

Samantha Ruth Brown

Project manager at immigration INGO with seven years' experience researching and working with refugees and other migrant communities, plus five years' experience teaching and coordinating educational programming. Multilingual with extensive international experience.

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EXPERIENCE

Alight (formerly American Refugee Committee) (Minneapolis, Minnesota) Aug 2017-Present
Transformation Catalyst (Project Manager)

- Manage projects (including the budget, ideation, procurement, implementation, documentation, and reporting to donors) in agriculture/food security, schools/education, LGBT community support, and tree planting in Uganda, Kenya, Somalia, and Pakistan
- Support project management in and across other countries, such as in South Sudan and Rwanda
- Establish relationships with universities and other research institutions and assist in research related tasks such as proposals

Global Operations and Supply Chain Officer

- Created and maintained training/informational resources and assisted our global team in procurement, leases, and general compliance

Concordia Language Villages (Bemidji, Minnesota) Summer 2016, 2017, 2018, & 2019

Credit Program Facilitator and Language Instructor

- 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 creating and 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) Aug 2012-Jan 2017

Associate Lecturer

- Promoted from graduate Teaching Assistant in 2016 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

- Promoted from Administrative Assistant in 2016 to continue planning 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) Sept 2014-June 2015

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

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison (Madison, Wisconsin) Aug 2016

Aug 2016

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

University of Copenhagen (Copenhagen, Denmark) Aug 2014 – Jun 2015

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

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

Apr 2016

“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