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Hannes Högni Vilhjálmsson, Ph.D.

EDUCATION

- 1997-2003 • PhD in Media Arts and Sciences. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA.
- 1995-1997 • MSc in Media Arts and Sciences. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA.
- 1991-1994 • BSc in Computer Science. University of Iceland.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2020-Present • **Full Professor, Department of Computer Science, Reykjavik University**
- 2010-2020 • **Associate Professor** (*same*)
- 2006-2010 • **Assistant Professor** (*same*)
 - Leading the Socially Expressive Computing research group (<http://secom.ru.is>).
 - Research in the field of socially intelligent agents and avatars in virtual environments.
 - Teaching includes virtual environments, virtual humans, game technology, AI, natural language processing, spoken language processing and intro to computer graphics
- 2020-Present • **Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer, ENVALYS ehf., Reykjavik, Iceland**
- 2013-2016 • **Director of the Center for Analysis and Design of Intelligent Agents (CADIA)**
- 2009-2015 • **Co-Founder and Technology Advisor, MindGames ehf., Reykjavik, Iceland**
 - Advising on and helping with development of innovative game technologies for training mental skills.
- 2006-Present • **Technology Advisor and Board Member (-2014), Alelo Inc., Los Angeles, CA, USA**
- 2005-2006 • **Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer** (*same*)
 - Spin-off from the "Tactical Language and Culture Training" project at USC.
 - Responsible for technology migration from academic research to a commercial platform.
- 2003-2006 • **Research Scientist, USC Information Sciences Institute, CA, USA.**
 - Member of the Center for Advanced Research in Technology for Education (CARTE).
 - Technical Director on the DARPA "Tactical Language and Culture Training" project.
 - Project lead on the DARPA "BCBM: Believable Communicative Behavior Middleware" project.
 - Guiding graduate students with their research.
 - Interaction and collaboration with other research institutions, industry and the government.
- 1995-2003 • **Research Assistant, MIT Media Lab, MA, USA**
 - Member of the Gesture and Narrative Language research group led by Prof. Justine Cassell.
- 1994-1995 • **Senior Software Engineer, Raffind Electronics, Ltd., Reykjavik, Iceland**
- 1994 • **Software Engineer, Hugmynd Multimedia, Reykjavik, Iceland**
- 1992-1993 • **Software Engineer, Fjölnemar Inc., Reykjavik, Iceland**

GRANTS and AWARDS

Grants Received

- 2023
- **The Icelandic Student Innovation Fund**
 - Better Icelandic speech synthesis: Prosody roadmap (Co-PI, 2.040.000 ISK)
- 2022
- **The Icelandic Research Fund**
 - Effectiveness of a Virtual Reality Courtroom to Support Survivors of Sexual Violence (Co-PI, 20.600.000 ISK, 3 Y)
 - **Infrastructure Fund - Roadmap**
 - Centre for Digital Humanities and Arts - Phase Two (Co-PI, 85.000.000 ISK)
 - **The Icelandic Student Innovation Fund**
 - A Living House and Environmentally Friendly Material Choices (Co-PI, 2.040.000 ISK)
 - Mixed and Virtual Reality at The National University Hospital of Iceland (Co-PI, 3.060.000 ISK)
 - The Sturlunga Saga in Our Hands (Co-PI, 2.040.000 ISK)
- 2021
- **The Strategic Research and Development Programme for Language Technology**
 - Spoken Dialog Framework for Icelandic (PI, 36.136.000 ISK, 3 Y)
 - **The Icelandic Research Fund**
 - A Reliable Real-time Fatigue Risk Management Framework for ATC (Co-PI, 45.000.000 ISK, 3 Y)
 - **Infrastructure Fund - Roadmap**
 - Centre for Digital Humanities and Arts - Phase One (Co-PI, 25.000.000 ISK)
 - **The Icelandic Student Innovation Fund**
 - Virtual Pedestrians for Urban Planning Studies (PI, 1.800.000 ISK)
 - Supporting Videconfernce with Automated Nonverbal Behavior (Co-PI, 1.800.000 ISK)
 - Segmentation of Satellite Imagery (Co-PI, 1.800.000 ISK)
- 2020
- **The Icelandic Student Innovation Fund**
 - Interactive Virtual Student with Programmable Behavioral Problems for Teacher Training in Virtual Reality (Co-PI, 1.800.000 ISK)
 - Data-enhanced Experience of Daylighting in Space and Over Time (Co-PI, 900.000 ISK)
 - The Impact of Learning about Ocean Acidification through Co-presence and Participation in Virtual Reality (Co-PI, 2.700.000 ISK)
 - Improving the User Experience of Remote Communication by Placing the Users in a Three Dimensional Virtual Space (Co-PI, 1.800.000 ISK)
 - Virtual Multilingual Conversational Agent (PI, 900.000 ISK)
 - Teaching and Training Aircraft Mechanics using Augmented Reality (PI, 2.700.000 ISK)
- 2019
- **Technology Development Fund: Vöxtur**
 - Cities that Sustain us 3 (Co-PI, 50.000.000 ISK, 2 Y)
 - **The Icelandic Student Innovation Fund**
 - Personal Product Showcase in Virtual Reality (PI, 900.000 ISK)
 - Simulating the Flow and Experience of Tourists for Planning Better Tourist Infrastructure (Co-PI, 1.800.000 ISK)
- 2018
- **The Icelandic Student Innovation Fund**
 - VR for Training Social Skills for Children Diagnosed with Autism (Co-PI, 2.097.000 ISK)
- 2017
- **The Icelandic Research Fund**
 - Character Territoriality: Social Spatial Reasoning for Digital Actors (PI, 45.000.000 ISK, 3 Y)
 - **Technology Development Fund: Applied Research**
 - Cities that Sustain Us 2: Creating Virtual Futures (PI, 45.000.000 ISK, 3 Y)
- 2016
- **The Icelandic Student Innovation Fund**
 - Inducing Response to Phobias using Virtual Reality (Co-PI, 1.398.000 ISK)
 - Virtual reality as a training tool for special education teachers (Co-PI, 1.398.000 ISK)

