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About

I teach linguistics in the Department of English Language and Applied Linguistics. My research and specialist teaching is primarily in the broad field of lexis and also lexicography.

Qualifications

I have a BA and MA from the University of Exeter, and a PhD from the University of Birmingham.

Biography

Before joining the Department as a lecturer in 1999, I worked for twenty years in publishing as a lexicographer. I was part of the original team on the Cobuild project (HarperCollins and the University of Birmingham), which pioneered the use of corpus data in dictionary-making, and I also worked for Oxford University Press on the Second Supplement to the Oxford English Dictionary, and on the Hector project, a collaboration between OUP and Digital Equipment Corporation.

Teaching

At undergraduate level, I teach on the foundation courses in English language, and specialist courses in lexis; I also convene the language dissertation modules. At postgraduate level, my primary teaching areas are lexicography and lexis.

Postgraduate supervision

Most of my postgraduate students research topics within lexis and lexicography, mainly in the context of corpus linguistics. I'd be very interested in supervising PhD topics in these areas: in particular

- lexis and phraseology
- lexicography
- figurative language

Research

My main research areas are lexis in general (including phraseology,collocation, and idioms), lexicography and dictionary-making, and figurative language – also discourse and ideological aspects of language, particularly from a lexical point of view: my approaches are generally corpus-based or text-based.

Other activities

I was a member of the Executive Board for Euralex from 1996-2006, and Secretary-Treasurer from 2002-2006.

Conferences

Amongst the conferences which I've helped organize at Birmingham are the 2002 meeting of the Poetics and Linguistics Association and the 2005, 2007, and 2011 Corpus Linguistics conferences. I have also been actively involved in the organization of the biennial congresses of Euralex, the European Association for Lexicography, held between 1998 and 2006.

Publications

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- 2002 ‘Dictionaries: notions and expectations', in A. Braasch and C. Povlsen (eds.) *Proceedings of the Tenth EURALEX International Congress, EURALEX 2002,* University of Copenhagen, Center for Sprogteknologi
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- 2000 ‘Lexical norms in spoken English' in R. M. Coulthard, J. Cotterill, and F. Rock (eds.) *Proceedings of the International Association of Dialogue Analysts, 2000,* Niemeyer
- 2000 ‘Lexicography and disambiguation: the size of the problem', *Computers and the Humanities* 34/1-2
- 2000 ‘Phraseology and early English dictionaries: the growth of tradition' in U. Heid et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of the Ninth EURALEX International Congress, EURALEX 2000,* Universität Stuttgart
- 1999 ‘Needles and haystacks: idioms and corpora' in Th. Herbst & K. Popp (eds.) *The Perfect Learners' Dictionary(?),* Niemeyer
- 1999 (appeared 2002) with L. Cignoni (Istituto and S. Coffey (Centro Linguistico Interdipartimentale, Università di Pisa), ‘Idioms and variation in Italian and English: two corpus-based studies', *Languages in Contrast*
- 1998 *Fixed Expressions and Idioms in English: a Corpus-based Approach,* (Oxford Studies in Lexicography and Lexicology), Oxford University Press
- 1998 ‘Frequencies and forms of phrasal lexemes in English' in A. P. Cowie (ed.) *Phraseology: Theory, Analysis, and Applications,* (Oxford Studies in Lexicography and Lexicology), Oxford University Press
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