Personal details and date of CV

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Degrees

- 30 September 2008, Doctor of Philosophy, Finnish Sign Language, University of Jyväskylä, Finland; PO Box 35, FI-40014 University of Jyväskylä, Finland. Tel +358 (0)14 260 1211, http://www.jyu.fi
- 12 April 2005, Licentiate in Philosophy, Finnish Sign Language, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- 18 December 2001, Master of Arts, General Linguistics, University of Helsinki, Finland

Title of Docent

- 17 January 2012, Finnish Sign Language (special field: sign language structure), University of Jyväskylä

Current employment

- 1 December 2018 (permanent position), Professor (Full), Finnish Sign Language. Department of Language and Communication Studies, University of Jyväskylä

Previous work experience (academic only)

- 1 September 2018–30 November 2018, Senior Researcher, Department of Language and Communication Studies, University of Jyväskylä; tenure track position
- 1 September 2013–31 August 2018, Academy Research Fellow funded by the Academy of Finland (AoF), Department of Language and Communication Studies, University of Jyväskylä
- 1 January 2013–31 August 2013, Senior Researcher, Department of Languages, University of Jyväskylä; tenure track position (to be continued with a fixed-term on 1 September 2018)
- 1 January 2010–31 December 2012, Postdoctoral Researcher funded by the Academy of Finland, Department of Languages, University of Jyväskylä
- 1 January 2005–31 December 2009, Lecturer in Finnish Sign Language, Department of Languages, University of Jyväskylä
- 1 August 2004–31 December 2004, Assistant in Finnish Sign Language, Department of Languages, University of Jyväskylä

Research funding and grants

- 1 June 2023–31 October 2024, funding for the project “Finland-Swedish Sign Language corpus: Sign language translation into Swedish, Signbank videos and signed user manual”, Ministry of Culture and Education, 98 151 €
- 1 September 2021–31 August 2025, research funding for the Academy Research Project “Showing and Telling In Finnish Sign Language” (ShowTell), Academy of Finland, 482 279 €
- 1 January 2021–30 June 2024, funding for the “Nordic Signed Language Corpus Network” (NSLCN) and workshops, The joint committee for Nordic research councils in the HSS, 42 746 €
- 1 September 2013–31 August 2018, research funding for the Academy Research Fellow's Project “Aspects of the Grammar and Prosody of FinSL” (ProGram), Academy of Finland, 605 920 €
- 1 January 2010–31 December 2012, research funding for the Postdoctoral Researcher's Project “Signs, Syllables, and Sentences” (3BatS), Academy of Finland, 232 000 €

Participation in writing successful applications

- 1 January 2011–31 December 2014, research funding for the Academy Project "Content-Based Video Analysis and Annotation of FinSL" (CoBaSiL), Academy of Finland, 393 690 € (PI Jorma Laaksonen, Aalto University School of Science, Espoo, Finland; own role: project's sign language expert)

Participation in acquiring other types of research funding

- 2021, 2025: Specific National Task of Sign Language Research and Education, four year funding for the JYU's Sign Language Centre granted by the Ministry of Culture and Education (funding negotiated for the university by the Rector; funding governed by the department; own role: director of the Sign Language Centre, participation in writing the application)

Research output

- November 2024, publication of the open access "Corpus of Finland-Swedish Sign Language" in FIN-CLARIN's Language Bank of Finland (Kielipankki)
- October 2022, publication of ShowTell (corpus, motion capture and EEG) metadata in Converis, JYU's research information system
- May 2019, January 2025, publication of the first and second parts (respectively) of the open access "Corpus of Finnish Sign Language" in FIN-CLARIN's Language Bank of Finland (Kielipankki)
- May 2016, publication of the open access "Snowfrog subcorpus and computer-vision data on Finnish Sign Language" in FIN-CLARIN's Language Bank of Finland (Kielipankki)
- August 2014, publication of "SLMotion, an open source sign language video analysis tool" developed in the CoBaSiL project

Research supervision and leadership experience

- Officially appointed primary supervisor of five doctoral theses: A. Puupponen (completed in June 2019), J. Keränen (completed in September 2025), D. De Weerdt (to be completed in 2027), S. Nordlund (to be completed in 2027) and N. Hoffren (to be completed in 2028)
- Officially appointed co-supervisor of one doctoral thesis (H. Pietarinen, to be completed in 2027)
- Officially appointed supervisor of 60+ Master's and Bachelor's theses
- Major experience as PI and academic leader: PI in 3 Academy of Finland projects; PI in one Horizon 2020 consortium (ICT-57-2020; not funded); WP leader in one Horizon Europe consortium (CL-4-2022-HUMAN; not funded); Co-PI in CoE consortium for the 2026 call (second round, not funded); director of the Sign Language Centre at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland, since 2018; instruction of MA, postdoc and senior researchers

