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Johanna Mesch, PhD is an associate professor (docent) and the head of the Sign Language Section of the Department of Linguistics. During 2009-2011, she was the project director for a three year project to build the Swedish Sign Language corpus, financed by a grant from Riksbankens Jubileumsfond. More information about the Swedish Sign Language corpus is available at <http://www.ling.su.se/teckensprakskorpus>. During 2009-2010, Dr. Mesch was a member of the Sign Linguistics Corpora Network (<http://www.ru.nl/slcn/>) research group, a three-year project funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). Part of her work is teaching sign linguistics.

Dr. Mesch's research interests are tactile signing, cross linguistic comparisons of signed languages, signed poetry, and corpus-based studies. She is also involved in the work team of lexicographic work of Swedish Sign Language.

Dr. Mesch serves as vice-chair in Sign Language Linguistics Society (2013-2016). SLLS is the link between researchers on sign languages. It is responsible for running the international conference on sign linguistics, TISLR. (<http://www.slls.eu>)

Sports played an important part of Mesch's youth as she competed in cross country skiing, alpine, bandy, Finnish rules baseball, swimming and volleyball. She also coached deaf girls in various sports. Mesch currently serves on the board of directors as treasurer of the Stockholmssvingarnas Golf Society. She is the co-

author of the book, *Swedish Deaf Sports History in 200 Years* (Mesch & Mesch, 2010). Mesch enjoys playing golf, kayaking, cross country skiing and ice skating.

Latest publications:

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Latest presentations:

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