

Curriculum Vitae (academic)

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Date of Birth: 31 March 1961

PhD (1988), **MA** (1983), Queen's University, Kingston, Canada.

BA studies, University of Oslo, 1979-1982.

Appointments (regular and visiting)

Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy, Nanjing University, Nanjing, PRC, November 2012.

Wigeland Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago, January 2nd – June 30th, 2012.

Member, University of Oslo Research Ethics Advisory Board, 2009-present.

Core Group Member, Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature (CSMN), 2007-present.

Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, July-August, 2008.

Head of Department, Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas, March 2005-February 2009.

Head of research group, with Olav Gjelsvik, at the Centre for Advanced Studies (CAS), Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, August 2003-June 2004.

Professor of Theoretical Philosophy, University of Oslo, July 1997-present.

Head of Department, Department of Philosophy, Simon Fraser University, 1999-2000.

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Simon Fraser University, September 1997-2000.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Simon Fraser University, July 1991-97.

Andrew Mellon Faculty Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Harvard University, 1990-91.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Queen's University, 1989-90.

Adjunct Lecturer in Philosophy, Queen's University, Spring Intersession, 1989.

Adjunct Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Oslo, 1988-89.

Instructor in Philosophy, Queen's University, Fall 1987; Spring 1987; Spring 1985.

Publications

Books

2003. *Reflections and Replies: Essays on Tyler Burge*. Co-edited with Martin Hahn. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

1989. *Donald Davidson's Philosophy of Language: An Introduction*. Oxford and New York: Blackwell.

Articles and Chapters

in press: Davidson and Rorty: Triangulation and anti-foundationalism. In Jeff Malpas and Hans-Helmut Gander (eds.) *The Routledge Companion to Hermeneutics*. London and New York: Routledge. Taylor and Francis Group.

2014a. Irony's Commitment: Rorty's Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity. In *The European Legacy: Toward New Paradigms*, 19:2, Special Issue: Richard Rorty's Multiple Legacies, guest editor Samuel Wheeler III, 144-162.

2014b. Being Constructive: On Misak's Creation of Pragmatism. Contribution to symposium on Cheryl Misak, *The American Pragmatists*, OUP, 213, *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*. Vol 49, no. 3, 396-404.

- 2013a. For the Sake of His Own Generation. Rorty on Destruction and Edification. In Alexander Gröschner, Colin Koopman, Mike Sandbothe (eds.), *Richard Rorty: From Pragmatist Philosophy to Cultural Politics*. London: Bloomsbury. (2011d with revisions)
- 2013b. Sprache, Geist und Naturalismus in der analytischen Philosophie. In Martin Hartmann, Jasper Liptow und Marcus Willaschek (eds.), *Die Gegenwart des Pragmatismus*. Berlin: Suhrkamp. (Based on 2006a)
- 2011a. Method and Metaphysics: Pragmatist Doubts. In Jeff Malpas (ed.) *Dialogues with Davidson: New Perspectives on his Philosophy*, Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press.
- 2011b. Triangulation in Action: A Rationalizing Proposal. With Ingvald Fergestad. In Cristina Amoretti and Gerhard Preyer (eds.), *Triangulation: From an Epistemological Point of View*. Frankfurt-Heusenstamm: Ontos Verlag.
- 2011c. Turning to Hermeneutics: On Pragmatism's Struggle with Subjectivity. In Matthias Buschmeier and Espen Hammer (eds.), *Pragmatische Hermeneutic. Beiträge zu Richard Rortys Kulturpolitik. Zeitschrift für Ästhetik und Allgemeine Kunstwissenschaft, Sonderheft 11*. Berlin: Felix Meiner Verlag.
- 2011d. Im Dienste seiner Generation: Rorty über Zerstörung und Erbauung. In Mike Sandbothe and Alexander Gröschner (eds.), *Pragmatismus als Kulturpolitik: Beiträge zum Werk von Richard Rorty*. Berlin: Suhrkamp.
- 2010a. Richard Rorty: Motvillig teoretiker? In Jørgen Pedersen (ed.), *Moderne Politisk Teori*. Oslo: Pax Forlag.
- 2010b. The New Loud: Richard Rorty, Quietist? With Hanne Andrea Kraugerud. *Common Knowledge*, vol. 16(1), 2010, 48-65.
2008. Rorty, Davidson, and the Future of Metaphysics in America. In Cheryl Misak (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of American Philosophy*. New York: Oxford University Press.
2007. Ironism. With Endre Begby, In *American Philosophy. An Encyclopedia*. Routledge.
- 2006a. Analytic Philosophy. In John Shook and Joseph Margolis (eds.), *A Companion to Pragmatism*. Oxford and New York: Blackwell.
- 2006b. Hermeneutics. With Kristin Gjesdal. In Edward Zalta (principal ed.), *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. URL: <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/hermeneutics/>
2004. Naturalizing Idealizations: Pragmatism and the Interpretivist Strategy. *Contemporary Pragmatism*, Vol. 1. No. 2.
- 2003a. Illuminating Language: Interpretation and understanding in Gadamer and Davidson. In Carlos Prado (ed.), *A House Divided: Comparing Analytic and Continental Philosophers*. Amherst, NY: Humanity

Books.

