

Curriculum Vitae

Personuppgifter

Namn: Christina Alm-Arvius

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Språkkunskaper: – svenska; modersmål (även modersmålskunskaper i en nordsvensk dialekt; läser och förstår danska och norska utan problem)
– engelska; helt flytande i tal och skrift (studier i forn- och medelengelska under forskarutbildningen)
– tyska; läser flytande och pratar bra
– spanska; relativt goda kunskaper
– franska; dito
– latinstudier (gymnasienivå, latinlinjen)

Examina (urval)

Docentkompetens: docentbevis utfärdat av humanistiska fakultetsnämnden vid Stockholms universitet, 6/2 2002

Doktorsexamen i engelska, språkvetenskaplig inriktning, 12/11 1991, vid Göteborgs universitet

Efterprovning i filosofisk ämbetsexamen i engelska språket (spetsbetyg: mycket berömlig), 15/2 1972, vid Umeå universitet

Filosofisk ämbetsexamen i historia, engelska språket, pedagogik och statskunskap, 15/6 1970, vid Umeå universitet (genomgående spetsbetyg)

Anställningar och uppdrag (urval, fr.o.m. ht 1992)

Nuvarande anställning: universitetslektor vid Institutionen för engelska, Stockholms universitet fr.o.m. 1/7 1998 och tills vidare

Gästföreläsare vid Engelska institutionen, Marie Curie University, Lublin, oktober 2007

Inbjuden föreläsare vid Parasession on Passive, Reflexive, Impersonal and Related Constructions i Sopot, Polen, 12–13 juli 2007

Semantikkurs på D-nivån vid högskolan i Falun vt 1998, vt 1999 samt vt 2000

Gästföreläsare vid engelska institutionen vid Åbo universitet (University of Turku) vt 1996

Vikariat vid Institutionen för engelska, Stockholms universitet (halvtidstjänst som universitetslektor ht 1992, heltidstjänst som universitetslektor vt 1993 – vt 1998)

Ordförande för organisationskommittén för Metaforfestivalen (The Stockholm Metaphor Festival), en årlig internationell konferens om bildspråk som arrangeras av Institutionen för engelska, Stockholms universitet (www.english.su.se/research/metaphorfestival)

Medlem av redaktionskommittén för *Selected Papers from The Stockholm Metaphor Festivals*

Medlem av granskningskommittén (Review Board) för *Brief: Online Journal of Snippets*.
(<http://www.brief.umcs.eu/review-board.html>)

Medlem av den rådgivande kommittén (Advisory Board) för *Linguistics Applied: International Journal of Linguistics and Applied Linguistics*. Red. Anna Bączkowska & Małgorzata Świącicka.
Kazimierz Wielki University, Bydgoszcz, Poland.
(<http://linguisticsapplied.pl/Boards.php>)

Koordinator för kandidat- och magisteruppsatser vid Institutionen för engelska, Stockholms universitet

Koordinator för mastersprogrammet och mastersexamensarbeten med inriktning mot engelsk språkvetenskap vid Institutionen för engelska, Stockholms universitet

Medlem av styrelsen för Institutionen för engelska, Stockholms universitet

Medlem av SALC, The Swedish Association for Language and Cognition

Medlem av RaAM, The Researching and Applying Metaphor International Association

Medlem av Språkvetenskapliga föreningen vid Stockholms universitet

Medlem av The James Joyce Society of Sweden and Finland och dess Finnegans Wakes läsgrupp

Granskare av artiklar för språkvetenskapliga tidskrifter, av abstract för internationella konferenser och av forskningsansökningar, samt för bokförlag

Research Profile

Christina is a semanticist, and her research interest is focused on various aspects of polysemy. As a result of the complex character of polysemy, her research concerns many areas of language studies: syntax, morphology, word formation, idioms and idiom variation, the concept of construction, certain aspects of phonology and phonetics, discourse and text analysis, stylistics, rhetoric, terminology, and, not least, the relation between semantics, pragmatics, semiotics, cognitive science, and cultural studies.

