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Education

The Ohio State University

Columbus, Ohio

Ph.D., History, May 2009.

Fields of Study: Russian and East European, Modern European, Scandinavian

Dissertation: “Island People: Transnational Identification, Minority Politics, and Estonia’s Swedish Population”

Guest Researcher: Center for Baltic and East European Studies; Södertörn University College, Sweden. 2006-2007

University of Tartu

Tartu, Estonia

Master of Arts, Contemporary History, June 2004.

Thesis: “Agitating the Minority: Soviet Propaganda Aimed at the Ethnic Swedish Minority in Estonia, 1940-1941”

University of Washington

Seattle, Washington

Master of Arts, Scandinavian Area Studies, June 2002.

Thesis: “Crossing the Baltic: ‘Neutrality’ and Public Perception in Sweden’s Foreign Policy”

Gustavus Adolphus College

St. Peter, Minnesota

Bachelor of Arts, Honors History and Scandinavian Studies, June 1998.

Thesis: “Stretching the Limits of Freedom: Development of the Swedish Freedom of the Press”

Study Abroad

Spring 1997	Uppsala University; Sweden	Swedish language and history
2001-2002	Tartu University; Estonia	Estonian language and history
January 2004	Summer University; Helsinki, Finland	Finnish language
Summer 2005	St. Petersburg State University; Russia	Russian language

Teaching

Associate Professor, History & Scandinavian Studies, Gustavus Adolphus College. 2015-present

- Scandinavian, Russian and East European, and Modern European History
- Chair, Department of Scandinavian Studies. 2015-2018
- Director, Russian and East European Studies. Fall 2015

Assistant Professor, History & Scandinavian Studies, Gustavus Adolphus College. 2009-2015

- Scandinavian, Russian and East European, and Modern European History

Faculty Development, Preparing Future Faculty Program, Ohio State University. 2008-2009

- Competitive program designed to prepare graduate students for employment in academic careers emphasizing teaching and service. Mentorship at John Carroll University.

Instructor, Ohio State University. 2007-2009

- Modern European and World History (1500-present)

Teaching Assistant, Ohio State University. 2004-2006

- Early and Modern European History
- Early and Modern American History
- Modern World History

Courses Taught

- CUR 110: Historical Perspective II
 - Western focus (Spring 2010)
 - Global focus (Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2014, Spring 2015)
 - FTS 100-190: Nordic Explorers (Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2014)
 - HIS 110: Modern Europe I (Fall 2010)
 - HIS 120: Modern Europe, 1648-present (Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2015)
 - Modern World History (survey course, Ohio State Univ.)
 - HIS 211: Imperial Russia (Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Fall 2014)
 - HIS 212: Modern Russia (Spring 2013, Spring 2015)
 - HIS 217: Digital History (January 2010, January 2011, January 2014)
 - HIS 218: Scandinavia to 1800 (Fall 2009, Fall 2011, Fall 2013, Fall 2015)
 - HIS 219: Scandinavia Since 1800 (Spring 2010, Spring 2012, Spring 2014)
 - HIS 300: Senior Research Seminar (Fall 2014)
 - HIS 321: 19th Century Europe (Spring 2011, Fall 2012)
 - HIS 323: Minorities in Europe (Fall 2009, Fall 2011, Fall 2013, Fall 2015)
 - HIS 396, 397: Honors History thesis advisor (Spring 2011)
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Publications