- 2003b. Osvetlit jazyk, osvetlit jazykem: Interpretace a rozumeni u Gadamera a Davidsona. *Filozofický časopis*, vol. 51(4), 567-591. (translation of 2003a)
2002. Rorty and the Instruments of Philosophy. In Michael Peters and Paulo Ghiraldelli (eds.) *Richard Rorty: Philosophy, Culture and Education*. Boulder, Colorado: Rowman & Littlefield. (Translations: 1998; 2000b; 2000c)
- 2001a. What Davidson Said to the Sceptic. In Petr Kotatko, Peter Pagin, Gabriel Segal (eds.), *Interpreting Davidson: Selected papers from the 1996 Karlovy Vary symposium on analytical philosophy*. Palo Alto, California: CSLI Press.
- 2001b. "Richard Rorty." In Edward Zalta (principal ed.), *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. URL: <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/rorty/>
- 2001c. Begrepsoppdrett og spørsmåls(mis)dannelse: Vitenskap, etikk og laksens indre liv. [Breeding Concepts and (Mis)Shaping Questions: Science, Ethics and the Inner Life of the Salmon.] In Andreas Føllesdal (ed.), *Dyreetikk [Animal Ethics]*. Oslo: Fagbokforlaget.
- 2000a. Post-Ontological Philosophy of Mind: Rorty versus Davidson. In Robert Brandom (ed.), *Rorty and His Critics*. Oxford and New York: Blackwell.
- 2000b. Un uomo senza argomenti? Rorty e gli strumenti della filosofia. *Iride* 29, Anno XIII. (translation of 2002)
- 2000c. Rorty und die Werkzeuge der Philosophie. In Mike Sandbothe (ed.), 2000. *Die Renaissance des Pragmatismus: Aktuelle Verflechtungen zwischen analytischer und kontinentaler Philosophie*. Weilerswist: Velbrueck Wissenschaft. (translation of 2002)
- 1999a. The Significance of Charity. In Lewis E. Hahn (ed.), *The Philosophy of Donald Davidson*. The Library of Living Philosophers, Vol. XXVI. Chicago and LaSalle, Illinois: Open Court Publishers.
- 1999b. Dennett's Pragmatism. In Jean-Pierre Commetti (ed.), *Pragmatism. Revue Internationale de Philosophie*, Special Issue.
1998. Rorty e os Instrumentos da Filosofia. In Paulo Roberto Margutti Pinto et al. (eds.), *Filosofia Analítica, Pragmatismo e Ciência*. Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais: Editora da Universidade de Minas Gerais. (Translation of 2002)
- 1997a. The Source of the Subjective. In Lewis E. Hahn (ed.), *The Philosophy of Hans-Georg Gadamer*. The Library of Living Philosophers, Vol. XXIV. Chicago and LaSalle, Illinois: Open Court Publishers.
- 1997b. Donald Davidson. In Donald Borchert (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Supplementary Volume. New York: Simon and Schuster

MacMillan.

- 1993a. Strategies for Radical Rorty: 'But is it Progress?' In Jocelyne Couture and Kai Nielsen (eds.), *Reconstructing Philosophy? New Essays on Metaphilosophy*. Canadian Journal of Philosophy. Supplementary volume XIX.
- 1993b. Interpreting Davidson: Critical Notice of Simone Evnine: Donald Davidson (Stanford U.P., 1991). *Dialogue*, XXXII.
1988. Charity and Ideology. The Field Linguist as Social Critic. *Dialogue*, XXVII. Reprinted in Sharyn Clough (ed.), 2003. *Feminism, Social Justice and Analytic Philosophy: Siblings Under the Skin*. Aurora, Colorado: The Davies Group.

