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## Professional appointments

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- 2025-present Professor of English Language and Linguistics  
Department of Language and Literature  
Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim
- 2015-2025 *Førsteamanuensis* (Associate Professor) in English Language and Linguistics, NTNU
- 2014-15 Postdoctoral researcher, Ghent University  
Member of the group Generative Initiatives in Syntactic Theory, on project  
'Comparative syntax: Layers of structure and the cartography project'

## Education

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- 2014 PhD in Linguistics, University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Thesis title: *Fragments and clausal ellipsis*
- 2009 MA in Syntax, University College London
- 2008 MA<sup>1</sup> in Linguistics, University of Edinburgh

## Publications and presentations

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### Refereed journal articles

- in press (with Liliane Haegeman) Subject omission in English speech and writing: similar but different. *Rivista di Grammatica Generativa*.
- in press (with Marie-Luise Schwarzer and Antonio Fábregas) No ellipsis-contained antecedents: adjunct-licensed gapping in Spanish. *The Linguistic Review*.
- 2024 Nominal VP anaphora in Scandinavian and English.  
*Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* 27(8).  
<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10828-024-09154-w>
- 2022 Resultatives, goal PPs, and postverbal subjects: From Scotland to Belfast.  
*Journal of Linguistics* 58(1): 111–55.  
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-linguistics/article/resultatives-goal-pps-and-postverbal-subjects-from-scotland-to-belfast/A4CE2B648A93053E47AB55E07A113806>

<sup>1</sup> First-cycle/undergraduate-level degree; see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Master\\_of\\_Arts\\_\(Scotland\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Master_of_Arts_(Scotland))

- 2020 Antecedentless fragments: a middle way between sententialism and nonsententialism. *Acta Linguistica Hafniensia* 52(2) (special issue, “Fragments or ellipsis or both? New challenges and new perspectives”): 151–79.  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/03740463.2020.1759369>
- 2017 Object drop and article drop in reduced written register.  
*Linguistic Variation* 17(2): 157–85.
- 2015 (with Liliane Haegeman, Lieven Danckaert, Tijs D’Hulster, and Liisa Buelens)  
Against the root analysis of subject contact relatives in English.  
*Lingua* 163:61–74.
- 2012 Left edge deletion in English and subject omission in diaries.  
*English Language and Linguistics* 16(1):105–29.

### Edited journal issue

- 2020 Guest editor (with Kristin Melum Eide) of special issue, *Nordic Journal of Linguistics* 43(3), *Morphosyntactic microvariation within the individual language user*.

### Book chapters [\* = peer-reviewed]

- in press The omission of D and T in English headlines.\*  
To appear in a volume published by Language Science Press.
- 2026 (with Liliane Haegeman) Register variation: core grammar and periphery.  
To appear in (online) *International Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, 3rd edition.
- 2022 Fragments and left-edge ellipsis: the division of labour between syntax, semantics and prosody.\*  
In *The derivational timing of ellipsis*, eds. Anikó Lipták & Güliz Güneş. 253–290.  
Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2020 Negative fragment answers.\*  
In *The Oxford handbook of negation*, eds. Viviane Déprez & M. Teresa Espinal. 441–57. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2019 Diary null subjects: an analogy with imperatives?  
In *Mapping linguistic data: essays in honour of Liliane Haegeman*, eds. Metin Bağrıaçık, Anne Breitbarth & Karen De Clercq. <https://www.haegeman.ugent.be/>
- 2017 But write what?  
In *A Schrift to Fest Kyle Johnson* [UMass Amherst Linguistics Open Access Publications 1], eds. Nicholas LaCara, Keir Moulton & Anne-Michelle Tessier. 401–408. Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts.  
[http://scholarworks.umass.edu/linguist\\_oapubs/1](http://scholarworks.umass.edu/linguist_oapubs/1)
- 2016 (with Liliane Haegeman) Finiteness and response particles in West Flemish.\*  
In *Finiteness matters: finiteness-related phenomena in natural language* [Linguistik Aktuell/Linguistics Today 231], ed. Kristin Melum Eide. 211–254. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- 2015 (with Liliane Haegeman) The cartography of ‘yes’ and ‘no’ in West Flemish.\*  
In *Discourse-oriented syntax* [Linguistik Aktuell/Linguistics Today 226], eds. Josef Bayer, Roland Hinterhölzl & Andreas Trotzke. 175–210. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

