

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

2008– Studies in university pedagogy, Åbo Akademi University (ÅA),
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, ÅA, Turku,
Finland

06/21/2005 **Master's Degree**; Majoring in Finnish language and literature, ÅA
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, ÅA
2003–2004 -Finnish language and literature, advanced course, ÅA

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 th 2006, TOEFL iBT, 117/120)
Norwegian	fluent (December 15 th 1999, University of Oslo, highest level course in Norwegian language, grade 1,9 i.e. laudabilis)
Italian	fluent (August 31 st 2005, University of Turku (TY), Italian grammar course, grade 5/5)
Swedish	fluent (May 24 th 2003), ÅA, Swedish language test, 193/200)
German	good (May 31 st 1998, high school language course, grade 9/10)
French	good (May 31 st 1998, high school language course, grade 10/10)
Spanish	basics (May 31 st 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.