Conference contributions, invited lectures

- Irony's commitment: Reading Rorty's *Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity*. At *Learning Freedom: Richard Rorty Revisited*, Universidad Alcalá de Henares, Madrid, December 12-13, 2013; *New York Pragmatist Forum*, Fordham University, New York City, February 21, 2014.
- Thinking dialogically about the limits of dialogue (Some thoughts on being Bernsteinian). At *The Many Faces of Violence: Workshop on Bernstein on Violence*, New York City, NY: November 18-19, 2013.
- Being Constructive: On Misak's Creation of Pragmatism. At *Symposium on Cheryl Misak's American Pragmatism (OUP 2013)*, Canadian Philosophy Association Annual Conference, University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia.
- Uses of Irony: Philosophy and Politics in "Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity". At *International Symposium Richard Rorty*, Universidad Tres de Febrero, Buenos Aires, May 7-10, 2013.
- Pragmatism and its Narratives: Brandom, Rorty and the Construction of Philosophical Histories. At *Brandom and Pragmatism*, Universidad Alcalá de Henares, Madrid, April 11-12, 2013.
- Rorty on Truth and Justification: A stab at a defense. At *Neo-Pragmatism: Truth and Justification*, University of Sydney, Sydney, December 4-7, 2012;
- Practical Knowledge, Action and Rationality*, Shanghai Normal University, Shanghai, November 17-18, 2012.
- Transcendental temptations and Pragmatist Cures: On Rorty and the varieties of animal agency. At *First European Pragmatism Conference*, Roma III, Roma, September 19-21.

Pragmatism and Subjectivity. University of Chicago, October 27, 2011.

Expressing Subjectivity: Constraints on a pragmatist view of the explanatory relations between language and the mental. At *The 4th Nordic Pragmatism Conference*, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, August 22-24, 2011.

Science or Politics? On the commitments of pragmatism. At *Realism and its Multiple Forms*. Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, Helsinki. June 7-10, 2011.

Tensions in Pragmatism: On the science and politics of subjectivity. At *Naturalism without Mirrors - workshop on the philosophy of Huw Price*, Univärsitet Zurich, Zürich, May 9-11, 2011.

Trouble with the Subjective: Pragmatism and the Naturalization of Mind. At *The Balzan-Skinner Colloquium: Analytic Philosophy in Britain and America: the Forging of a Tradition*, CRASHH, Cambridge University, Cambridge, May 8-9, 2011.

Animal Subjectivity. Centre for Mind and Language, University of Hradec Kralove, Hradec Kralove, April 8, 2011.

Turning to Hermeneutics: Pragmatism's Struggle with Subjectivity. Department of Philosophy, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, December 2, 2010.

Method and Metaphysics: Pragmatist Doubts. At *On Davidson*, Ethics Research Institute, Universität Zürich, Zürich, April 27, 2010.

Pragmatism and the Subjective. At Zentrüm für interdisziplinäre Forschung, Bielefeld, Bielefeld, June, 2009; *Nordic Pragmatist Network*, NTNU, Trondheim, May 13-15, 2009; *American Philosophy Association Pacific Division Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 9-12, 2009; Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt/M, June 23, 2007.

Healing Minds, Treating Brains: Psychiatry between biology and subjectivity. Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, August 18, 2008.

Richard Rorty, in memoriam. *American Philosophy Association Pacific Division Annual Meeting*, Pasadena, California, March 21, 2008.

Brandom's Inferentialism: The Rortyan Background. At *The School of Inferentialism*, Charles University, Prague, April 25-26, 2007.

Atheist Doubts: Can science still the urge to believe? Lund Philosophical Seminar, University of Lund, November 9, 2005.

Animal Welfare, Ethics and Philosophy. In Norwegian: Dyreverv, filosofi og etikk, *Norwegian Veterinary Society*, autumn course, Stavanger, November 1, 2005.

Interpretation and the knowledge of emotion. At *Objectivity and Meaning*:

Themes from Davidson, University of Oslo, Oslo April 16, 2004; *The Prague seminar on Interpretation*, Prague, April 27-29, 2004.

Who we are and what we are: Emotion at the interface of subjectivity and science. Plenary paper at *The XV Inter-Nordic Philosophical Symposium: SCIENCE – A CHALLENGE TO PHILOSOPHY?* University of Helsinki, Helsinki, May 13–15, 2004.

Subjectivity as scientific object: a pragmatist approach to the sciences of emotion. The LOGOS Group, Department of Logic, History and Philosophy of Science, University of Barcelona, May 21, 2004.

Gadamer and Historicity. Department of Logic, History and Philosophy of Science, University of Barcelona, May 1999.

Davidson's Notion of the Physical. Department of Logic, History and Philosophy of Science, University of Barcelona, May 1999.