- “Leaving the ESSR: Sweden’s Attempts at Repatriating the Estonian-Swedes from Soviet-Controlled Estonia, 1940-1941” accepted in *Journal of Baltic Studies*.
 - “Incorporating the Baltic Region into Western Civ Courses,” in *Baltic Studies Newsletter*. Vol. XXX, No. 1 (January 2011). p.7.
 - “Estlandssvenskarnas situation i Tsar-Ryssland under slutet av 1800-talet,” in *Hans Pöhl: Estlandssvenskarnas hövding*. Stockholm-Tallinn: Svenska Odlingens Vänners förlag, 2010. Published in Swedish and Estonian.
 - “From Peasantry to Privilege: Transnational Identification, Border Politics, and Estonia’s Swedish Minority, 1873-1944,” in *Ethnic Images and Stereotypes – Where is the Border Line?* Jelena Nõmm, ed. Narva, Estonia, 2007. Pp 281-292.
 - “Borderline Swedes: Minority Politics and Transnational Identification among Estonia’s Swedish Population,” in *Inter: A European Cultural Studies Conference in Sweden (conference proceedings)*. Johan Fornäs and Martin Fredriksson, eds. Linköping University Electronic Press, 2007. Online: <http://www.ep.liu.se/ecp/025/>
 - “‘Den lyckliga socialistiska tiden’: Sovjetisk propaganda riktad mot estlandssvenskarna 1940-1941.” *Kustbon*. September 2004, pp7-9. Written and published in Swedish.
 - “Will They Stay or Will They Go? Soviet Propaganda and the Estonian-Swedes During the First Year of Soviet Occupation,” in *Sovietization of the Baltics, 1940-1956*. Olaf Mertelsmann, ed. Tartu, Estonia: Kleio, 2003. Pp 171-186.
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Awards

- 2008 **Society of Historians of Scandinavia Second Place Award** for graduate student paper in history, for “Jumping Through Windows and the Antichrist: The Absurd Foundations of the Estonian-Swedish Cultural Awakening.”
 - 2006 **Society of Historians of Scandinavia Second Place Award** for graduate student paper in history, for “The Swedish Identity Crisis and Colonial Sweden: 19th Century Neocolonial Expansion and the Swedish Diaspora in the Russian Empire.”
 - 2004 **Society of Historians of Scandinavia Award** for best graduate student paper in history, for “Where is my Homeland?: Repatriation of Ethnic Swedes in the Early 20th Century.”
 - 2003 **Aurora Borealis Prize** for best area studies graduate student paper by the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, for “‘Prolitär i Alla Land Förena Er!’: Soviet Propaganda Aimed at the Swedish Minority in Estonia, October 1940-August 1941.”
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Grants and Fellowships

- Kendall Center Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Grant; Gustavus (2011, 2014)

- College of Humanities Graduate Research Small Grant; Ohio State University (2008)
 - Summer Research Grant; Ohio State University History Department (2007)
 - Malmberg Scholarship; American Swedish Institute (2006)
 - American-Scandinavian Foundation Fellowship (2006)
 - Allan and Helga Wildman Award in Russian and East European History; Ohio State University History Department (2006)
 - Swedish Institute Guest Scholar Fellowship (2006) Declined.
 - Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Presidential Grant Award (May 2006)
 - Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant (Summer 2005) – to study Russian at St. Petersburg State University; St. Petersburg, Russia.
 - College of Humanities Small Grant; Ohio State University (May 2005)
 - Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Presidential Grant Award (April 2002)
 - Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant (2001-2002) – to study Estonian at the University of Tartu; Tartu, Estonia
 - Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant (Summer 2001) – to study intensive Estonian at the University of Washington; Seattle, Washington
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Conference Participation

- “Venturing into the Bear’s Den.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference; Columbus, Ohio. May 2015.
- “Peripheral Communities, Strategic Locations: Estonia’s Swedish Communities in the World Wars.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study and Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies Joint Conference; New Haven, Connecticut. March 2014.
- “From Cultural Interactions to Repatriation: The Estonian-Swedes and their ‘Ancient Homeland.’” Migration and Cultural Encounters in the Baltic Sea Region Conference; Stockholm, Sweden. April 2013.
- “The Complaining Men: The Remarkable 19th Century Journey of Ethnic Swedes in Russia to Sweden with Pleas for Assistance.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference; Salt Lake City, Utah. May 2012.
- “Leaving the USSR: Ethnic Swedish Attempts at Legal Emigration from Soviet-Controlled Estonia, 1940-1941.” Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies Conference; Chicago, Illinois. April 2012.