GRANTS and AWARDS (continued)

- Automated Discrete Trial Training (PI, 699.000 ISK)
- 2015
 - **National Hospital Science Fund (Vísindasjóður Landspítala)**
 - Testing of Game to Teach Surgery Patients about Post-Surgery Pain Management (Co-PI, 1.500.000 ISK)
- 2014
 - **The Icelandic Research Fund**
 - Cities that Sustain Us: Using Virtual Reality to Test the Restorative Potential of Future Urban Environments (PI, 30.000.000 ISK, 3 Y)
 - **The Icelandic Student Innovation Fund**
 - The Effects of Leadership on the Visible Social Behaviour of Intelligent Agents (PI, 510.000 ISK)
- 2013
 - **The Icelandic Research Fund**
 - Icelandic Language and Culture Training in Virtual Reykjavík (PI, 20.000.000 ISK, 3 Y)
 - **The Icelandic Student Innovation Fund**
 - Optimizing expenditure on cycling roads using cyclists' GPS data (Co-PI, 2.040.000 ISK)
 - Development of a User Modeling System (Co-PI, 1.020.000 ISK)
- 2012
 - **The Icelandic Student Innovation Fund**
 - Interactive 3D Social Simulation of Reykjavik Downtown (PI, 1.530.000 ISK)
- 2011
 - **The Icelandic Student Innovation Fund**
 - Web Environment for the Deployment and User Testing of Interactive Virtual Agents (PI, 510.000 ISK)
 - Emergent Virtual Stories (PI, 510.000 ISK)
 - A Mind-Controlled Videogame to Help Children Improve Mental Focus (Co-PI, 510.000 ISK)
 - Labeling the Line: Improving the Mind-Game Feedback Loop in Mind Training Games with Physics and Psychophysics (Co-PI, 510.000 ISK)
- 2010
 - **The Icelandic Student Innovation Fund**
 - Autonomous Seat Selection for Virtual Agents (PI, 700.000 ISK)
 - Icelandic Speech Recognition (Co-PI, 480.000 ISK)
- 2009
 - **Centre of Excellence**
 - Icelandic Institute for Intelligent Machines (Co-PI, 55.000.000 ISK, 7 Y)
 - **The Icelandic Student Innovation Fund**
 - The Automated Virtual Reading Tutor (Co-PI, 280.000 ISK)
- 2008
 - **The Icelandic Research Fund**
 - Humanoid agents in social game environments (Grant of Excellence) (PI, 40.150.000 ISK, 3 Y)
- 2007
 - **The Icelandic Research Fund.**
 - Humanoid agents in social game environments (Project Grant) (PI, 4.850.000 ISK, 3 Y)
- 2004
 - **The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)**
 - BCBM: Believable Communicative Behavior Middleware (Co-PI, 700.000 USD, 3 Y)
 - **The National Science Foundation (NSF)**
 - Promoting Competence in Math with Collaboration, Reflection and Role Models (Co-PI, 500.000 USD, 2 Y)

Recent Awards and Nominations

- 2017
 - **Recipient of the Reykjavik University Research Award.** Granted for excellence in research.
 - **Nomination for President of Iceland Innovation Award** for "Inducing Response to Phobias using Virtual Reality" by Thordarson, Hafsteinsson and Bjornsson (under my co-supervision)

GRANTS and AWARDS (continued)