Teaching merits

- Pedagogical training: Basic Studies of Pedagogics (1996), University Pedagogics (2020)
- Development of teaching: In charge of BA, MA and PhD programmes for Finnish Sign Language in the University of Jyväskylä and via the Specific National Task also in Finland
- Teaching experience: Extensive teaching on basic (e.g. introduction to SL linguistics), advanced (e.g. phonology and grammar of FinSL) and MA levels (e.g. research methods on SLs) as well as on PhD level (e.g. seminars), University of Jyväskylä, Finland; member of the Langnet (a network for doctoral programmes in Finland) pool of supervisors
- PI of the Inservice Training Programme for the Teachers of FinSL (2019-2020), funded by the Ministry of Culture and Education, Finland (PI role handed over to me in 2018 by prof. emerita R. Takkinen)

Other key academic merits

- *Acting as pre-examiner or opponent of a doctoral dissertation; memberships in doctoral dissertation committees or boards:* October 2020, Examination Board member of I. Beukeleers' PhD dissertation, KU Leuven, Belgium; January 2017, pre-examiner of C. Börstell's PhD dissertation, Stockholm University, Sweden; December 2016, chair of M. De Meulder's dissertation committee, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- *Peer review of funding applications:* February 2026, review of funding applications for Israeli Science Foundation; August 2024, review of funding applications for FNRS, Belgium; June–August 2023, review of funding applications for FNRS, Belgium; March 2018, review of funding applications for Israeli Science Foundation
- *Memberships and positions of trust in scientific organisations:* Since April 2026, Invited member of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters; February 2008– February 2011, board member of the Linguistic Association of Finland
- *Memberships in national steering etc. groups:* Since January 2019, member of the National Advisory Board of the Sign Language Centre; Chair of the board in 2019, May 2026 onwards
- *Memberships in editorial committees for scientific and professional publication series and journals:* Since 2011, Member of the Advisory Editorial Board of "Puhe ja kieli"
- *Referee for scientific publications, major conferences:* From March 2009 onwards, referee for numerous scientific and scholarly journals and publishers (e.g. Mouton De Gruyter, Sign Language & Linguistics, Language & Communication, Journal of Pragmatics etc.); Since January 2013, member of the scientific committee of the Theoretical Issues in SL Research conference
- *Administrative or working group positions in institutes of higher education and research organisations:* January 2026 onwards, vice-member of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, JYU, Finland; March 2025–December 2025, vice-member of the Human Sciences Ethics Committee, JYU, Finland; January 2020 onwards, member of the Education Management Group, Department of Language and Communication Studies, JYU, Finland; September 2018 onwards, Main Representative of the Academic subject of Finnish Sign Language, Department of Language and Communication Studies, JYU, Finland; January 2018–December 2025, member of the Research Management Group, Department of Language and Communication Studies, JYU, Finland; August 2008–December 2011, member of the Department Council, Department of Languages, JYU, Finland
- *Significant plenary presentations:* March 2023, plenary, National conference of Speech and Language Research, Helsinki, Finland; May 2016, plenary, the 43rd Finnish Conference of Linguistics, University of Oulu, Finland.
- *Organising scientific conferences:* Chair of the organizing team of LINNORD workshop (Nordic Innovations in Linguistics: Multi-method approaches for understanding language), JYU, Finland, 20-21 March 2025 (ca. 100 participants); three-time member of the organization committee of the Annual Conference of Finnish Linguistics (200+ participants)
- *Scholarly visits, 30 days or longer:* October 2010–November 2010, scholarly visit to Radboud University Nijmegen (SL group of the Grammar & Cognition programme of the Centre for Language Studies), The Netherlands

Scientific and societal impact

- Production and development of open access data for sign language research since 2013 via CLARIN ERIC infrastructure
- Member of several scholarly associations (e.g. Sign Language Linguistics Society, The Linguistic Association of Finland, The Finnish Association for Applied Linguistics etc.)
- In addition to the 96 listed publications, altogether 7 public opinions, 5 television interviews, numerous other interviews, numerous blogs