- Chair for the session “Momentous First Encounters: Films as Documents of Historical Identity Discourses.” Northern Great Plains History Conference; Mankato, Minnesota. September 2011.
- Chair for the session “Sami.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference; Chicago, Illinois. April 2011.
- “A Feuding Good Men: The Swedish Cultural Movement in 1930s Estonia.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study and Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies Joint Conference; Seattle, Washington. April 2010.
- “Preserving the New Ancient Homeland: Memory and Preservation among the Estonian-Swedish Community in Sweden.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference; Madison, Wisconsin. April 2009.
- “‘Our Prayer is for Mother Svea to Take Care of Us’: The 1940 Evacuation of the Pakri Islands and the Forced Evacuation of the Estonian-Swedes.” Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies Conference; Bloomington, Indiana. May 2008.
- “Identification and Minority Policies: The Case of the Swedish Population of Estonia, 1873-1944.” Purdue University Graduate Interdisciplinary Symposium on Globalization: Questioning Nations, Borders, Identities & Communities; West Lafayette, Indiana. March 2008.
- “Jumping Through Windows and the Antichrist: The Absurd Foundations of the Estonian-Swedish Cultural Awakening.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference; Fairbanks, Alaska. March 2008.
- “Simulating Estonia: Incorporating the Baltic States in Undergraduate Modern European History Classes.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference; Fairbanks, Alaska. March 2008.
- “Borderline Swedes: Minority Politics and Transnational Identification among Estonia’s Swedish Population.” Inter: A European Cultural Studies Conference. Norrköping, Sweden. June 2007.
- “Minority Politics and Estonia’s Ethnic Swedish Population from Estonianization to Second World War Occupation.” Södertörn University College Baltic and East European Graduate School Internal Conference; Bommersvik, Sweden. February 2007.
- “From Peasantry to Privilege: Transnational Identity, Border Politics, and Estonia’s Swedish Minority, 1873-1944.” Conference on Ethnic Images and Stereotypes – Where is the border line?; Narva, Estonia. October 2006.
- Discussant for the panel “Transnational Connections in the Baltic Sea Area.” Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies Conference; Washington, DC. June 2006.
- “The Swedish Identity Crisis and Colonial Sweden: 19th Century Neocolonial Expansion and the Swedish Diaspora in the Russian Empire.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference; Oxford, Mississippi. May 2006.

- “Privileged Ethnicity or Disgruntled Minority: The Estonian-Swedes in the 1930s and the Second World War.” Midwest Slavic Conference; Columbus, Ohio. March 2006.
- Chair and Discussant for the panel “From Hagiographic to Professional Identity in Russian History.” Midwest Slavic Conference; Columbus, Ohio. March 2006.
- “Heroic Past in the Here and Now: Finland’s ‘Rukajärven tie’ (Ambush, 1999) and Estonia’s ‘Nimed Marmortahvlil’ (Names in Marble, 2002).” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference; Portland, Oregon. May 2005.
- “From Estonianization to Sovietization: Estonian-Swedish Identity From the 1930s to 1941.” Midwest Russian History Workshop; Columbus, Ohio. March 2005.
- “Home Is Not Our Native Land: Ethnic Swedish Identity on the Periphery of Estonia Until 1944.” REES Graduate Student Conference, University of Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. February 2005.
- “Where is my Homeland?: Repatriation of Ethnic Swedes in the Early 20th Century.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference; Redondo Beach, California. May 2004.
- “From Estonianization to Sovietization: The Estonian-Swedish Identity from the 1930s to the early 1940s.” Baltic Studies in Europe Conference; Turku, Finland. June 2003.
- “Will They Stay or Will They Go? Soviet Propaganda and the Estonian-Swedes During the First Year of Soviet Occupation.” International Workshop on the Sovietization of the Baltics, 1940-1956; Haapsalu, Estonia. May 2003.
- “Seeing Red: Viewing Sweden from Communist Estonia and Estonia from Communist Sweden, 1940-1941.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference; Minneapolis, Minnesota. May 2003.
- “‘Prolitär i Alla Land Förena Er!’: Soviet Propaganda Aimed at the Swedish Minority in Estonia, October 1940-August 1941.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference; Salt Lake City, Utah. May 2002.
- “Crossing the Baltic: Reshaping Sweden’s Security Policy and Redefining the Former Swedish Empire.” European Community Studies Association Conference, Poster Presentation; Madison, Wisconsin. May 2001.
- “Placebo Politics: Swedish Second World War Policies towards the Soviet Union.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference; Chicago, Illinois. April 2001.
- “In Search of a Nation: Sweden in the Early 20th Century.” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference; Madison, Wisconsin. May 2000.
- “Stretching the Limits of Freedom: Development of the Swedish Freedom of the Press.” Gustavus Adolphus College History Department History Honors Symposium. May 1998.
- “Stretching the Limits of Freedom.” National Conference for Undergraduate Research; College Park, Maryland. May 1998.