- 2011 • **Nomination for President of Iceland Innovation Award** for "Mind training games" by Arason, Pourvatan, Voludottir and Nikulasson (under my co-supervision)
- 2011 • **NSN Project of Excellence** for "Autonomous Seat Selection for Virtual Agents" Student Innovation Fund project by Carstensdottir and Gudmundsdottir (under my supervision)
- 2010 • **Nomination for President of Iceland Innovation Award** for "The Automated Virtual Reading Tutor" Student Innovation Fund project by Valgardsson (under my supervision)
- 2009 • **Top 10, Class of Excellence** with "MindGames" in the Innovit Business Plan Competition 2009
- 2008 • **GALA Jury Award** and **GALA Public Award** for the "BML Realizer" student project by Bjarni Þór Árnason and Ægir Þorsteinsson (under my supervision) at the 8th International Conference on Intelligent Virtual Agents, Tokyo, Japan
- 2006 • **Best Paper Nominee** at the 6th International Conference on Intelligent Virtual Agents
- 2005 • **DARPA Significant Technical Achievement Award** for the Tactical Language and Culture Training Project (served as Technical Director on the project)
- 2005 • **DARPA/DARWARS Transition Award** for the Tactical Language and Culture Training Project (for transitioning research into practical use)
- 2005 • **Best Paper Nominee** at the 38th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences
- 2004 • **Best Paper in Category Award and Best Paper Nominee** at I/ITSEC
- 1998 • **Best Paper Award** at the 2nd International Conference on Autonomous Agents
- 1996 • **Presentation Award** at the 3rd Conference on Lifelike Computer Characters
- 1995 • **Thor Thors Fellowship** from the American-Scandinavian Foundation

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- H. H. Vilhjálmsón (2022) "Do We Need to Be in Full Control of Our VR Avatars?". In Proceedings of the Workshop on the Symbiotic Society with Avatars: Social Acceptance, Ethics and Technologies at the 31st IEEE International Conference on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN 2022), september 2, Napoli, Italy
- M. Diamanti, H. Vilhjálmsón (2021) "Social Crowd Simulation: The Challenge of Fragmentation". In Proceedings of the 4th IEEE International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Reality (AIVR), Workshop on Modeling and Animating Realistic Crowds and Humans (MARCH), Online, 16th of November, 2021
- J. Skúlason, J. Helgason, A. S. Islind, S. G. Sigurdardóttir, and H. H. Vilhjálmsón (2021) "Integrating Video with Artificial Gesture". The Crossmodal Social Animation Workshop at the International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), Online, 11th - 17th October, 2021
- P. Alves-Oliveira, M. Foster, H. Gunes, S. Höhn, F. Kirstein, A. Marrella, M. Neerincx, M. Okada, A. Paiva, E. Sklar, H. Vilhjálmsón, (2020) "Working Group on Scenarios for Human-Agent and Human-Robot Groups" in *Dagstuhl Reports: Social Agents for Teamwork and Group Interactions (Dagstuhl Seminar 19411)*, E. André, A. Paiva, J. Shah and S. Šabanovic (Eds.) **9**(10), 37-41, Schloss Dagstuhl–Leibniz-Zentrum fuer Informatik
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- Thórisson, K.R. and Vilhjálmsón, H. (2009) "Functional Description of Multimodal Acts: A Proposal" in the proceedings of the 2nd Function Markup Language Workshop "Towards a Standard markup Language for Embodied Dialogue Acts" at AAMAS, Budapest, Hungary, 2009
- Vilhjálmsón, H. and Thórisson, K.R (2008) "A Brief History of Function Representation from Gandalf to SAIBA" in the proceedings of the 1st Function Markup Language Workshop at AAMAS, Portugal, June 12-16, 2008
- Vilhjálmsón, H. and Stacy, M. (2005) "Social Performance Framework", *Workshop on Modular Construction of Human-Like Intelligence at the 20th National AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, July 9th, Pittsburgh, PA, AAAI
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Book Chapters and Other Publications

- H. H. Vilhjalmsson (2022) "The Power of Procedural Generation and AI For Quick But Engaging VR" In Proceedings of the Once Upon a Time in the Future: Conference on Digital Promotion and Preservation of Heritage", PHIVE final seminar, 16th of June, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland
- Vilhjalmsson, H. (2022), "Interaction in Social Space", in B. Lugrin, C. Pelachaud, D. Traum (Eds.): *The Handbook on Socially Interactive Agents*, Volume 2. Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, United States
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SERVICE

