

Samantha Ruth Brown

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EDUCATION

2020-Present University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

PhD Geography

Graduate Specialization: Food Studies

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

Upcoming 2021 "The Danish Meatball Wars: Shifting Identities in the Wake of the European Refugee Crisis." To be delivered at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Apr. 7-11.

2020 "Migration in the Middle East and North Africa: From the Guestworker Program to the Arab Spring." Delivered in the Geographies of the Middle East and North Africa course, University of Oregon, Nov. 24.

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

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

2016 "Film as a Means of Addressing Taboo Topics: The Case of Denmark." Delivered in the Scandinavian Life and Civilization course, UW-Madison, Nov. 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, Nov. 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, Oct. 11.

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

2016 "Indirect Discrimination of Refugees: Islamophobia and the Danish Asylum System." Delivered at the Nordic Migration Conference in Oslo, Norway, Aug. 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, Apr. 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, Apr. 8.

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

Teaching

Geography 342, Geography of Globalization (Teaching Assistant)
Geography 209, Geography of the Middle East and North Africa (Teaching Assistant)
Scan. Studies 122, Second Semester Danish (Independent Instructor)
Scan. Studies 121, First Semester Danish (Independent Instructor)

Languages

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

International Work Experience

Project Management: El Salvador, 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