**Conference proceedings papers**

- 2018 Structurally ambiguous *again* without lexical decomposition: a Function Composition approach.  
In Hucklebridge, Sherry & Max Nelson (eds.), *Proceedings of NELS 48*. 197-206.
- 2018 Cointensional questions, fragment answers, and structured meanings.  
In Truswell, Robert, Chris Cummins, Caroline Heycock, Brian Rabern & Hannah Rohde (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21*. 1289-1306.
- 2017 (with Elizabeth Bogal-Allbritten) Sentential and possibly subsentential modification: the ambiguity of Collins conjunctions.  
In Lamont, Andrew & Katerina Tetzloff (eds.), *Proceedings of NELS 47*. 89-102.
- 2017 ‘DP be CP’ constructions and the licensing of clausal ellipsis.  
In Lamont, Andrew & Katerina Tetzloff (eds.), *Proceedings of NELS 47*. 209-218.
- 2015 Fragment answers and ‘exceptional movement under ellipsis’: A PF-movement account.  
In Bui, Thuy and Deniz Özyıldız (eds.), *Proceedings of NELS 45*. 175-188.
- 2014 Fragment answers and the Question under Discussion.  
In Iyer, Jyoti & Leland Kusmer (eds.), *Proceedings of NELS 44*. 255-266.
- 2014 *Why*-stripping targets Voice Phrase.  
In Huang, Hsin-lun, Ethan Poole & Amanda Rysling (eds.), *Proceedings of NELS 43*. 235-248.
- 2013 The syntax of imperatives in Scots.  
In Cruickshank, Janet & Robert M. Millar (eds.), *After the Storm: Papers from the Forum for Research on the Languages of Scotland and Ulster triennial meeting, Aberdeen 2012*. 261–85. <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/pfrlsu/volumes/vol4/> (Proceedings paper peer-reviewed.)
- 2012 *Some*, speaker knowledge, and subkinds.  
In Rendsvig, Rasmus K. and Sophia Katenko (eds.), *Proceedings of the ESSLLI 2012 Student Session*. <http://ceur-ws.org/Vol-954/paper19.pdf>

**Other publications**

- 2021 English and Englishes. Introduction to chapter 1, *EDGE Engelsk 1 (Vg2/Vg3)* [English textbook for use in Norwegian high school], eds. Ian Underwood, Arne Birkeland, Svein Arild Pettersen & Siri Hunstadbråten. 9–11. Oslo: Gyldendal Norsk Forlag.
- 2013 Article drop in headlines and truncation of CP.  
*LSA Annual Meeting Extended Abstracts 2013*.  
<https://journals.linguisticsociety.org/proceedings/index.php/ExtendedAbs/article/view/775/563>
- 2009 Subject pronoun drop in informal English.  
Richard M. Hogg Prize winning paper, International Society for the Linguistics of English. <https://www.isle-linguistics.org/assets/content/documents/hogg/weir2009.pdf>

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**Academic presentations [\* = acceptance on the basis of reviewed abstract]**