Coordination

- General Steering Committee Chair *ACM Conference on Intelligent Virtual Agents*, 2018-present
- Doctoral Consortium Chair for *ACM Conference on Intelligent Virtual Agents 2024*, Glasgow, UK, September 2024
- General Steering Committee Member *International Conference on Intelligent Virtual Agents*, 2009-2017
- Program Co-Chair for *ACM Conference on Intelligent Virtual Agents 2020*, Glasgow, UK, September 2020
- Senior PC Member for *International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems*, 2018, 2020
- Co-chair, National Symposium on The Many Faces of Pain. Reykjavik, Iceland. September 1st – 3rd., 2017
- Senior PC Member for *ACM International Conference on Multimodal Interaction*, 2016, 2017
- Senior PC Member for *International Conference on Intelligent Virtual Agents*, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019
- Co-Chair, Virtual Agent Track *International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems*, 2016
- Co-Chair, Doctoral-Consortium *International Conference on Intelligent Virtual Agents*, 2015
- Co-Chair, *ANIREY: Democratize Animation*, Nordic Workshop, 2015
- Senior PC Member for *International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems*, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2015
- Co-Producer for the *Icelandic AI Festival*, Reykjavik University, Reykjavik, October 2014
- Chair *11th International Conference on Intelligent Virtual Agents*, Reykjavik, Iceland, September 2011

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- Co-chair for *6th Nordic Conference on Human-Computer Interaction*, Reykjavik, Iceland, October 2010
- Co-chair for *The 9th International Conference on Intelligent Virtual Agents*, Amsterdam, September 2009
- Co-organizer *The 4th International Workshop on the Behavior Markup Language*, Amsterdam, September 2009
- Co-organizer of the *Annual Conference on Software Development*, The Icelandic Society for Information Processing (Ský), Reykjavik, November 2008
- Producer for the *Icelandic AI Festival*, Reykjavik University, Reykjavik, November 2008
- Co-organizer of *The 3rd International Workshop on the Behavior Markup Language*, MITRE Corporation, Boston, MA, June 2-3, 2008
- Co-organizer of *The 1st Functional Markup Language Workshop* at AAMAS 2008, Estoril, Portugal, May 12-13, 2008
- Interactive Demonstrations Chair for *the 13th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education*, Marina del Rey, CA, July 2007
- Co-organizer of *The 2nd International Workshop on the Behavior Markup Language*, Paris, France, June 7-8, 2007
- Co-organizer of an *International Workshop on Multimodal Behavior Description*, Vienna, Austria, November 6-8, 2006
- Co-organizer of a AAAI Workshop on *Modular Construction of Human-Like Intelligence*, Pittsburgh, July 10, 2005.
- Co-organizer of an *International Workshop on Representations for Multimodal Generation*, Reykjavik, April 23-25, 2005.
- Co-organizer of a Workshop on *Embodied conversational agents* at ACM AAMAS, 2002

Most Recent Referee Work

- **2023** *ACM SIGGRAPH 2022, Transactions on Computer-Human Interaction, ACM Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems*
- **2022** *ACM SIGGRAPH 2022, Transactions on Computer-Human Interaction*
- **2021** *ACM SIGGRAPH 2021, Journal of Artificial Intelligence in Education, Entertainment Computing*
- **2020** *Journal on Multi-Modal User Interfaces, CDIO, NordiCHI, PLOS ONE*
- **2019** *Journal on Multi-Modal User Interfaces, International Journal of Artificial Intelligence in Education, Multimodal Technologies and Interaction, ACM Transactions on Graphics, SIGGRAPH 2019, Transactions on Affective Computing*
- **2018** *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, International Journal on AI in Education, IEEE International conference on Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Reality (AIVR)*
- **2017** *IEEE Virtual Reality 2017, ACM Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (AAMAS 2017), Intelligent Virtual Agents (IVA 2017) (Meta Reviewer), International Conference on Multimodal Interaction (ICMI 2017) (Meta Reviewer), International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2017), Workshop on Conversational Interruptions in Human-Agent Interaction at IVA 2017 (CIHAI)*
- **2016** *Journal on Multi-Modal User Interfaces, Transactions on Computational Intelligence and AI in Games, Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (AAMAS 2016) (Co-Chair of VA Track), Intelligent Virtual Agents (IVA 2016)*
- **2015** *Journal on Multimodal User Interfaces, Perceptual and Motor Skills Journal, Transactions on Computational Intelligence and AI in Games, IEEE's Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (AAMAS 2015) (Senior PC), Intelligent Virtual Agents (IVA 2015) (DC Co-Chair, Best Paper Award)*
- **2014** *IEEE's Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, International Conference on Computer Graphics Theory and Applications (GRAPP 2014), Intelligent Virtual Agents (IVA 2014) (Senior PC), Language Resources and Evaluation Conference (LREC 2014), Annual Conference of the European Association for Computer Graphics (EUROGRAPHICS 2014), Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (AAMAS 2014) (Senior PC)*
- **2013** *International Journal of Human-Computer Studies, Journal on Multimodal User Interfaces, Intelligent Virtual Agents*
- **2012** *Artificial Intelligence in Interactive Digital Entertainment, Intelligent Virtual Agents (Senior PC), Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems*
- **2011** *MIT Press (manuscript reviewer), Journal of Presence: Teleoperators and Virtual Environments, Journal of Entertainment Computing, IJCAI, Socially Intelligent Surveillance and Monitoring, Artificial Intelligence in Interactive Digital Entertainment, IEEE SocialCom*
- **2010** *Journal of Cognitive Computation, Journal on Multimodal User Interfaces, Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (Senior PC), Intelligent Virtual Agents (Senior PC), Artificial Intelligence in Interactive Digital Entertainment, AAAI, SIGGRAPH, CHI, Intelligent User Interfaces, IceTAL, Socially Intelligent Surveillance and Monitoring*

