

EAJS Council Election 2011-2014
Candidates' Self-introductions and Statements

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Statement

I am honoured to have been nominated as Secretary to the Council for the current election to the EAJS Council. I am currently serving as Ordinary Member of the Council and am pleased to accept this nomination and would be happy to continue to contribute to the best of my ability to the work of the Council and of the EAJS.

My own research and teaching in Japanese Studies is within the fields of linguistics and philology. These are areas which historically underpin much of Japanese Studies and in my opinion they are well worth having represented on the EAJS council. I am an active academic, both as a researcher, having for example recently published *A history of the Japanese Language* from Cambridge University Press, and as an editor of individual books and an editorial board member of book series, and journals. I am also the director of a large collaborative research project on pre-modern Japanese syntax, with contributing members from Europe, the US and Japan.

More generally, I have had a number of administrative roles at the University of Oxford, and am currently serving as Vice-Chair of the Faculty of Oriental Studies and as Director of the University's Research Centre for Japanese Language and Linguistics. I would like to continue to contribute the institutional, organizational and administrative experience I have to the work of the EAJS and its Council.

Oxford has a large body of research and teaching staff within Japanese Studies, covering most subjects within Japanese Studies, from pre-historical archaeology to contemporary economics. Academically and intellectually, this environment is in many ways similar to the EAJS. I believe that the continued success and progress - and indeed justification - of the EAJS depend on supporting and promoting equally all areas within Japanese Studies. I also strongly believe that progress for Japanese Studies in Europe crucially hinges on reinforcing a truly global perspective on what we do.

It is on this background that I would like to continue to contribute to the work of the EAJS Council.

Curriculum Vitae

Present positions

Professor of Japanese Linguistics (from 2008), Oriental Institute, University of Oxford.

Director (from 2009), Research Centre for Japanese Language and Linguistics, Oxford

Vice-Chair (from 2009), Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford

Fellow in Oriental Studies (from 1999), Hertford College, Oxford.

Adjunct Professor (from 2004), Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages,

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University of Oslo.

Education

1993 Ph.D. in Japanese Linguistics (University of Copenhagen).

1990 MA (Danish: cand.mag.) in Japanese and in General Linguistics (Copenhagen).

Research project

Principal Investigator of the project *Verb semantics and argument realization in pre-modern Japanese*, funded by a grant from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (UK) of approximately £990,000.

Past positions

1999-2008 *University Lecturer* (Japanese Studies), Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford.

2001 (April - July) *Visiting Professor*, Kwansai Gakuin University.

1997 - 1998 *Professor*, Department of East European and Oriental Studies (Oslo).

1996 - 1997 *Associate Professor*, Department of East European and Oriental Studies (Oslo).

1996 (January - July) *Associate Professor*, Department of Asian Studies (Copenhagen).

1993 - 1996 *Assistant Professor*, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Aarhus.

Service to the profession

Member of the Council of the *European Association for Japanese Studies* (from 2008).

Member of the Board of the *Nordic Association for Japanese and Korean Studies* (1995-8).

Member of the Peer Review College, the *Arts and Humanities Research Council*, UK.

Co-editor of the book series *Conceptual History and Chinese Linguistics* (Brill).

Associate Editor of the book series *Languages of Asia* (Global Oriental).

International editor, the journal *Gengo kenkyû*.

Member of the Editorial Board, the journal *Acta Linguistica Hafniensia*.

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Selected invited lectures

- 2009 "日本語史研究の展望 (Some Perspectives for the Historical Study of Japanese)", *National Institute for the Japanese Language Inaugural Forum: Future Perspectives on Japanese Linguistics*, National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics, Tokyo.
- 2008 "Exploring the pre-history of the Japanese language", invited lecture, Japan Forum, Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University.
- 2008 "Did proto-Japanese have a distinct Adnominal verb form (*rentaikei* 連体形)?", invited lecture, Department of Linguistics, Kyoto University.
- 2007 "Case marking in Old Japanese (8th century)", invited lecture, Center for Linguistics, Nanzan University.
- 2006 "The verb morphology of Old Japanese", keynote lecture, XXèmes Journées de Linguistique d'Asie Orientale/Paris Meeting on East Asian Linguistics, L'École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris.
- 2005 "On reconstruction of proto-Japanese and pre-Old Japanese verb inflection", invited lecture, Osaka University.
- 1997 "The tonology of Kyoto Japanese in a historical perspective", the Phonology Association in Kansai.

List of Selected Publications

Books

Single authored

2010 *A history of the Japanese language*. Cambridge University Press.

1995. *A Case Study in Diachronic Phonology: the Japanese Onbin Sound Changes*. Aarhus University Press.