Another focal area in Christina's research orientation concerns the character of and the relation between different theoretical and methodological frameworks within linguistics, in particular aspects of them that are to do with the role of meaning in the constitution and use of language, or different languages. Questions about distinctions between research frameworks as well as their many – at least partly – shared qualities which allow constructive integration and development of linguistic research tools are of central importance in two monograph projects (see below).

Monographs

Figures of Speech (2003). Lund: Studentlitteratur. (218 pp.)

Review:

Antonio Barcelona (2006). *Journal of Pragmatics* 38 (305–310).

The English Verb See: A Study in Multiple Meaning (1993). Gothenburg Studies in English 64. Göteborg: Acta Universitatis Gothoburgensis. (380 pp.) (Photocopy version 1991).

Reviews:

- Sven Jakobson (1994), *Studia Neophilologica* 66. (237–238)
Beatrice Warren (1994), *Journal of Pragmatics* 22. (555–559)
Pierre Cotte (1995), *Études Anglaises*, T XLVIII (1). (88–89)
Adam Kilgarriff (1995), *Linguistics* 33 (3). (611–613)
Karen L. Saxton (1995), *Language* 71 (2). (401–402)
Jürgen Strauss (1995), *Archiv*, 232. (175–178)
Thomas Kohnen (1999), *Anglia*, 177. (103–106)

Papers (peer reviewed)

- ‘Trolls’ (In review). In *Metaphor in Use: Context, Culture and Communication*. Eds. F. MacArthur, J.L. Oncins-Martínez, M. Sánchez García & A. Piquer Píriz. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. (30 pp.)
- ‘Poeticity and Iconicity in the Discourse Functions of Figures of Speech’ (In review). In *Selected Papers from The 2008 and 2009 Stockholm Metaphor Festivals*. Eds. Nils-Lennart Johannesson, Christina Alm-Arvus & David C. Minugh. (29 pp.)
- ‘Polysemy: Convention and Pragmatics’ (To be published 2012). In *Linguistics Applied* 3. Eds. Anna Baczkowska & Małgorzata Świącicka. Bydgoszcz, Poland: University of Kazimierz Wielki Press. (35 pp.)
- ‘Heading for witty poeticity: wordplay in headlines in *The Times Literary Supplement*’ (2010). In *Humour in language: textual and linguistic aspects*. Eds. Anders Bengtsson & Victorine Hancock. Stockholm Studies in Modern Philology. Acta Universitatis Stockholmiensis. (15–29)
- ‘Semantics and Pragmatics’ (2008). In *Linguistics Applied* 1. Eds. Anna Baczkowska & Malgorzata Swiecicka. Bydgoszcz, Poland: University of Kazimierz Wielki Press. (29–36)
- ‘Metaphor and Metonymy’ (2008). In *Selected Papers from the 2006 and 2007 Stockholm Metaphor Festival*. Eds. Nils-Lennart Johannesson & David C. Minugh. Acta Universitatis Stockholmiensis. Stockholm Studies in English CIII. Stockholm University. (3–20)
- ‘Fixed, Flexible, or Fragmentary? Types of Idiom Variation’ (2007). In *Collocations and Idioms 1. Papers from the First Nordic Conference on Syntactic Freezes, Joensuu, May 19–20, 2006*. Eds. Marja Nenonen & Sinikka Niemi. Joensuu: Studies in Languages 41. Faculty of Humanities, University of Joensuu. (14–26)
- ‘Lexical polysemy’ (2007). In *Further Insights into Semantics and Lexicography*. Eds. Ulf Magnusson, Henryk Kardela & Adam Głaz. Lublin: Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej. (43–55)
- ‘Live, Moribund, and Dead Metaphors (2006). *Nordic Journal for English Studies*, Special Issue on Metaphors. Vol. 5. No. 1. Eds. K. Wikberg & B. Tysdahl. (7–14)
- ‘”We Shall Soon Grow to Know Each Other Better”. *Know, a Gradable Verb*’ (2004). In *An International Master Of Syntax and Semantics. Papers presented to Aimo Seppänen on the occasion of his 75th birthday*. Eds. G. Bergh, J. Herriman & M. Möbärg. Gothenburg Studies in English 88. Göteborg: Acta Universitatis Gothoburgensis. (21–30)