SERVICE (continued)

- **2009** *Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems, SIGGRAPH, CHI, International Gesture Workshop, Intelligent User Interfaces*
- **2008** *Multimodal Signals: Cognitive and Algorithmic Issues (LNAI), Computer Animation and Virtual Worlds, Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems*
- **2007** *Virtual Reality, Speech Communication, Persistent Conversation (HICSS), Intelligent Virtual Agents, Pragmatics of Computer-Mediated Communication, Artificial Intelligence Journal, SIGGRAPH, NODALIDA*
- **2006** *Human Computer Interface International, Computer Supported Cooperative Work, Persistent Conversation (HICSS), Intelligent Virtual Agents, AAAI, International Journal of Human-Computer Studies, Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems, CHI*

Other Recent Service Work

- Expert Review Panel Member, Icelandic Technical Development Fund (2024)
- On the Board of Directors: Icelandic Center for Digital Humanities and the Arts (2022-present)
- Advisory Board: Statum VR
- Chair of the Reykjavik University Research Council, 2016-2019
- Appointed Member: Icelandic Ministry of Education, Science and Culture - Working group on a roadmap for research infrastructure in Iceland, 2018
- Review Panel Member: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Clusters of Excellence, as part of the German Excellence Strategy, 2018
- Alternate Board Member: Icelandic Language Technology Fund, 2015-2018
- Board Member: Icelandic Institute for Intelligent Machines 2015-present
- Advisory Board: Icelandic Center for Futures Studies, Icelandic Institute for Intelligent Machines (until 2015), Radiant Games, Aldin Dynamics, CLARA
- On the Board of Directors: MindGames (2009-2015), Alelo UK
- On the Board and Co-Founder of Hugsýn, the Icelandic Cognitive Studies Society
- Local Chair of the 98th Esperanto World Congress, Reykjavik, 2013
- Member of the Empowering Women European Leonardo Project, 2010-2012
- President of the Icelandic Esperanto Association, Reykjavik, Iceland, 2012-2018
- External Referee, European Research Council, 2011
- Co-chair of LornaLAB, an Icelandic grass-roots forum for mixing art and technology
- Organizer, producer and designer of the Eitt mál fyrir allan heiminn museum exhibit, on the 100th anniversary of the first Icelandic textbook for esperanto, The National Library of Iceland, 2009
- Jury member on the Icelandic high school innovation competition, NKG, 2009
- Contributor to the founding and running of the Icelandic Gaming Industry, 2009
- Co-organizer of the student game development competition at RU, 2009
- Co-hosted a meeting of the Ministry of Ideas grassroots innovation and social change organization, 2009
- In Björk's "Neisti"/"Nattura.info" organization team, responsible for a series of workshops, meetings and talks within the government and in the wider community regarding a "Green Future" for Iceland and alternatives to heavy industry, 2008
- Reviewer on the Icelandic high school innovation competition, NKG, 2008
- Tutor in the Icelandic high school innovation competition, NKG, 2007
- Member of a Ministry of Education / EU advisory group on *Improving IT use in education*, 2006
- Reviewer on grant proposals for *Rannís - The Icelandic Research Council*
- Founding member of *Mindmakers.org*, an online forum for open development of communicative humanoids and related AI middleware.

INVITED TALKS AND PANELS

- 03/2023 • **Can Your Avatar Be More Than Just a Remote Puppet?** The 2nd Annual Workshop on Symbiotic Society with Avatars at HRI'23, Stockholm, Sweden

INVITED TALKS AND PANELS (continued)