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- 2025 Subjectless sentences in English: the left edge condition from ELEC to SHLEC.\*  
(with Liliane Haegeman and Lieven Danckaert)  
To be presented at LAGB, University of Suffolk, September 3-5.
- 2025 Possibly the structures and interpretation of subclausal modal modifiers.\*  
To be presented at LAGB, University of Suffolk, September 3-5.
- 2025 Subject omission in English: arguments against full unification of the spoken and ‘abbreviated’ written varieties.\* (with Liliane Haegeman)  
Presentation at “Marginal grammar at the semantics-pragmatics interface”, workshop at DGfS 2025, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, March 5-7.
- 2024 Spanish gapping, adjunct antecedents, and No Embedding.\*  
(with Marie-Luise Schwarzer and Antonio Fábregas)  
Presentation at Sinfonija 17, University of Nova Gorica, September 26-28.
- 2024 Spanish gapping, adjunct antecedents, and No Embedding.\*  
(with Marie-Luise Schwarzer and Antonio Fábregas)  
Presentation at workshop on ‘Form and Meaning of Coordination’, University of Göttingen, July 4-6.
- 2023 *Again*’s many readings again: ‘chaining’ again and the semantics of change-of-state predicates.  
Invited colloquium, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (Taiwan, presented online), November 30.
- 2023 Aux-contraction and deletion in English dialects and registers: an interface account of variability.  
Presentation at Workshop on Multilingual Minds, The Arctic University of Norway (Tromsø), February 9-10.
- 2023 *John and possibly Mary*: a conjoined free relative analysis.\*  
Presentation at NELS 53, University of Göttingen, January 12-14.
- 2022 Restitutive *again*: function composition, not syntactic decomposition.  
Invited talk, Semantics in Norway workshop, Gran, May 4-6.
- 2022 Optionality in auxiliary contraction deletion in English: an interface account.  
Presentation at AcqVA workshop, Jeløya, April 29.
- 2019 Intra-speaker variation and the syntax-prosody interface: left-edge ellipsis and auxiliary contraction in English.  
Presentation at AcqVA workshop on *Register and dialect variation in the individual*, NTNU, October 28.
- 2018 Predicate *that*-anaphora in English and beyond.  
Colloquium talk, CASTL/The Arctic University of Norway (Tromsø), November 16.
- 2018 Left-edge ellipsis and clausal ellipsis: The division of labor between syntax, semantics and prosody.  
Invited talk at workshop on ‘The timing of ellipsis’ at the Societas Linguistica Europaea annual meeting, Tallinn University, Estonia, August 29-1 September.
- 2017 Restitutive *again* without lexical decomposition: a Function Composition approach.\*  
Poster presented at NELS 48, University of Iceland, October 27-29.

- 2016 Phrasal pronominalization and intra-Germanic variation in predicate *that*-anaphora.\*  
Presentation at the 31<sup>st</sup> Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop, Stellenbosch University, South Africa, December 1-3.
- 2016 Sentential and possibly subsentential modification: the ambiguity of Collins conjunctions.\* (with Elizabeth Bogal-Allbritten)  
Presentation at NELS 47, UMass Amherst, October 14-16.
- 2016 Ellipsis in ‘DP be CP’ constructions and the syntax of embedded fragments.\*  
Poster presented at NELS 47, UMass Amherst, October 14-16.
- 2016 Ellipsis in ‘DP be CP’ constructions and the syntax of embedded fragments.\*  
Presentation at workshop on ‘Fragments’, Universität Saarbrücken, October 13-14.
- 2016 That’s that construction analysed: *that be* ‘resultatives’ in Scottish English.\*  
Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain, University of York, UK, September 6-9.
- 2016 Cointensional questions and their implications for questions and fragment answers.\*  
Poster presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 21, University of Edinburgh, September 4-6.
- 2016 Unaccusatives and low imperative subjects: the view from Scottish English.  
Invited talk at syntax/semantics reading group, Simon Fraser University, March 22.
- 2016 The prosodic licensing of left-edge ellipsis and implications for clausal ellipsis.  
Invited presentation at Ellipsis and Prosody workshop, Leiden University, January 15-16.
- 2015 The syntactic complexity of ‘yes’ and ‘no’ in West Flemish. (with Liliane Haegeman)  
Presentation at the Linguistic Complexity in the Individual and Society workshop, NTNU Trondheim, October 15.
- 2015 The cartography of ‘yes’ and ‘no’ in West Flemish.\* (with Liliane Haegeman)  
Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain, University College London, September 15-18.
- 2015 Unaccusatives and low imperative subjects: the view from Scottish English.\*  
Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain, University College London, September 15-18.
- 2015 The cartography of ‘yes’ and ‘no’ in West Flemish.  
Presentation at the Conference on Projection and Representation in Syntactic Theory in honour of Michael Brody. Research Institute for Linguistics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, April 13-14. (Haegeman invited to give talk. Joint work between Haegeman and Weir. Presented by Weir alone.)
- 2015 The cartography of ‘yes’ and ‘no’ in West Flemish. (with Liliane Haegeman)  
Presentation at ERC SynCart Lab Seminar, University of Geneva, February 5.
- 2015 Fragment answers and exceptional movement under ellipsis: a PF-movement account.\*  
Presentation at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, January 8-11.
- 2014 Fragment answers and exceptional movement under ellipsis: a PF-movement account.\*  
Presentation at NELS 45, MIT, October 31-November 2.

