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Education

Degree

2000 Master of Arts, Åbo Akademi University, Major in Scandinavian languages and minor in

Finnish language and culture

Additional courses and education

2020 Leatid Top Leaders Seminar, Berlin Germany

2019 EdTechTeam Level 1 Google Certified Educator Online Bootcamp, EdtTechTeam, USA   
2017 Open Networked Learning, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden

2011 Building Positive Group Dynamics, Pilgrims Teacher training, Canterbury, England   
2010 Multicultural group dynamics, HERA International, Helsinki

2010 Introduction to Intercultural Communication, HERA International, Helsinki

2009 Second Life in Education, 5 cr, Åbo Akademi University, Turku

2006 Teacher’s pedagogical studies, University of Turku, Turku

2004 Major in Finnish language and culture, Åbo Akademi University, Turku

2004 Master’s thesis in Finnish Language and Literature, Åbo Akademi University, Turku   
2004 University pedagogics, 6 cr, Pedagogiska fakulteten vid Åbo Akademi, Vaasa

2000 Norwegian Language and Literature, University of Oslo, Norway

Working Experience

Full time jobs

2009 – Lecturer in Swedish business communication, Aalto University, School of Economy, School

of Design, Art and Architecture, School of Electrical Engineering, School of Science,   
Language Centre, Helsinki/Espoo

2010 – 2013 Coordinator in Swedish, Aalto University, Espoo

2008 – 2009 Lecturer in Finnish, Munksnäs högstadieskola, Helsinki

2007 – 2008 Lecturer in Swedish, Helsinki University of Technology, Espoo

2004 – 2006 Researcher, Åbo Akademi University, Turku

2003 – 2004 Department Assistant, Department of Swedish language, Åbo Akademi University, Turku 2003 Amanuens, Department of Swedish language, Åbo Akademi University, Turku

2000 Lecturer in Finnish, Kyrkslätts gymnasium, Kirkkonummi

Part time jobs

2012 – Teacher in Swedish business communication, Open University, Aalto University, Helsinki 2014 – 2016 Teacher in Norwegian, Helsinki Worker’s Institute, Helsinki and Helsinki Summer

University, Helsinki

2012 – Ex Patriot consulting for professionals moving to Sweden and Norway, Sinkkonen

Consulting

2012 Teacher in Finnish as a second language, Israeli Embassy in Finland, Helsinki

2008 – Teacher in Swedish and Norwegian, Optimi-training, Helsinki

Customers: The Finnish Parliament, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior

and the Police of Finland, Ministry of Education, Confederation of Finnish Industries   
EK, Insurance Companies Fennia and Eläke-Fennia, Sito-Wise.

2008 – Owner of translation company “Kielipalvelut Pilkulleen”. Translations Swedish – Finnish – Swedish, English – Finnish, Norwegian - Finnish

2007 Project researcher, Department of Swedish, Åbo Akademi University, Turku   
2007 Teacher in Norwegian language and culture, Vaasa Summer University, Vaasa   
2006 Teacher in Swedish, Helsinki University of Technology, Espoo

Projects as part of my job at Aalto University

2018- Learning Swedish in 360 Environments. Aalto Online Learning (A!Ole) Project   
 <https://www.thinglink.com/video/1131239423476760577>

2017 – 2019 2DIGI, FINELC, A national project on digitalization

<https://2digi.languages.fi/digital-portfolio/>

2017- DIGIJOUJOU, A national project on digitalization and flexible study paths financed by the

Ministry of Education [www.svenskstudieribuffeformat.com](http://www.svenskstudieribuffeformat.com/)

2016 Aalto Online Learning, Smart svenska, platform for learning Swedish

<http://smartsvenska.aalto.fi/sve/>

2016 ROKK-hanke, A national project on language pedagogics at university level

Conference papers on digitalization in education

2019 Swedish in 360 Environments, ICERI2019 Proceedings, Forthcoming

2019 Wallenius, Votkin, Sevón, Digital Portals in Language Learning Encouraging Student   
 Autonomy, EduLearn2019 Proceedings

2019 Raita, Votkin, Jokiranta, Tervonen, Bagrova: Building a Digital Competence Portfolio – a   
 Case study of Teachers and Planners, INTED2o19 Proceeding

2019 Wallenius, Lehto, Votkin, Halsas: Pedagogical Underpinnings of a Multi-disciplinary

Language Learning Portal – The Connection between Theory and Practice, INTED2019   
Proceedings

2018 Wallenius, Lehto, Votkin, Halsas: Online Platform for Digital Multi-disciplinary Language   
Learning, ICERI2018 Proceedings

Pedagogical publications

2018 Nevalainen, Tamminen-Parre, Votkin: Häng med 2 - ruotsia aikuisille. Finn Lectura.

2017 Nevalainen, Tamminen-Parre, Votkin: Häng med 1 - ruotsia aikuisille. Finn Lectura.

2014 Using Skype in Language Teaching, “Skypen käyttö ruotsin opetuksessa”, Tempus

2011 Språkråd för lärare som undervisar tvåspråkiga elever, Rontu, Heidi & Swanström, Taija,

Ed. Heidi Harju-Luukkainen, Språket i Fokus. Folkhälsan 39-44.

Positions of Responsibility

2017 - Member of the Board of Directors, Education and social affairs, Helsinki Jewish Community

2014 – Board member and treasurer, Aalto University Lecturers

2013 – Expert member, Finnish Section, The Matriculation Examination Board, Helsinki

2013 – 2014 Member of the Strategy group, Aalto University, Language Centre, Espoo

2012 – 2016 Board member, YLL the Union for University Lecturers and Researchers in Finland

2012 – 2014 Deputy member in the Organization Committee, Trade Union of Education in Finland OAJ

2012 – 2014 Deputy member, Aalto University Lecturers

2011 – Expert Member, Swedish Section, the Matriculation Examination Board, Helsinki

2010 – 2013 Committee member of Communication Skills Workshop

2010 – Deputy member, University Lecturers in Helsinki PSYLL

2010 – 2012 Board member Aalto University Lecturers

2009 – 2010 Board member, Lecturers at the Helsinki University of Technology

2003 – Deputy member, Nordistnät (Network for teachers and researchers in the field of Nordic

studies)

2003 – 2004 Deputy member, Humanistisen alan tutkintorakennetyöryhmä

Language Skills

Finnish – Mother tongue   
Swedish – Excellent

English – Excellent

Norwegian - Fluent

Hebrew - Good

German – Basics

Finnish sign language – Basics