- 08/2022 • **More than Talk: Non-verbal Behavior and the Management of Co-Presence in Virtual Language Training** Keynote, European Association for Computer Assisted Language Learning Annual Conference (EUROCALL), 16–19 August 2022, University of Iceland, Online.
- 08/2022 • **Messing up the Machine: Language Technology Challenges for Natural Conversations in Icelandic**, International Workshop on Pragmatic Borrowing in the Nordic Languages and Finnish, 12-13 August 2022, The Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies
- 09/2020 • **Spjallað við sýndarverur** The 24th Annual Humanities Conference of the University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 11/2019 • **Áherslur í aljóðaáætlunum (Panel)**, The Annual Research Congress of the Icelandic Science and Technology Council, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 04/2019 • **Programmed wor(l)ds: Writing your way into a virtual dimension**, Keynote, 8th Conference of the International Association of Literary Semantics (IALS), University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 06/2018 • **The Fourth Industrial Revolution: Reaction of Academia**, 33rd meeting of the Icelandic Science and Technology Council, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 04/2018 • **Intelligent Machines and Artificial Intelligence**, Day of Engineering Symposium, Association of Chartered Engineers in Iceland (VFÍ), Reykjavik, Iceland
- 12/2017 • **Stigið inn í aðra vídd** *Icelandic Psychological Association*, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 09/2017 • **Crossing from Physical to Virtual Reality**, National Symposium on The Many Faces of Pain, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 03/2016 • **Tækifærin í þverfaglegum rannsóknum: Dæmi úr sýndarheimum** *Annual Meeting of National Union of Icelandic Students*, Bifröst, Iceland
- 11/2015 • **Building a Social Engine: Automating Social Cues for Avatars and Agents in Virtual Worlds** *CS Forum*, Aalto University School of Science, Helsinki, Finland
- 09/2015 • **Líðan fólks í þéttbýli framtíðarinnar könnuð með sýndarveruleika** *Advania Fall Conference*, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 04/2015 • **What Comes Next? Future Trends in Gaming and VR (Panel)** *SLUSH Play*, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 04/2015 • **Building a Social Engine** *The Icelandic Computer Society*, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 03/2015 • **Social Actors in Virtual Reykjavik** *ANIREY*, Nordic Seminar, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 10/2014 • **Building a Social Engine: Automating Social Cues for Avatars and Agents in Virtual Worlds** *HCII Seminar Series*, Carnegie Mellon University, USA
- 5/2014 • **Seeing Ourselves in Simulation** *International Workshop on Multimodal Corpora, Tools and Resources at LREC*, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 12/2013 • **The Mind-Body Problem for Social Encounters in Virtual Environments** *4th IEEE International Conference on Cognitive Infocommunications*, Budapest, Hungary
- 9/2013 • **Autonomous Extras for Games and Movies** *The Icelandic Science Fair (Vísindavaka)*, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 8/2013 • **Building a Social Engine: Automating Human Territoriality for Avatars and Agents**, *Department of Philosophy, Linguistics and Theory of Science*, Gothenburg University, Sweden
- 4/2013 • **The Social Engine: Automating Social Behavior in Virtual Environments** *The Rotary Club of Reykjavik*, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 10/2012 • **Breaking the Ice: Making both Player Avatars and Agents Socially Aware** Keynote at *The Eighth Annual AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Interactive Digital Entertainment*, Stanford, Palo Alto, California
- 12/2011 • **Building a Social Engine: Automating Human Territoriality for Avatars and Agents** *Alignment in Communication Colloquium Series*, Bielefeld University, Germany
- 6/2011 • **Gervigreindar vitverur (Artificially Intelligent Agents)** *Lecture Series of Lorna Lab: The Reykjavik Medialab*, Reykjavik
- 4/2011 • **Samskipti í sýndarrými (Communication in Cyberspace)** *The Humanities Anniversary Seminar Series*, University of Iceland
- 2/2011 • **Stafrænir holdgervingar og gervigreind (Avatars and AI)** *The Icelandic Theosophical Society*, Reykjavik
- 10/2010 • **Building a Social Engine: Automating Human Territoriality for Avatars and Agents** *Interactive Worlds Applied Research Group Lecture Series*, Coventry University, Coventry, UK
- 8/2010 • **Virtual Language and Culture Immersion** *Icelandic Online: Nordic Seminar on CALL and Corpora*, University of Iceland

INVITED TALKS AND PANELS (continued)