Edited

2008. *Proto-Japanese: Issues and prospects (= Current Issues in Linguistic Theory 294)*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Edited with John Whitman. Authored contributions:

"Introduction" (with John Whitman), pp.1-12.

"Evidence for seven vowels in proto-Japanese" (with John Whitman), pp.15-41.

"On reconstruction of proto-Japanese and pre-Old Japanese verb inflection",
pp. 175-92.

2007. *Current issues in the history and structure of Japanese*. Tokyo: Kurosio Publishers.

Edited with Masayoshi Shibatani and John Charles Smith. Authored contribution:

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“On the verb morphology of Old Japanese”, pp. 219-52.

1997. *Japan and Korea: Contemporary Studies. Proceedings of the Fourth Nordic Symposium on Japanese And Korean Studies*. Aarhus: Aarhus University Press.

Edited with Roy Starrs.

1996. *Florilegium Japonicum. Studies Presented to Olof G. Lidin on the Occasion of His 70th Birthday*. Copenhagen: Akademisk Forlag.

Edited with Christian Morimoto Hermansen.

Selected Articles

2010. (with Stephen W Horn, Kerri L Russell and Peter Sells). “Verb Semantics and Argument Realization in Pre-Modern Japanese: A Preliminary study of Compound Verbs in Old Japanese”. *Gengo Kenkyū* 138:25-65.

2009. (with Janick Wrona) “The Old Japanese case system: The function of *wo*.” *Japanese/Korean Linguistics* 17, ed. by Shoichi Iwasaki et al., pp. 565-579.

2008. (with John Whitman) “The Japanese/Korean Vowel Correspondences.” *Japanese/Korean Linguistics* 13, ed. by Mutsuko Endo Hudson et al., pp. 15-28. Stanford: CSLI Publications.

2006. “The haunted log-palace: a new interpretation of a passage in the *Hōjōki*”. *Studies in Chinese language and culture: festschrift in honour of Christoph Harbsmeier on the occasion of his 60th birthday*, ed. by Christoph Anderl and Halvor Eifring, 107-20. Oslo: Hermes Academic Publishing. Available at http://www.instphi.org/Festschrift09_Frellesvig.pdf.

2004. (with John Whitman). “The vowels of Proto-Japanese”. *Japanese Language and Literature* 38, 281-99.

2001. “A common Korean and Japanese copula”. *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* 10/1, 1-35.

2000. “Recent Changes in the Tonology of Kyoto Japanese”. *Historical Linguistics 1995, Volume 1: General issues and non-Germanic Languages. Selected papers from the 12th International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Manchester, August 1995 (= Current Issues in Linguistic Theory 161)*, ed. by John Charles Smith and Delia Bentley, 111-124. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

1999. “The Prosodic Shape of *-mono* Derivatives in Kyoto Japanese”. *Acta Linguistica Hafniensia* 31, 91-124.

1998. “A common Korean and Japanese noun particle: Korean *ulo* :: Japanese *to*”. *Selected Papers from the 11th International Conference on Korean Linguistics - July 6-9, 1998, University of Hawai'i at Manoa*, ed. by Byung-Soo Park, James Hye Suk Yoon, 336-45. Seoul.

1998. “Accent, Word Tone and Metatony in Central Japanese”. *On'in Kenkyū / Phonological Studies* (published by the Phonological Society of Japan) 1, 195-202.

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1996. "On the Interpretation of Written Sources as Evidence for the Phonology of Earlier Language Stages - with special regard to the reconstruction of early Old Japanese". *Copenhagen Working Papers in Linguistics* 3, 97-131.

1995. "A Cultured Encounter: Dr Thunberg meets Mr Matsuhira". *Cultural Encounters: China, Japan, and the West*, ed. by Søren Clausen, Roy Starrs, Anne Weddell-Wedellsborg, 109-25. Aarhus: Aarhus University Press.

1994. "Morphemic Tone and Word Tone in Central Japanese". *Acta Linguistica Hafniensia* 27, 147-61.

1994. "On the Misconception That Kanji Are Ideograms - and some general implications for the teaching and learning of kanji". *Proceedings of Nordic Symposium on Teaching Japanese - Methods and Improvements, 21 - 23 August, 1993*, ed. by Mette H. Sørensen, Michael Stebbing, 94-104. Vedbæk: Tokai University European Center.

1991. "The Consonants of Old Japanese - a phonological interpretation". *European Studies in Japanese Linguistics 1988-90*, ed. by Lone Takeuchi, 11-27. London: Lone Publications.

1989. "The Emergence of the Syllable Final Nasal Phoneme in Japanese". *Folia Linguistica Historica* VIII/1-2, 269-308.