- 2014 The cartography of ‘yes’ and ‘no’ in West Flemish.  
Keynote presentation at the 29<sup>th</sup> Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop, York University, UK, September 25-27. (Haegeman invited to give keynote talk. Joint work between Haegeman and Weir. Presented by Weir alone.)
- 2013 Fragment answers and the Question under Discussion.\*  
Poster presented at NELS 44, University of Connecticut, Storrs, October 18-20.
- 2013 Fragment answers and the Question under Discussion.\*  
Presentation at Identity in Ellipsis workshop, Leiden University, September 20-21.
- 2013 *He can that*: a TenseP anaphor in Scottish English.\*  
Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain, School of Oriental and African Studies (University of London), August 28-31.
- 2013 Object drop and article drop in reduced written register: a unified analysis.  
Invited presentation at the Register Variation and Syntactic Theory workshop, International Congress of Linguists, University of Geneva, July 21-27.
- 2013 Article drop in headlines and truncation of CP.\*  
Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Boston, January 3-6.
- 2012 *Why*-stripping targets Voice Phrase.\*  
Presentation at NELS 43, City University of New York, October 19-21.
- 2012 *Some*, speaker knowledge, and subkinds.\*  
Presentation at the Student Session of the 24th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI), University of Opole, Poland, August 6-17.
- 2012 Negation in Scots: two *dinnas*.\*  
Presentation at the Triennial Conference of the Forum for Research on the Languages of Scotland and Ulster (FRLSU), University of Aberdeen, Scotland, July 18-20.

#### Other presentations, guest lectures, etc.

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- 2022 The Scots language: past and present.  
Invited popular-scientific talk, ‘Skotsk aften’ (‘Scottish Evening’), organized by Friends of Scotland Society Trondheim, Litteraturhuset, October 27.
- 2022 English! [On studying English at *videregående skole* and at university.]  
Invited presentation (given as a recording), Thora Storm videregående skole, Trondheim, February 3.
- 2020 The curious case of imperative subjects in Belfast English.  
Guest lecture, ENG-3070 (Varieties of English), The Arctic University of Norway (Tromsø), October 21.
- 2020 English and Englishes.  
Invited talk, Norsk Oversetterforening [Norwegian Association of Translators] professional seminar, Oslo, February 29.
- 2019 Dialect data and generative syntax: Theories and methodologies.  
Invited ‘guru’ presentation, Scots Syntactic Atlas ‘Data Hack’ event, University of Glasgow, June 10.
- 2018/2017/ Headline.  
2016 Guest lecture, ‘Text and Genre’ course, English section, Ghent University. (3x)

## Awards

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| 2012 | UMass Graduate School Continuing Student Fellowship<br>Stipend of \$16,000 for the 2012–13 academic year.  |
| 2009 | Richard M. Hogg Prize, International Society for the Linguistics of English<br>Awarded for Weir 2009 ‘Subject pronoun drop in informal English.’ |

## Research projects and groups, conference organization, etc.

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Leader (with Anne Dahl) of the research group Formal, Mental and Acquisitional Approaches to Language (ForMAAL), founded in 2024 at NTNU, a forum and network for researchers in formal linguistics at the Department of Language and Literature (<https://www.ntnu.edu/isl/formaal>). The network organizes regular presentations within the department, and takes a role in the academic development and supervision of PhD candidates in the area of formal linguistics. Previously leader of the similar group Forum for Exploration of Structural Topics (ForEST) at the department.

Previously member of research group AcqVA (Acquisition, Variation and Attrition), NTNU and the Arctic University of Norway (Tromsø). Within AcqVA, leader of the thematic group “Register and dialect in the individual”, and organizer of a specialist workshop with the same title, 28 October 2019, with invited international participation.

