

# Samantha Ruth Brown

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## EDUCATION

2020-Present University of Oregon, Eugene, OR  
PhD Geography

2016 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI  
M.A. Scandinavian Studies – Area Studies (Social Sciences)  
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 anthropology, political science, sociology, 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

University of Oregon, Eugene, OR *August 2020-Present*  
2020-Present Graduate Employee in Geography

Alight (formerly American Refugee Committee), Minneapolis, MN *August 2017-August 2020*  
Project Manager (two-year tenure)  
Partnerships and Content Officer  
Global Operations and Supply Chain Officer

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI *August 2012-January 2018*  
2016-2018 Associate Lecturer in Department of German, Nordic and Slavic  
2016-2018 ScanDesign Facilitator in Department of German, Nordic and Slavic  
2014 Freelance Translator in Department of Sociology  
2013-2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant in Department of Scandinavian Studies  
2012-2016 ScanDesign Scholarship Administrative Assistant in Department of Scandinavian Studies

Concordia Language Villages, Bemidji, MN *Summer 2016, 2017 & 2018*  
Credit Program Facilitator, Arabic Language Camp  
Credit Program Facilitator and Language Instructor, Danish Language Camp

Duolingo, Online *February 2015-November 2016*  
Editor and Moderator, Danish (Volunteer)

University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark *August 2014-June 2015*  
News Reporter (politics and immigration specialist) at University Post

Trampoline House, Copenhagen, Denmark *September 2014-June 2015*  
Danish and English Instructor for Asylum Seekers and Refugees (Volunteer)

visAvis Magazine, Copenhagen, Denmark *December 2014-June 2015*  
Editor and Translator (Volunteer)

Freelance Translator and Tutor

October 2013-Present

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

TRIA Orthopaedic Center, Bloomington, Minnesota

Summer 2011 & 2012

Research Intern

## **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* 39(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 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

2019 Promising Scholar Award (declined)

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, German  
Elementary Proficiency: Spanish, French

### **International Work Experience**

Project Management: Kenya, Mexico, Pakistan, Somalia, Somaliland, Uganda, USA  
Ethnographic Fieldwork: Democratic Republic of Congo, Denmark, Rwanda

### **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**

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

### **Professional Development**

*2018* Human-Centered Design course, September 11-November 13  
*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