

Samantha Ruth Brown

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EDUCATION

2016 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

M.A. Scandinavian Studies – Area Studies (Political Science and Sociology)

Thesis: “Islamophobic Sentiment in the Danish Asylum Process: Denied Acceptance to Those in Need”

Certificates: European Studies and African Studies

2014-2015 University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

Research in the Sociology Department, courses in sociology, political science, and Arabic

2013 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

B.A. International Studies and Scandinavian Studies

Certificate: European Studies

2011-2012 University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

Study abroad program in sociology, Scandinavian studies, and mathematics

WORK EXPERIENCE

American Refugee Committee, Minneapolis, Minnesota

2018-Present Global Operations Liaison Officer

2017-2018 Global Operations and Supply Chain Officer

2017 Global Support Intern

Concordia Language Villages, Bemidji, Minnesota

2017 Credit Program Facilitator, Arabic Language Camp

2016, 2017 Credit Program Facilitator and Language Instructor, Danish Language Camp

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin

2016-2017 Associate Lecturer in Department of German, Nordic and Slavic

2016-2017 ScanDesign Facilitator in Department of German, Nordic and Slavic

2014 Freelance Translator in Department of Sociology

2013-2014, 2015-2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant in Department of Scandinavian Studies

2012-2016 ScanDesign Scholarship Administrative Assistant in Department of Scandinavian Studies

Duolingo, Online

2015-2016 Editor and Moderator (Volunteer)

University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

2014-2015 News Reporter (politics and immigration specialist) at University Post

Trampoline House, Copenhagen, Denmark

2014-2015 Danish and English Instructor for Asylum Seekers and Refugees (Volunteer)

visAvis Magazine, Copenhagen, Denmark

2014-2015 Editor and Translator (Volunteer)

Freelance Translator and Tutor

2013-Present Private Tutor in Danish; Translation: Danish and Swedish to English, English to Danish

TRIA Orthopaedic Center, Bloomington, Minnesota

PUBLICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Publications and Articles

2017 "Denmark already had a Muslim ban. It was just called something else." *Washington Post: Monkey Cage*.

2016 Brown, S. R., Choi, G., Gerin, E., Marin, A. E., Pavlov, T. "Immigration and Integration, Politics and Law: Policy Vision." *Review of European & Transatlantic Affairs*, 2(1), 89-92.

Reviews

2016 "Eat Smart in Denmark: How to Decipher the Menu, Know the Market Foods & Embark on a Tasting Adventure. Carol Schroeder and Katrina Schroeder." *The Bridge* 26(2), 94-97.

Invited Talks and Organized Workshops

2017 "Understanding Immigration and its Political Implications in Contemporary Europe." Delivered in the European Politics and the European Union course, Augsburg College, November 28.

2017 "Community Based Learning: Lessons from Cooperative Life." Concordia Language Villages, Concordia College, June 15.

2016 "Film as a Means of Addressing Taboo Topics: The Case of Denmark." Delivered in the Scandinavian Life and Civilization course, UW-Madison, November 15.

2016 Colloquium Organizer and Moderator for Morten Stinus Kristensen, "The Effects of Media Narratives and Frames on the Perceptions of Refugees in Denmark." Delivered at the Scandinavian Studies Symposium Series, UW-Madison, November 11.

2016 "From Bosnia to Syria: Denmark's Changing Role in the Reception of Refugees." Delivered in the Scandinavian Life and Civilization course, UW-Madison, October 11.

2016 Organizer and Moderator for Gender and LGBTQIA+ Workshop. Concordia Language Villages, Concordia College, July 15.

2016 "Indirect Discrimination of Refugees: Islamophobia and the Danish Asylum System." Delivered at the Nordic Migration Conference in Oslo, Norway, August 11-12.

2016 "The Danish Meatball War: Pork Politics as a Means to Exclude." Delivered at the conference for the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 28-30.

2016 Colloquium Organizer and Moderator for Ethelene Whitmire, "'Race Question Not In Existence:' African Americans in Denmark in the 20th Century." Delivered at the Scandinavian Studies Symposium Series, UW-Madison, April 8.

2016 "Islamophobic Sentiment in the Danish Asylum Process: Denied Acceptance to Those in Need." Delivered at the Scandinavian Studies Symposium Series, UW-Madison, January 22.

2013 "The Underbelly of Scandinavia: Anti-Immigration and Racism in Norway and Denmark." Delivered with David Natvig in the Scandinavian Life and Civilization course, UW-Madison, November 14.

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2017 Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study (SASS) Aurora Borealis Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper in the Social Sciences

2016 Larsen Fund Travel Grant for Research in Oslo, Norway

2016 Vera Cronor Grant to present at the Nordic Migration Conference in Oslo

2016 Vera Cronor Grant to present at SASS in New Orleans

2015-2016 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for the Study of Arabic

2014-2015 Foundation for Global Scholars Scholarship for Study in Denmark

2014-2015 ScanDesign Scholarship for Study in Denmark

2014 Gudrun Gytel Fund Scholarship for Study in Denmark

2014 Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant to Sweden

2013 Vera Cronor Travel Grant for Study in Denmark

2013 Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant to Denmark
2012-2013 Academic Dean's List
2011-2012 ScanDesign Scholarship for Study in Denmark
2010-2013 Berenice M. Eisworth Scholarship for Exceptional Academic Achievement in Mathematics

Languages

Fluent: English, Danish
Advanced Proficiency: Swedish, Norwegian
Intermediate Proficiency: Arabic
Elementary Proficiency: Spanish, French

Service to Institution

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Scandinavian Studies

2015-2016 TAA Departmental Steward
2015-2016 Social Committee Coordinator
2013-2014, 2015-2016 Colloquium Committee Coordinator
2013-2016 Danish Language Table Coordinator
2013-2014 Web and Social Media Committee Member

Professional Affiliations

European Horizons Think Tank
Nordic Migration Research
Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies

Professional Development

2017 Advanced workshops in leadership, teaching, and working with children, June 11-15
2016 Workshops for leadership, teaching, and working with children, June 18-20
2014-2015 Biweekly Writers and Reporters' Workshops through the University Post, Copenhagen
2014 Training to Work with Asylum Seekers, Trampoline House, Copenhagen, September 3-5
2014 Equity and Diversity Training, UW-Madison, January 17
2013 Communication-B Training for Teaching Writing, UW-Madison, August 26-27