

Samantha Ruth Brown

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EXPERIENCE

American Refugee Committee

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Global Operations Liaison Officer

May 2018-Present

- Establish and maintain relationships with universities and other research institutions
- Seek out grants related to research in the humanitarian sector and facilitate proposals for these
- Assist in other research tasks, such as mapping out relationships, IRB submissions, researching best practices and other studies, etc.

Global Operations and Supply Chain Officer

Oct 2017-Present

- Create and maintain training/informational resources and assist our global team in procurements and leases

Global Support Intern

Aug 2017-Oct 2017

- Assist in grant management tasks, particularly related to editing/reviewing donor compliance reports and institutional memory

Concordia Language Villages

Bemidji, Minnesota

Credit Program Facilitator and Language Instructor

Summer 2016 & Summer 2017

- Supervise credit teachers and assist Dean with on-site orientation and training of credit teachers and other staff
- Coordinate and administer high school credit program, such as by implementing educational curriculum
- Teach Danish and Arabic language and culture through immersion to campers with a wide range of skills

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, Wisconsin

Associate Lecturer

Aug 2016-Jan 2017

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Aug 2013-May 2014 & Aug 2015-May 2016

- Promoted to Associate Lecturer to continue independent creation and instruction of the first year Danish course
- Increased student enrollment in course to some of the highest numbers in decades and doubled materials learned by the students

ScanDesign Program Facilitator

Aug 2016-Jan 2017

ScanDesign Scholarship Administrative Assistant

Aug 2012-Aug 2016

- Promoted to Program Facilitator to plan, organize and implement cultural events that promote Danish American relations
- Piloted institutional memory creation to track progress & improve the program and expanded participation in program

Trampoline House and visAvis Magazine

Copenhagen, Denmark

Danish and English Instructor for Asylum Seekers and Refugees and Editor and Translator for Human Rights Magazine

Sept 2014-June 2015

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, Wisconsin

Master of Arts in Scandinavian Studies – Area Studies (Political Science, Sociology)

Aug 2016

University of Copenhagen

Copenhagen, Denmark

Graduate level study and research in political science, sociology and Arabic

Aug 2014 – Jun 2015

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Publications and Articles

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

Mar 2017

Brown, S. R., Choi, G., Gerin, E., Marin, A. E., Pavlov, T. “Immigration and Integration, Politics and Law: Policy Vision.”

Spring 2016

Review of European & Transatlantic Affairs, 2(1), 89-92.

Invited Talks and Organized Workshops

“Community Based Learning: Lessons from Cooperative Life.” Concordia Language Villages, Concordia College.

Jun 2017

Colloquium Organizer and Moderator for Morten Stinus Kristensen, “The Effects of Media Narratives and Frames on the Perceptions of Refugees in Denmark.” UW-Madison.

Nov 2016

“From Bosnia to Syria: Denmark’s Changing Role in the Reception of Refugees.” UW-Madison.

Oct 2016

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

Jul 2016

“Indirect Discrimination of Refugees: Islamophobia and the Danish Asylum System.” Oslo, Norway.

Aug 2016

“The Danish Meatball War: Pork Politics as a Means to Exclude.” New Orleans, Louisiana.

Apr 2016

Colloquium Organizer and Moderator for Ethelene Whitmire, “‘Race Question Not In Existence:’ African

Apr 2016

Americans in Denmark in the 20th Century.” UW-Madison.

“Islamophobic Sentiment in the Danish Asylum Process: Denied Acceptance to Those in Need.” UW-Madison.

Jan 2016

“The Underbelly of Scandinavia: Anti-Immigration and Racism in Norway and Denmark.” UW-Madison.

Nov 2013

SELECTED HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2016 Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study (SASS) Aurora Borealis Prize for Best Graduate Student Social Science Paper

2016 Larsen Fund Travel Grant for Research in Oslo, Norway

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

2016 Vera Cronor Grant to present at the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference in New Orleans

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

LANGUAGES

Fluent: English, Danish

Advanced: Swedish, Norwegian

Intermediate: Arabic

Elementary: German, Spanish, French