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Employment

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April, 2008 – to date	<u>Research scientist</u> Institute of Informatics, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia
Sept, 2006 - May, 2007	<u>Visiting professor</u> Department of Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences Brown University, Providence, USA
Feb, 2005 – Feb, 2006	<u>Research scientist</u> Spoken Language Processing Group Department of Computer Science, Columbia University, New York, USA
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Education

2019	<u>Professor</u>	Foreign languages and cultures Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra, Slovakia
2012	<u>Habil. (doc.)</u>	Foreign languages and cultures Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra, Slovakia
2005	<u>Ph.D.</u>	Linguistics New York University, New York, USA
2000	<u>M.A.</u>	Linguistics New York University, New York, USA
1995	<u>M.A.(Ed.)</u>	TEFL and Music Constantine the Philosopher University Nitra, Slovakia

Doctoral Dissertation

Title: Dynamics and Transparency in Vowel Harmony
 Advisor: Adamantios I. Gafos
 Description: Based on experimental articulatory data of transparent vowels in Hungarian vowel harmony, the central claim defended and formalized in this dissertation is that continuous phonetic details of all stem vowels including the transparent vowels are relevant for the phonological alternations in suffixes.

Fellowships/Grants awarded

2020-2024 Conversational Brains (COBRA). European Union H2020 – Marie Skłodowska Currie Action – ITN
 2014-2017 Relationship between trust and entrainment in speech. Air Force Office of Scientific Research; FA9550-15-1-0055.
 2014-2015 Mobility cooperation grant between Slovak and Argentinean Academies of Sciences
 2009-2010 Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship, Ludwig Maximilians University, München, Germany
 2008 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship, University of Edinburgh, The Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities
 2000 Linguistics Department Fellowship, Ohio-State University, Columbus
 1999-2004 Linguistics Department Fellowship, New York University, New York
 1998-1999 Fulbright Fellowship, New York University, New York
 1994 Tempus Grant, European Union, Middlesex University, London

Professional Service

2013 – to date Managing Editor, *Topics in Linguistics* [ISSN 1337-7590]
 2018 – to date Editorial Board Member, *Journal of International Phonetics Association* [ISSN 0025-1003]
 2013 – 2016 Associate Editor, *Laboratory Phonology* [ISSN 1868-6346]

Academic awards

2022 Prize of the Literary Fund for scientific literature for the book *Investigating Spoken English: A Practical Guide to Phonetics and Phonology Using Praat*. The awarded also by the dean the Dean of Faculty of Humanities and the rector of the Constantine the Philosopher University
 2017 Prize of the Dean of Faculty of Humanities for research and grant activities
 2012 Most notable result in basic research (Institute of Informatics, Slovak Academy of Sciences) for Beňuš (2011a).
 2012 Prize of the Dean of Faculty of Humanities for outstanding publications.

2010 Slovak Academy of Sciences Award (2 research teams) “Fluent speech recognition with a large dictionary for automatic transcription of parliamentary debates”

Publications

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Collecting and analyzing articulatory data with electromagnetometry

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