Guest Lectures and Campus Talks

- “Let’s Get Digital: Digital Humanities at Gustavus.” Teachers Talking. November 2015.
- “Alfred Nobel: From Dynamite King to Purveyor of Peace.” American Swedish Institute. May 2015.
- “The Life and Legacy of Alfred Nobel.” 50th Annual Nobel Conference. Gustavus Adolphus College. October 2014.
- “History of Gustavus and the 1998 Tornado.” Gustavus Adolphus College
 - o Family Weekend: 2009, 2011-2015.
 - o Spring Alumni Reunions: 2013, 2014.
 - o Human Resources New Employee Orientation: 2012-2013.
- “Gustavus and its Mission.” New Faculty Orientation Session. April 2014, April 2015.
- “Island People: The Swedish Diaspora in Estonia, 1860-1944.” Gustavus Adolphus College Faculty Shop Talk. April 2014.
- “On the Eastern Shores of the Baltic: Swedes in Estonia and the Pan-Swedish Movement.” Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota. October 2013.
- “Leaving Sweden Behind: A Look at the Social History in the 19th Century.” Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota. October 2013.
- “Estlandssvenskarna under den först sovjetisk ockupationen.” [The Estonian-Swedes During the First Soviet Occupation] Svenska Odlingens Vänner; Stockholm, Sweden. April 2013. Lecture given in Swedish.
- “A Feuding Good Men: The 1930s Leadership Crisis in the Estonian-Swedish Community.” Center for Baltic and East European Studies, Södertörn University, Sweden. April 2013.
- “Researching Migration, Minorities, and the Pan-Swedish Movement in the Baltic Sea Region.” Gustavus Adolphus College History Department Pizza, Profs, and the Past Series. November 2012.
- Co-Moderator for “Beyond *The Girl*: Women Crime Writers from Scandinavia.” Gustavus Adolphus College and American Swedish Institute. October 2012.
- “Blast from the Past: Gusting through 150 Years.” Linneaus Arboretum Symposium. February 2012.
- “Gustavus Adolphus Day.” Christ Chapel Homily. November 2011.
- “Finland and Estonia: Sofi Oksanen’s *Purge*.” Gustavus Adolphus College, SCA 344: Gender and Sexuality in Scandinavia. November 2011.
- “Dag Hammarskjöld Remembered.” Christ Chapel Homily. September 2010.