- ‘Incidental nominal compounds in the Skellefte dialect: An example of the interface between word formation and syntax’ (2000). In *Language Structure and Variation*. Ed. Magnus Ljung. Acta Universitatis Stockholmiensis. Stockholm Studies in English XCII. Stockholm, Sweden: Almqvist & Wiksell International. (17–28)
- ‘Metaphor and Metonymy as Meaning Generalisations Comparable to Hyponymy and Meronymy Respectively’ (1999). In *Proceedings from the 7th Nordic Conference on English Studies*. Eds. Sanna-Kaisa Tanskanen & Brita Wårvik. Anglicana Turkuensia No 20. Turku, Finland: University of Turku. (35–46)
- ‘The Word-Class Status of *Worth*’ (1995). In *Studies in Anglistics*. Eds. Gunnel Melchers & Beatrice Warren. Acta Universitatis Stockholmiensis. Stockholm Studies in English LXXXV. Stockholm, Sweden: Almqvist & Wiksell International. (115–123)
- ‘The Character of Polysemous Variation’ (1995). In *Proceedings from the Sixth Nordic Conference for English Studies*. Vol. 2. Eds. Gerd Bjørbovde & Gøril Rogne. Department of English, University of Tromsø. (223–239)

Presentations (selected examples from 2006)

- ‘Truth and Play in Language’. Språkdagen/Language Day. Stockholm University, 30 Sept. 2011.
- ‘General Language Functions, Fundamentals in Semantics’. Research seminar, Dept. of English, Stockholm University, Sept. 2011.
- ‘Contextual Aspects of Polysemy’. Research seminar, Dept. of English, Stockholm University, March 2011.
- ‘The Discourse Functions of Figurative Language’. Research seminar, Dept. of English, Stockholm University, Nov. 2010.
- ‘Metaphor and Other Modes of Meaning Extension’. Abstract and paper presentation. The Stockholm 2010 Metaphor Festival, 16–17 Sept.
- ‘Form and Meaning in Linguistic description and Theorising’. Research seminar, Dept. of English, Stockholm University, May 2009.
- ‘Opposites Attract’. Abstract and paper presentation. The Stockholm 2009 Metaphor Festival, 10–11 Sept.
- ‘Can Computers Laugh? Or: Why humour is so very human – and all about semantics.’ Lecture at the Department Day. Dept. of English, Stockholm University. Oct. 2009.
- ‘Differences in sense categories between languages’. Research seminar, Dept. of English, Stockholm University, Nov. 2009.
- ‘Overlaps between Categories of Prefabricated Elements: from idioms to grammatical inflections’. Abstract and paper presentation. Symposium on Linguistic Categorisation and the Nature of Linguistic Categories, University of Tromsø, 23–24 April 2009.
- ‘The Discourse Functions of Schemes and Tropes’. Abstract and paper presentation. The Stockholm 2008 Metaphor Festival, 18–19 Sept.

- 'Metaphorical and Idiomatic Uses and Cultural Conceptions of Animals and Mythical Beings'. Abstract and paper presentation. RaAM7 conference, Cáceres, Spain, 29–31 May 2008.
- 'Poetic Figurative-Literal Meaning Reversal in Puns'. Abstract and paper presentation. The Stockholm 2007 Metaphor Festival. 20–21 Sept.
- 'Perspectives on Meaning in Semantic Theories'. Guest lecture. Marie Curie University, Lublin, Poland. Oct. 2007.
- 'Lexical Sense Relations'. Guest lecture with PowerPoint presentation, Marie Curie University, Lublin, Poland. Oct. 2007.
- 'Poetic Meaning'. Research seminar, Dept. of English, Stockholm University, Oct. 2007.
- 'Aspects of the Passive and Semantic Roles'. Abstract and keynote presentation. Parasession on Passive, Reflexive, Impersonal and Related Constructions, Sopot, Poland, 12–13 July 2007.
- 'Semantic Roles'. Research seminar, Dept. of English, Stockholm University, Nov. 2007.
- 'Metonymy and the Interface between Cognition and Language'. Abstract and paper presentation. SALC conference, Umeå, June 2006.
- 'Analytic Statements, Semantic Transitivity & Linguistic Relativity'. Research seminar, Dept. of English, Stockholm University, Nov. 2006.

