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EDUCATION

2020-2025 (Expected) **PhD, Geography**

Dissertation Advisor: Shaul Cohen
Graduate Specialization: Food Studies
University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

2016 **M.A., Scandinavian Studies** – Area Studies

Thesis: “Islamophobic Sentiment in the Danish Asylum Process: Denied Acceptance to Those in Need”
Certificates: European Studies and African Studies
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

2014-2015 Research & Graduate Coursework

Focal Department: Sociology
University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

2013 **B.A., International Studies and Scandinavian Studies**

Certificate: European Studies
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

2011-2012 Study Abroad

University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

2022 Rippey Research Grant

2022 Association for the Study of Food and Society Graduate Student Travel Grant

2021 Uni. of Oregon Food Studies Graduate Research Grant for Preliminary Dissertation Research in Denmark

2021 American Association of Geographers European Specialty Group Student Paper Award

2020 Rippey Research Grant

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

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviews Articles

2022 (*In Prep, Mature Stages*) **Brown, S.** “Meatballs in the Media: Food, Race and the Politics of Migration in Denmark.” for a special issue on race and refugees in *Space & Polity*.

Book Chapters and Other Articles

2022 (*Accepted, In Press*) Bentley, A., **Brown, S.**, Figueroa, Saffar, C., Serry, S. "School Meals in Multicultural/Multireligious Contexts: A Four Country Perspective," Fraser-Pearce and Fraser (eds) *Bloomsbury Handbook of Schools and Religion*.

2017 **Brown, S.** "Denmark already had a Muslim ban. It was just called something else." *Washington Post: Monkey Cage*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/03/23/denmark-already-has-a-muslim-ban-its-just-called-something-else/>

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.

Book Reviews

Forthcoming, 2022 **Brown, S.** "Denmark and the New North Atlantic: Narratives and Memories in a Former Empire, Volume 1 & 2. Editors Kirsten Thisted and Ann-Sofie N. Gremaud." for *The Bridge*.

2016 **Brown, S.** "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.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

2022* "Meatball Politics: The Role of Food in Danish Immigration & Identity Politics" Delivered at the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and Association for the Study of Food and Society joint annual meeting, Athens, GA, May 19.

2021 "Pork Politics: What the Danish Meatball War Can Teach Us About Race, Migration, Identity and Belonging." Delivered at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, University of Oregon, Apr. 10.

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.

*Served as Session Chair

Invited Guest Lectures

2022 "European Gastronationalism: Food as a Social, Ethnoracial and Environmental Issue." Delivered in the Geography of Europe course, University of Oregon, Feb. 24.

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 "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 "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.

Organized Workshops

- 2022 Colloquium Organizer and Moderator for Aviaja Lyberth Hauptmann, "An Arctic Indigenous Perspective on Microbiology, Food, and Science." Delivered at the Geography Colloquium Series, Uni. of Oregon, Apr. 28
- 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 Organizer and Moderator for Gender and LGBTQIA+ Workshop. Concordia Language Villages, Concordia College, Jul. 15.
- 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.

Posters

- 2012 Brown, G., **Brown, S.**, Pasporius, D., Arendt, E., Fowler, P. "Non-Contact Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injuries: A Predictive Biomechanical Knee Model and Anatomic Risk Factor Validation." AOSSM, Baltimore, MD, July.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- University of Oregon, Eugene, OR *August 2020-Present*
Graduate Employee in Geography
- Conversations with Friends *August 2020-Present*
Volunteer with ICE detainees
- Alight (formerly American Refugee Committee), Minneapolis, MN *August 2017-August 2020*
Project Manager (two-year tenure), Partnerships & Content Officer, Global Operations & 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
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
Research Intern

Summer 2011 & 2012

Teaching

Geography 142, Introduction to Human Geography (Teaching Assistant)
Geography 201, World Regional Geography (Teaching Assistant)
Geography 202, Geography of Europe (Teaching Assistant)
Geography 209, Geographies of the Middle East and North Africa (Teaching Assistant)
Geography 342, Geographies of Globalization and Development (Teaching Assistant)
Geography 468/568, Contemporary Food Systems (Teaching Assistant)
Scandinavian Studies 122, Second Semester Danish (Independent Instructor)
Scandinavian 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

Professional Service

American Association of Geographers
2021-2022 European Specialty Group Board of Directors Executive Committee Member

University of Oregon, Department of Geography
2021-2022 Associated Graduate Students of Geography Executive Committee Member

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 (*current*)
Association for the Study of Food and Society (*current*)
European Horizons Think Tank (*former*)
Nordic Migration Research (*former*)
Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies (*former*)

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