- “Digital Projects and Twitter in the Classroom.” Teachers Talking Technology. March 2010.
 - “Lent as a Time for Self-Reflection.” Christ Chapel Homily. March 2010.
 - “Island People: The Swedish Diaspora in Estonia, 1870-1944.” Vasa Lodge of Cleveland; Cleveland, Ohio. February 2009.
 - “Island People: The Swedish Diaspora in Estonia, 1870-1944.” American Swedish Institute; Minneapolis, Minnesota. October 2008.
 - “Swedes in a Foreign Land: The Swedish Minority in Estonia, 1870-1944.” Scandinavian Club of Columbus; Columbus, Ohio. October 2007.
 - “The Russian and East European Graduate Student: Educating American Graduate Students (as Related by a Product of American Education).” Center for Baltic and East European Studies; Södertörn University College (Sweden). May 2007.
 - “Tidningen *Sovjet-Estland* och sovjetisk propaganda till estlandssvenskarna.” [The Newspaper *Sovjet-Estland* and Soviet Propaganda Aimed at the Estonian-Swedes] Svenska Odlingens Vänner; Stockholm, Sweden. February and April 2007. Lectures given in Swedish.
 - “Minority Politics and the Estonian-Swedes until 1944.” Tallinn University; Tallinn, Estonia. April 2007.
 - “Island People: Transnational Identification, Minority Politics, and Estonia’s Swedish Population.” Center for Baltic and East European Studies, Södertörn University College (Sweden). January 2007.
 - “First World War and Russian Revolution.” The Ohio State University, HI 112: Modern European History. May 2006.
 - “Europe’s Internal Transformation: 1500-1750.” The Ohio State University, HI 182: Modern World History. January 2005.
 - “Agitating the Minority: The Soviet Propaganda Campaign Aimed at the Estonian-Swedes, 1940-1941.” Södertörn University College (Sweden). May 2004.
 - “Estonian Nationalism.” Informal lecture/discussion, Gustavus Adolphus College, Balkan Nationalism. May 2003.
 - “Swedish Politics.” University of Washington, Elementary Swedish 103a and 103b. May 2001.
 - “Sweden in World War II.” Gustavus Adolphus College, History of Modern Scandinavia. May 2000.
 - “Legislating Morality.” University of Washington, Sexuality in Scandinavia. Feb. 2000.
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Proofreading

- Historical adviser and reviewer for children's book Explore Norse Myths! Nomad Press. 2015.
 - Historical adviser for children's books: Your Life as an Explorer on a Viking Ship, Your Life as a Cabin Boy on a Pirate Ship, and Your Life as a Cabin Attendant on the Titanic. Picture Window Books. 2012.
 - Ethnic Images and Stereotypes – Where is the Border Line? Studia Humaniora Et Paedagogica Collegii Narovensis: Narva, Estonia. Native-language English proofing of manuscript. July-September 2007.
 - Narva and the Baltic Sea Region: Studia Humaniora Et Paedagogica Collegii Narovensis: Narva, Estonia. Native-language English proofing of manuscript. January-June 2004.
 - Sovietization of the Baltic States, 1940-1956: Kleio; Tallinn, Estonia. Proofreading publication manuscript. Fall 2003.
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Public History

- Study Leader, giving a series of lectures and answering questions about history and culture. Smithsonian Journeys Baltic Cruise. June 2014, June 2015.
 - o “Estonia in Occupation and Liberation”
 - o The Rise of the Swedish Welfare State”
- Lecturer. Baltic College, through Chief Executives Organization. August 2014.
 - o “The Evolution of the Swedish Welfare State”
- Lecturer. M Sabbatical Baltic Dreams Cruise, through TravelFaire. July 2014.
 - o “Crossing the Baltic Sea”
 - o “Russia’s Window on the West”
 - o “The Soviet Experiment”
 - o “The Illusion of Swedish Neutrality”
 - o “Transforming Stockholm”
- Study Leader, giving a series of lectures and answering questions about history and culture. Smithsonian Journeys Scandinavian Sojourn. August 2013, June 2014.
 - o “Scandinavia, Land of Vikings: Explorers, Adventurers, Warriors”
 - o “Scandinavia in the Second World War”
 - o “The Scandinavian Model: The Welfare State, Peacekeeping, and the Economy”
 - o “Multiculturalism: Inclusion and Opposition”
- Marketing Editor, *Origins Current Events in Historical Perspective*. eHistory, Ohio State University History Department: Promoting and marketing the online publication. April 2008-present.

