some synchronic papers. In the past few years, I have been a member of a number of collaborative projects and networks on syntactic variation, such as [Variation in Syntax \(Tilbrigði í setningagerð\)](#), [ScanDiaSyn \(Scandinavian Dialect Syntax\)](#), [NORMS \(Nordic Center of Excellence in Microcomparative Syntax\)](#), [NLVN \(Nordic Language Variation Network\)](#), and [N'CLAV \(Nordic Collaboration on Language Variation Studies\)](#). I have also written articles and textbooks on Modern Icelandic phonetics, phonology and morphology.

In the 1990s, my work on Old Icelandic corpora led me towards corpus linguistics. I was chief editor of the *Concordance to the Icelandic Family Sagas*, which was published on a CD in 1996. Around the turn of the century, I became a pioneer in language technology at the University of Iceland and have since then been project leader or steering group member of several Icelandic language technology R&D projects. The largest of these was [Viable Language Technology Beyond English](#) which received a three year Grant of Excellence from the Icelandic Research Fund in 2009. I was the PI of that project.

Furthermore, I have cooperated with companies from the software and telecommunications industry and with people from the disabled community on various projects. Recently, I was a member of an Icelandic team which cooperated with Google on the building of an Icelandic speech recognition system for Android smartphones, and cooperated with the Icelandic Organization of the Visually Impaired and Ivona Software (subsidiary of Amazon) on a new text-to-speech system for Icelandic.

For the last 15 years, I have taken active part in Nordic/Baltic cooperation in language technology. I have participated in several projects and networks in this area, including [Nordic CLARIN Network](#), [NorDokNet](#), [NLTNet](#), [Nordisk Netordbog](#), [Tværsproglig søgning på tekster og ordbøger](#), [Nordtalk](#) and [Nordic Treebank Network](#). I was Icelandic representative on the Board of the [Nordic Graduate School of Language Technology \(NGSLT\)](#) from 2004-2009. From 2011-2013, I led the Icelandic part of the EU funded [META-NORD](#) project, which was a part of [META-NET](#).

Participation in externally funded LT R&D projects and networks:

2014-2016	Network member, <i>Nordic CLARIN Network</i>
2011-2013	Leader of Icelandic part, <i>META-NORD</i>
2010-2012	Steering group member, <i>Icelandic Text-to-Speech System</i>
2009-2011	Project leader, <i>Viable Language Technology beyond English</i>
2007-2008	Project leader, <i>Context-sensitive Spell Checking</i>
2006-2007	Steering group member, <i>Icelandic Text Screening</i>
2004-2013	Steering group member, <i>Balanced Tagged Corpus of Icelandic</i>
2004-2006	Steering group member, <i>Ragga – a Text-to-Speech System for Icelandic</i>
2004-2006	Steering group member, <i>ISLEX – Scandinavian Web-based Dictionary</i>
2003-2005	Network member, <i>Nordic Treebank Network</i>
2003-2004	Steering group member, <i>Hjal – a Speech Recognizer for Icelandic</i>
2002-2004	Project leader, <i>Grammatical Tagger for Icelandic</i>
2002-	Steering group member, <i>Database of Icelandic Inflections</i>
2001-2003	Network member, <i>Nordtalk</i> (Corpus based research on spoken language)
2001-2005	Network member, <i>NorDokNet</i> (Nordic Documentation Centres in LT)
1999-2002	Steering group member, <i>ÍSTAL</i> (Corpus of spoken Icelandic)

Grants and awards

Principal Investigator

2015	<i>A Large Digital Corpus</i> – Project Grant, Icelandic Infrastructure Fund (ISK 4,950,000)
2015	<i>Teaching Material and Software for Teaching Icelandic Language Technology</i> – Project Grant, Áslaug Hafliðadóttir Memorial Fund (ISK 4,000,000)
2009-2011	<i>Viable Language Technology beyond English</i> – Grant of Excellence, Icelandic Research Fund (ISK 43,485,000)
2007-2008	<i>Context-Sensitive Spell Checking</i> – Project Grant, Icelandic Research Fund (ISK 3,100,000)
2006	<i>Shallow Parsing of Icelandic Text</i> – Project Grant, Icelandic Research fund (ISK 3,800,000)
2002	<i>Development of Training Material for a PoS Tagger</i> – Project Grant, Icelandic Language Technology Fund (ISK 6,000,000)
1991	<i>Concordance to Sturlunga Saga, Íslendingabók and Landnámabók</i> – Project Grant, Icelandic Science Fund (ISK 650,000)
1989	<i>Concordance to the Icelandic Family Sagas</i> – Project Grant, Icelandic Science Fund (ISK 500,000)

Co-Proposer

2012-2014	<i>Syntactic Mutation: The Case of Icelandic</i> – Project Grant, Icelandic Research Fund (ISK 27,720,000) – PI Þórhallur Eypórsson
2012-2014	<i>Language Change and Linguistic Variation in 19th-Century Icelandic and the Emergence of a National Standard</i> – Project Grant, Icelandic Research Fund (ISK 33,593,000) – PI Ásta Svavarsdóttir
2011-2013	<i>META-NORD</i> – Project Grant, ICT PSP Programme, Grant Agreement No 270899 (€ 2,250,000) – Coordinator Andrejs Vasiljevs
2005-2007	<i>Variation in Syntax</i> – Grant of Excellence, Icelandic Research Fund (ISK 29,600,000) – PI Höskuldur Þráinsson

Other grants

1983-2015 More than 20 smaller grants from The University of Iceland Research Fund and The Icelandic Student Innovation Fund

Awards

- 2006 First prize in the competition *Uppúr skíffunum* arranged by the Research Liaison Office at the University of Iceland, for the project *Context-Sensitive Spell Checking* (with Hrafn Loftsson and Sigrún Helgadóttir)
- 1996 The annual award of *Hagþenkir*, association of Icelandic non-fiction writers, for *Concordance to the Icelandic Family Sagas* (with Bergljót S. Kristjánsdóttir, Guðrún Ingólfssdóttir, and Örnólfur Thorsson)

Academic services

Member of the Editorial/Advisory Board of

Nordic Journal of Linguistics (2001-present), *Syntax* (1998-2002), *International Journal of Applied Linguistics* (1991-1995), *Íslenskt mál* (1988-present)

Reviewed manuscripts for

English Language and Linguistics, *Journal of Linguistics*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Nordic Journal of Linguistics*, *Language Resources and Evaluation*, *Plos One*, *Transactions of the Philological Society*, *Historical Syntax*

Reviewed paper submissions for

TLT 2003, NoDaLiDa 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, HLT 2012, 2014, IceTal 2010, LtHist 2012, ICHL21 2013, LREC 2014, DiGS17 2015

Reviewed project proposals for

European Science Foundation, National Science Foundation, USA, Center for Advanced Study, Oslo, Arts and Humanities Research Board, UK, NOS-H, NorFA, Icelandic Research Fund, University of Iceland Research Fund.