- 12/2009 • **Framtíð gagnvirkar miðlunar** *Ný sköpun á skjánum*, jólaráðstefna 2009, Ský
- 4/2009 • **Automating Social Behavior**, Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Camerino, Camerino, Italy
- 1/2009 • **Interdisciplinary Innovation**, Pecha Kucha Night Reykjavik 1, The Ministry, Reykjavik
- 12/2008 • **Stafrænir holdgervingar í félagslegum sýndarheimi** *Fræðafundur*, Fræðafélagið Kvasir, Reykjavik
- 11/2008 • **Svona hagar fólk sér: Félagsleg hegðun fyrir leiki** *AI Festival*, School of Computer Science, Reykjavik University
- 9/2008 • **Notkun sýndarumhverfa í tungumálakennslu** *Evrópski tungumáladagurinn*, Stofnun Vigdísar Finnbogadóttur í erlendum málum og Samtök íslenskra tungumálakennara
- 4/2008 • **Representing Function and Behavior in Multimodal Communication** *International School on Multimodal Signals: Cognitive and Algorithmic Issues*, EU COST Action 2102
- 4/2008 • **Representing Function and Behavior in Multimodal Communication** *Árleg ráðstefna um tungutækni*, Tungutækniisetur
- 11/2007 • **Þróun og notkun alvarlegra leikja við kennslu** *IT in Education*, The IT and Education Society
- 7/2007 • **Fræðakvöld: Stafrænir holdgervingar í félagslegum sýndarheimi** *Res Extensa Lecture Series*, Res Extensa: The Mind, Health and Behavior Society
- 3/2007 • **Garage AI: The Panda 3D Engine** *Public Garage AI Series*, Reykjavik University
- 3/2007 • **Félagsleg tölvutækni sem kennir mál og sið** *Breakfast Lecture Series*, Association of Women in IT
- 3/2007 • **Gervigreind fyrir grafískar sögupersónur** *Tækni og Vit 2007*, The Industry Association with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce
- 11/2006 • **Lifandi mál og menning: Notkun tölvuleiks við tungumálakennslu.** *Tungumál og atvinnulífið: Margmiðlun*, Stofnun Vigdísar Finnbogadóttur í erlendum málum
- 10/2006 • **Using games to scaffold learning** *Trends in the use of learning objects*, NordFlex Virtual Conference
- 9/2006 • **Notkun félagslegra vitvera í tungumálakennslu** *Tæknidagar 2006*, Verkfræðingafélag Íslands og Tæknifræðingafélag Íslands
- 2/2006 • **Role of gesture in game-based language and culture training** *American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting*, St. Louis, MO
- 10/2005 • **Using Games for Education and Training** *The Summit on Educational Games*, Federation of American Scientists, Washington, DC
- 10/2004 • **Non Combat Military Game Efforts** *Serious Games Summit D.C.*, CMP Media, Washington, DC
- 2003 • **Personal Conversational Agents: Communicative agency through automated graphical avatars**
 - Information Sciences Institute, U. of Southern California, Marina del Rey, CA
 - Computer and Information Science Colloquia, U. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
 - College of Computing Colloquia, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA
 - IBM Watson Research Center, Cambridge, MA
- 2001 • **Interdisciplinary Innovation** *Annual Symposium of the Engineer Society and University of Iceland*, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 2000 • **Using 3D Graphics in Online Communities: Opportunities and Challenges** *MediaMOO Annual Symposia*, Georgia Institute of Technology, in Cyberspace
- 2000 • **I, Avatar** *Internet Research 1.0 Conference*, Lawrence, KA
- 1998 • **Embodied Conversation** *Avatars '98 Conference*, Contact Consortium, in Cyberspace
- 1997 • **Life-like Avatars** *Avatars '97 Conference*, Contact Consortium, San Francisco, CA
- 1997 • **Avatars: State-of-the-art** *User Interface '97*, Cambridge, MA
- 1993 • **Digital Magic: Virtual Reality** *The Living Arts Museum*, Reykjavik, Iceland

PRESS

- 02/2024 • *Sjónvarp Símans*: Expert on documentary series "Í leit að innblæstri"(e. In Search of Inspiration)
- 09/2023 • *Morgunblaðið TV*: Panel on news show "Dagmál"about the AI revolution
- 04/2023 • *RUV Radio Channel 2*: Interview on "Þú veist betur"(2 episodes) on what is AI
- 09/2021 • *Bylgjan Radio*: Interview on "Reykjavík Síðdegis"about AI