- “The Aiboland Project.” – digital history project on the Swedish minority of Estonia, presenting a historical overview, and making research materials available to a wider audience of scholars. 2008.
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Interview

- Newspaper interview with Norwegian *Aftenposten*, conducted by Helene Skjeggstad. Article regarding Swedish-US relations for President Obama’s visit to Sweden for a bilateral meeting. “Mer populær i Sverige enn USA,” 4 September 2013.
 - Radio interview, conducted by John Chrispinsson, Sveriges Radio (Sweden’s Radio). Half-hour interview conducted in Swedish regarding my scholarship on the Estonian-Swedes. Broadcast September 2004.
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Professional Service to Gustavus

- Digital Humanities Gustavus co-facilitator and co-organizer (2015-present)
 - o Organizing and running a week-long workshop for digital humanities fellows through a Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant, coordinating marketing for course, maintaining the Digital Humanities website content, and promoting the digital humanities on campus.
- Gustavus Adolphus College Scandinavian National Advisory Board, Campus Facilitator (2012-present)
- Honor Board (2010-present)
- MAYDAY! Committee: Multicultural Sweden (2011-2012), Decision Roe v Wade (2012-2013), Tibet (2013-2014), The Peace Within (2014-2015)
- *Gustavus Quarterly* Advisory Board (2011-present)
- Jule Scandinavian-American Breakfast co-organizer and speaker (2010-present)
- New Faculty Orientation, April session on Swedish Heritage of Gustavus (2014, 2015)
- History Tenure-Track Search Committee, 20th Century US historian (2014-2015)
- Center for International and Cultural Education Director Search Committee (2014)
- International & Domestic Programs Committee/Global Engagement Committee (2012-2015)
 - o Chair (2013-2015)
- Incoming Student Summer Advising (2011-2013, 2015)
- Gustavus Booth at the Minnesota State Fair (2010-2012, 2014, 2015)
- Judge for DeNault Award for Outstanding Student Writing in History (2010, 2014)
- Scandinavian Studies Tenure-Track Search Committee (Fall 2012)
- Staged reading of “8” sponsored by Theater and Dance Department and Chaplains Office (October 2012)

- Global Insights Committee, Circumpolar Region (2011-2012)
 - Christmas in Christ Chapel consultant and narrator (2011)
 - Scandinavian Studies Fulbright Hildeman Scholar Search Committee (2011)
 - Sesquicentennial Storytelling Committee (2010-2011)
 - History Tenure-Track Search Committee, 20th Century US historian (2010-2011)
 - Scandinavian Studies Tenure-Track Search Committee (2009-2010)
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Faculty Advisor for Student Organizations

- *The Gustavian Weekly* (2012-present)
 - Swedish House (2010-present)
 - Guild of Gustavus Historians/History Club (2010-2012)
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Professional Organizations

- Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study
 - o Executive Board Member (2015-2018)
 - o Haugen Fellowship Committee (2012-2015); Chair (2014-2015)
 - Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies
 - Society for Historians of Scandinavia (charter member)
 - o President (2015-2017)
 - o Vice President (2013-2015)
 - o Executive Board Member (2009-2012)
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Languages

- **Swedish:** advanced reading and verbal proficiency
- **Estonian:** intermediate reading and verbal proficiency
- **Russian:** intermediate reading and verbal proficiency
- **Norwegian:** intermediate reading proficiency
- **Danish:** intermediate reading proficiency
- **Finnish:** elementary/beginner verbal and reading proficiency
- **German:** elementary/beginner verbal and reading proficiency