

Samantha Ruth Brown

Current PhD Student in Geography with five years' previous experience teaching and coordinating educational programming, plus former Project Manager at INGO with seven years' experience researching and working with refugees and other migrant communities. Multilingual with extensive international experience.

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EDUCATION

University of Oregon (Eugene, Oregon)	Aug 2020-Present
PhD in Geography (anticipated 2024)	
University of Wisconsin-Madison (Madison, Wisconsin)	Aug 2016
Master of Arts in Scandinavian Studies – Area Studies (Political Science, Sociology)	
University of Copenhagen (Copenhagen, Denmark)	Aug 2014 – Jun 2015
Graduate level study and research in political science, sociology and Arabic	

EXPERIENCE

Alight (formerly American Refugee Committee) (Minneapolis, Minnesota)	Aug 2017-Aug 2020
<i>Project Manager</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Manage and support projects (including budget, ideation, procurement, implementation, documentation, and reporting) in food security/ag, education, LGBT+ community, and sustainability in Ugan., Rwan., Ken., Som./Somaliland, S. Sudan, Pak, Mex., El Sal.	
<i>Global Operations and Supply Chain Officer</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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
<i>Credit Program Facilitator and Language Instructor</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervise credit teachers and assist Dean with on-site orientation and training of credit teachers and other staffCoordinate and administer high school credit program, such as by creating and implementing educational curriculumTeach 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
<i>Associate Lecturer</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Promoted from graduate Teaching Assistant in 2016 to continue independent creation and instruction of the first-year Danish courseIncreased student enrollment in course to some of the highest numbers in decades and doubled materials learned by the students	
<i>ScanDesign Program Facilitator</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Promoted from Administrative Assistant in 2016 to continue planning cultural events that promote Danish American relationsPiloted 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
<i>Danish and English Instructor for Asylum Seekers and Refugees and Editor and Translator for Migrant Human Rights Magazine</i>	

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Publications and Articles

“Denmark already had a Muslim ban. It was just called something else.” <i>Washington Post: Monkey Cage</i> .	Mar 2017
Brown, S. R., Choi, G., Gerin, E., Marin, A. E., Pavlov, T. “Immigration and Integration, Politics and Law: Policy Vision.” <i>Review of European & Transatlantic Affairs</i> , 2(1), 89-92.	Spring 2016

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 20 th 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