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- 08/2021 • *Fréttablaðið*: Nota þrívídd til að skoða samspil fólks og umhverfis (Interview about Envalys ehf., special issue on innovation)
- 05/2020 • *RUV Radio Channel 1*: Interview on "Óborg"radio mini series on the future of city planning
- 04/2019 • *RUV Radio Channel 1*: Interview on "Víðsjá"about the connection between creativity and programming
- 02/2018 • *BBC News - Arabic*: TV interview and demonstration of "Phobia Screening in VR"
- 02/2018 • *RUV Radio Channel 1*: Interview on "Fólk og fræði"about Artificial Intelligence research at CADIA
- 09/2017 • *RUV Radio Channel 1*: Interview on "Lestin"about implications of phone face recognition
- 09/2017 • *Bylgjan Radio*: Interview on "Reykjavík Síðdegis"about fears of AI taking over the world
- 08/2017 • *RUV Radio Channel 2*: Interview on "Síðdegisútvarpið"about VR therapy, connected to the Many Faces of Pain Conference in Reykjavik 1.-3. of September
- 09/2016 • *RUV Radio Channel 1*: Interview on "Lestin"about VR projects demoed at SLUSH Play
- 10/2014 • *INN TV*: Interview on the innovation show "Frumkvöðlar"(Innovators) about the "Cities that Sustain Us"project
- 09/2014 • *RUV Radio Channel 1/2*: Interview on the morning show "Morgunútgáfan"on the "Cities that Sustain Us"project
- 02/2012 • *RUV Radio Channel 1*: Interview on **three** episodes of "Fyrr og nú"about future of computing, social AI, virtual environments, smart rooms and imagination
- 01/2012 • *INN TV*: Interview on the innovation show "Frumkvöðlar"(Innovators) about MindGames
- 03/2011 • *The Reykjavík Grapevine*: Telekinesis For Dummies (Mentioned in article about MindGames)
- 11/2010 • *RUV Radio Channel 1*: Interview on "2+2=5 og Eftirmyndir raunveruleikans"about Cyberspace
- 01/2010 • *RUV Radio Channel 2*: Interview on "Morgunvaktin"about RU moving day
- 01/2010 • *RUV Radio Channel 1*: Interview on "Samfélagið í nærmynd"about RU new campus
- 10/2009 • *Fréttablaðið*: Esperanto opnar dyr (Interview on exhibit opening at the National Library)
- 11/2008 • *HáVarp Opna Háskólans*: Interview called "Hvernig eru verur í sýndarumhverfi gerðar mannlegri?"
- 11/2008 • *Fréttablaðið*: "Hátækni á Íslandi: Sproti sem gæti orðið að styrkri stoð", niðurstöður hátæknihöps Neista
- 10/2008 • *RUV Radio Channel 1*: Björk's Neisti Workgroup Summary on "Í heyranda hljóði"
- 09/2008 • *RUV Radio Channel 1*: Interview on "Víðsjá"
- 09/2008 • *Fréttablaðið*: Verðlaunaðir fyrir sýndarmenni (regarding student project)
- 05/2007 • *Entrepreneur Magazine*: Take the Lead (As co-founder of Alelo Inc.)
- 05/2007 • *Fréttablaðið*: Tölvuleikir stuðla að framþróun vísinda (Interview/Profile)
- 03/2007 • *RUV Radio Channel 1*: Interview on "Samfélagið í nærmynd"
- 02/2007 • *Morgunblaðið*: Tilfinningatölvuverur (Interview)
- 09/2006 • *Morgunblaðið (front page)*: Lifandi mál og menning
- 08/2006 • *RUV Radio Channel 1*: Interview on "Víðsjá"
- 04/2006 • *Los Angeles Business Journal*: War of words: video game teaches combat troops to communicate
- 03/2006 • *DV*: Dr. Hannes Vilhjálmsson hjá háskóla Suður-Kaliforníu Kennir Könum að umgangast Íraka
- 02/2006 • *BBC News*: US troops taught Iraqi gestures
- 02/2006 • *National Geographic News*: Video Game Helps U.S. Soldiers Learn Arab Language, Culture
- 01/2006 • *Fréttablaðið*: Vopnin víkja fyrir vináttu (Interview)
- 04/2005 • *Vírus*: Vitrænar verur (Interview)
- 02/2005 • *Morgunblaðið (front page)*: Þróar tölvuleik fyrir herinn
- 02/2005 • *COX News Service*: Researchers tame violent video game to keep troops safe in Iraq (Appears in: Infowars, The Pulse Journal, Rocky Mount Telegram,...)
- 01/2005 • *Computer Gaming World*: Uncle Sam Gets Serious - Games are graduating and military simulations are just the start
- 12/2004 • *Giornale Tecnologico*: Videogiochi frontiera nel training (Italian)
- 12/2004 • *Training and Simulation Journal Online*: Deadly Serious
- 11/2004 • *Virgilio*: Videogame: non solo per divertirsi (Italian)
- 11/2004 • *Canalgame*: Videogames para entrenar a profesionales (Spanish)
- 11/2004 • *Reuters*: Video games teach more than hand-eye coordination (Appears in: The New Zealand Herald, Yahoo! News, USATODAY.COM, Video Game, Entertainment Software Association, LivingWithStyle.com, Entertainment Industry, AndySullivan.com...)
- 11/2004 • *GameDev.Net*: Serious Games Summit 2004 Report
- 09/2004 • *IEEE Intelligent Systems*: Gaming Technology Helps Troops Learn Language

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- 08/2004 • *Dagblaðið Vísir*: Íslendingur í New York Times (Icelandic)
- 07/2004 • *Asharq Al-Awsat* (Arabic)
- 07/2004 • *The New York Times*: Virtual Camp Trains Soldiers in Arabic, and More (Reprinted in: The Language Feed, Free Republic)
- 06/2004 • *USC Engineer*: Mission to Arabic: It's Not Your Father's Language Lab (Also: USC Viterbi News Online)
- to 2004 • Various appearances, most notably television appearances on PBS Scientific American Frontiers, ABC News and Stöð 2

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