A Man Without Arguments? Rorty as Philosopher. Department of Philosophy, University of Stockholm, October 1998.

On Davidson's Distinction Between the Mental and the Physical. Department of Philosophy, University of Stockholm, October 1998.

Intellectual Virtues and Their Names: Putnam versus Rorty. At *The 1998 Karlovy Vary Symposium on Analytical Philosophy: Swimming in H2O*, Karlovy Vary, September 1998.

Rorty, Davidson, and Relativism. (In Norwegian.) At *A Third Way: Conference on Relativism*, Philosophical Project Centre, Oslo, Norway, June 1998.

Post-Ontological Philosophy of Mind. Rorty versus Davidson. The Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, May 1998.

Is Philosophy an Academic Subject? In Norwegian: Er filosofi er fag? Fagligpedagogisk dag, University of Oslo, January 1998.

Rorty and the Instruments of Philosophy. At *The Seminar on Analytical Philosophy and Pragmatism*, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, MG, August 1997.

What Davidson said to the Sceptic. Department of Philosophy, University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, May 1997; Department of Philosophy, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, October 1996.

Scepticism, Representation, and Davidsonian Naturalism. At *The 1996 Karlovy Vary Symposium on Analytical Philosophy: Interpreting Davidson*, Karlovy Vary, September 1996.

Symposiast, with Robert Brandom (Pittsburgh), John McDowell (Pittsburgh), and Richard Rorty (Stanford), at *Anti-Authoritarianism in Epistemology and Ethics: The Philosophy of Richard Rorty*, the Ferrater Mora Chair in Contemporary Thought, University of Girona,

25-29 June 1996.

Rorty on Argument and Truth. Keynote Address, At *Annual Conference of the Canadian Federation of Graduate Students in Philosophy*, University of Toronto, 12 April 1996.

Naturalism in the Philosophy of Language. Department of Philosophy, University of Bergen, Ustaoset retreat, May 1995.

Davidson and Fodor on Holism. Department of Philosophy, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, November 1994.

Pragmatism and Verificationism: Carnap, Dennett, Rorty. Department of Philosophy, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, February 1994; Department of Philosophy, University of Oslo, April 1994.

Dennett's Consciousness Explained. Symposium paper, at *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Vancouver, June 1993.

Rorty, Putnam and McCarthy on the Transcendence of Values. British Columbia Tri-University Conference on Philosophy, Vancouver, May 1992.

On Føllesdal on Urges and Attitudes. Department of Philosophy, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, September 1991; American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Portland, OR, March 1992; Canadian Philosophical Association, Charlottetown, P.E.I., May 1992.

The Source of the Subjective. Department of Philosophy, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, January 1990; Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, January 1990; Department of Philosophy, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, February 1990; Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto, ON, February, 1992; Canadian Philosophical Association, Charlottetown, P.E.I., May 1992.

Language as Power Tool. Department of Philosophy, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON; Department of Philosophy, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT; Critical Theory Seminar Series, Queen's University, Kingston, ON, October 1989.

Intention and Interpretation. Queen's University, Kingston, ON, August 1989; Department of Philosophy, Simon Fraser University, BC, January 1989.

What is a Language? Department of Philosophy, Brown University, Providence, RI, January 1989.

Incommensurability and the Hermeneutics of Radical Interpretation. Department of Philosophy, Queen's University, Kingston, ON, November 1987.

Charity and Ideology: The Field Linguist as Social Critic. Department of

Philosophy, Queen's University, Kingston, ON, August 1989.

Hermeneutics and Free Discourse. Candian Philosophical Association,
Guelph, Ontario, May 1094.

Referee

Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Philosophical Association,
Dialogue, Erkenntniss, Journal of the American Philosophy
Association, Journal of Philosophical Research, Nous, Oxford
University Press, Routledge, Theory and Psychology.

Major Grants

CSMN, Phase II: approximately 90 million NOK over 5 years from the
Norwegian Research Council (w. 6 other applicants).

CSMN Phase I: approximately 80 million (NOK) over 5 years from the
Norwegian Research Council (w. 6 other applicants).

Service and Administration

PhD examination committee member, in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland,
UK, France, Canada

Various committees, ad hoc and standing, at Department and Faculty and
University Levels, University of Oslo (1997-present) and Simon
Fraser University (1991-2000).

Awards, Honours

Excellence in Research Award, Professor Ingerid Dal and Ulrikke Greve Dal
Foundation in support of Humanistic Research, August 2000.

Elected Fellow, Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, 2006.

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