Other papers (a selection)

- 'Attempts at explaining metaphor' (2008). Research overview. Dept. of English, Stockholm University. /7 pp.)
- 'The teaching of semantics in the Department of English' (2007). In *Stockholm University, English Department. Our First 75 Years*. Eds. Magnus Ljung & Gunnel Melchers. Stockholm University. (48–49)
- 'Vad är det för mening med joyceanskan i *Finnegans Wake*?' (2004). In *Cirkulärrundbrev*. Nr 1. The James Joyce Society of Sweden and Finland.
- 'Transparent and Opaque Contexts' (1995). Analytical overview and discussion. Dept. of English, Stockholm University, (2 pp.)
- 'Om flertydighet – både inom allmänspråket och vid användningen av facktermer. (1992). In *Terminologiläran och dess relationer till andra områden*. Nordisk forskarkurs i Mariehamn, Åland, september 1990. Nordterm 4. Stockholm: Nordterm. (123–144)
- 'Begrepp och språkbundna betydelser – hur urskilja deras beståndsdelar?' (1992). In *Terminologiläran och dess relationer till andra områden*. Nordisk forskarkurs i Mariehamn, Åland, september 1990. Nordterm 4. Stockholm: Nordterm. (161–175)
- 'Noll kan vara mycket på engelska' (1992). *TNC-Aktuellt*. Nr 1. (7–8)
- 'Om kortord, skriftförkortningar och initialord (1990). *TNC-Aktuellt*. Nr 1. (4–5)
- 'Om buggar och buggning'. (1990) *Nordisk tidskrift för fackspråk och terminologi*, Nr 1 & 2. (10–15)

'Termer och andra ord – är det egentligen någon skillnad?' (1989). Med Kjell Westerberg. *Nordisk tidskrift för fackspråk och terminologi*. Nr 2. (7–12)

Ongoing Research Projects (a selection)

Comprehensive Semantics (monograph)

Polysemy (monograph)

'*Bachelor Means Nothing Without Husband and Father*' (research paper)

'Opposites attract: the role of oxymoron, antithesis, and paradox in language use' (research paper)

Textbook & other teaching material (a selection)

Introduction to Semantics (1998). Lund: Studentlitteratur. (134 pp.)

Related study material:

Additional Exercises to *Introduction to Semantics* with keys. (18 pp.)

Workshop exercises (5 pp.)

Linguistic Survey Course for English II: examples of old exams with keys. (74 pp.)

Semantics lecture (100 PowerPoint slides)

Pragmatics lecture (34 PowerPoint slides)

'An Introduction to Lexical Semantics'. In *Basic Language Analysis*. Compendium for Eng. I. Dept. of English, Stockholm University. (24 pp.)

Related study material:

BLA Lexical Semantics lectures I, II, III (54 pp.)

BLA, keys to exercises for 'An Introduction to Lexical Semantics'. (3 pp.)

BLA Lexical Semantics: examples of old exams with keys. (18 pp.)

BLA, 'On Antonymy and Synonymy' (2 pp.)

BLA, 'On Homonymy, Homophony and Homography' (2 pp.)

Lecture for English I, Linguistic Survey Course (40 PowerPoint slides)

'Compounds and How to Spell Them'. Model essay for English I, 2003. (4 pp.)

'How can we distinguish between metaphor and metonymy?'. Bachelor level. (2 pp.)

Bachelor Degree Projects, assignment on categorisation & key (8 pp.)

Cognitive linguistics exam March 2010 & detailed key. Bachelor, Magister & Master levels (13 pp.)

Semantics exam Nov. 2008 & detailed key. Magister & Master levels (9 pp.)