Organized (with Anne Dahl/ForMAAL) the ‘Formal Linguistics in the Nordic Countries’ workshop at NTNU, May 20–21, 2025.

Organized (with Terje Lohndal and Dave Kush) the 32<sup>nd</sup> Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop at NTNU, September 13–15, 2017.

## Teaching and advising

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### Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Have offered teaching in and had overall responsibility for almost all courses offered within English and general linguistics, including masters-level courses in semantics, linguistic theory, linguistic methodology, comparative grammar, and seminar/‘topics’ courses on ellipsis and English microvariation; and undergraduate courses in introductory English linguistics, Global English, theoretical syntax, English proficiency and grammar, and methodology/writing for BA theses.

Main supervisor for the PhD thesis of Anna Brandal (to start August 2025).

Co-supervisor for the PhD theses of Ingrid Bondevik (primary supervisor Terje Lohndal) and Anna Giskes and Anastasia Kobzeva (primary supervisor Dave Kush).

Supervisor (alone or joint) for various MA/MPhil theses (30 credit/15,000 words and 60 credit/30,000 words) in the domain of formal linguistics and comparative grammar.

Administrator of doctoral dissertation assessment committees for Brita Ramsevik Riksem, Tina Louise Ringstad, Linda Evenstad Emilsen, and Heming Strømholt Bremnes.

Internal examiner for various MA/MPhil theses.

### Ghent University

‘Mentor’ for PhD students in generative linguistics, and co-supervisor (with Liliane Haegeman) of a bachelor’s paper in English linguistics.

## University of Massachusetts Amherst teaching assistantships

Teaching assistant for various introductory linguistics courses and undergraduate semantics courses: instructor of record for an introductory course in formal linguistics.

## Service

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*External: reviewing*

Member of editorial board, *Nordic Journal of English Studies*.

Article reviewer for *Acta Linguistica Hafniensia*, *English Language and Linguistics*, *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*, *Journal of East Asian Linguistics*, *Glossa*, *Journal of Historical Syntax*, *Language*, *Languages*, *Lingua*, *Linguistic Inquiry*, *The Linguistic Review*, *Journal of Linguistics*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Linguistic Variation*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Natural Language Semantics*, *Revue canadienne de linguistique/Canadian Journal of Linguistics*, *Syntax*.

Grant proposal reviewer for the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Book proposal reviewer, Cambridge University Press.

Book chapter reviewer, Oxford University Press and Language Science Press.

Abstract reviewer for Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop, Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition, GLOW, NELS, Sinn und Bedeutung, TripleA.

*External: examination, evaluation etc.*

External member of evaluation/quality assurance committee for English programs (BA and year course), Arctic University of Norway/Tromsø, 2024.

External member of job search committee, *universitetslektor* in English, University of Bergen, 2021.

External examining/member of appeals commissions at various times for linguistics courses at the University of Agder, University of Bergen, and the Arctic University of Norway/Tromsø. External examiner for MA theses at Tromsø and Bergen.

External examiner in English, Royal Norwegian Air Force Academy, 2017 and 2022.

*Internal (NTNU)*

Head of English section, Department of Language and Literature, 2017-2019; acting head of subgroup for English language, Spring 2021.

Member of university-level Language Policy Committee (*språkpolitisk utvalg*), 2023-2026.

Member of *studieprogramråd* (degree program committees) for English (2016-2021) and Teacher Training with Language Education (2019-present).

Member of the *silekomité* (longlisting committee) in four job searches (three permanent, one temporary) and interview committee in two (one permanent, one temporary).

Member of interview committee for Head of Department of Language and Literature, 2021 and 2025.

Member of evaluation committee for applications to the PhD program in Linguistics, 2020.



Coordinator of exchange trip with Norwegian Study Centre, York (coordinating visit of ca. 30-40 NTNU students of English every February), 2018-present.

Mentor in 'Tett på' program (mentorship program for first-year teacher training students), 2020-2021.

Health and safety representative (*verneombud*), 2017-18 and 2023-24.

## Languages

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English	native
Norwegian	advanced, CEFR level C1/C2, written and spoken concomitant, though more restricted, understanding of Swedish and Danish
French, Spanish	upper-intermediate reading, lower-intermediate spoken