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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2018-present Ph.D. Candidate in Scandinavian Studies-philology
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018 ABD Ph.D. Scandinavian Studies-philology
University of Wisconsin-Madison
GPA: 3.96 (of 4)
- 2016 M.A. Scandinavian Studies-philology
University of Wisconsin-Madison
GPA: 3.94 (of 4)
- 2014 B.A. English with Linguistics
University of Alabama at Birmingham
GPA: 4.0 (of 4), summa cum laude

Certificates

- 2017 International Summer School in Manuscript Studies - Advanced Group
Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies, Arnarnagnæan Institute at the University
of Copenhagen, & National and University Library of Iceland
- 2016 International Summer School in Manuscript Studies - Basic Group
Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies, Arnarnagnæan Institute at the University
of Copenhagen, & National and University Library of Iceland
- 2015 International Summer School (ISS) - Norwegian Trinn III & Nynorsk
University of Oslo
- 2012 Summer Course in Modern Icelandic
Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies & University of Iceland

Awards & Honors

- 2020 Edwin J. Vickner Endowed Fund Research Grant
University of Washington, one-time grant for summer research
- 2018 Future Faculty Partner of the UW-Madison Teaching Academy

- 2017 Wisconsin Idea Award
University of Wisconsin-Madison, one-time award for community outreach service
- 2016 Department of Scandinavian Studies Travel Grant
University of Wisconsin-Madison, one-time grant for summer study in Iceland
- 2015 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship
University of Wisconsin-Madison, one-time grant for summer study [in Norway]
- 2014 Mellon Foundation Area and International Studies Research Fellowship
University of Wisconsin-Madison, one-time grant; *used for research summer 2017*
- 2014 University Fellowship
University of Wisconsin-Madison, two-year fellowship

Publications

- 2017 “North American Doctoral Dissertations on Old Norse-Icelandic.” with Kirsten Wolf.
Scandinavian Studies, vol. 89, no. 1, Spring 2017, pp. 1-86.

Conference Papers & Presentations

- 2019 “Hashtag not my Hero: Teaching the Mythology and Literature of Medieval Scandinavia.”
22 FEB Praxis Conference 2019: Anti-Racist Pedagogy: Visions and Practices for Institutional Change
University of Washington
- 2018 “Vernacular Christianity and the Book of Jonah in *Ljósvetninga saga*.”
Track 3a: Ideas and Worldview: Cultural Contact and Multiculturalism
Saga Conference 2018; 17th Annual International Saga Conference, Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2018 “White Nationalism and the Net: Observations on ‘A Nid on Nazis’”
4 MAY “Ethics of Transmission: Neo-Nazis, White-Nationalists, and the Role of the Academic.”
SASS 2018, Los Angeles, USA Roundtable Panel Organizer & Participant
- 2018 “Rauðr should have the worst death: Recasting Kingship and Conversion
7 APR in *Óláfs saga Tryggvasonar*.”
Panel: Legal Power and Practice, Moderator Ilana Schroeder
5th Annual Medieval Studies Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018 “Medievalism and White Nationalism: A Roundtable”
24 FEB Madison Graduate Conference on English Language and Literature (MadLit)
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2017 “Tökum annað ráð: Vernacular Christianity & the Book of Jonah in *Ljósvetninga saga*.”
Panel: Survival and Afterlife, Moderator Matthew Boutilier
4th Annual Medieval Studies Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2016 “On the Edge of the World: Iceland Moving East in the Vinland Sagas.”
SASS 2016, New Orleans, USA

Public-Facing Lectures and Published Pieces

2020 (upcoming) “Norse mythology in a nutshell”

14 OCT Osher Lifelong Learning Institute - UW

2020 Resident expert on the Seattle Kraken

JUL-AUG [UW News article](#), [KIRO 7 interview](#), [KUOW interview](#)

2019 “Viking Y2K: Doomsday, Ragnarok, and the End of the World [as we know it]”

12 DEC National Nordic Museum, [Scandinavian 30 Lecture Series](#)

2019 “Facing the Future in Frozen II”

NOV University of Washington Alumni Association Newsletter

2019 “‘Draconian Conversion’: Dragons and executions in medieval Scandinavia”

3 OCT Daughters of Norway, Embla Lodge #2

10 OCT Sons of Norway, Normanna Lodge #2

2018 “The Nordic countries: Iceland.” with Colin Gioia Connors.

23 FEB Hamilton Middle School International Night, Madison, WI

2018 “Untended trails: Southern Greenlandic saga sites.” with Colin Gioia Connors.

17 FEB Public Lecture at the Wallström Nordic Workshop

Norden Folk: The Midwest Institute of Scandinavian Culture

2017 “Practical Icelandic Language” at the Scandinavian Festival in New Berlin, WI

7 OCT Nordic Council of Wisconsin

Campus Guest Lectures

2020 “*Völsunga saga* & the *Nibelungenlied*.”

13 FEB Guest Instructor in Graduate Seminar: Power & Doom: Medieval Epics, Annegret Oehme
University of Washington

2020 “Pop Culture Vikings.”

Guest Lecture in Introduction to Scandinavian Culture, Kristian Næsby

University of Washington

2020 “Family planning in medieval Scandinavia.”

Guest Lecture in *Sexuality in Scandinavia*, Olivia Gunn

University of Washington

2019 “The long history of foeticide.”

15 APR Guest Lecture in *Sexuality in Scandinavia*, Olivia Gunn

University of Washington

2019 “Norse cosmology: The world according to Snorri.”

13 FEB Guest Lecture in *The Universe and the Origin of Life*, Professor Bruce Balick

University of Washington

- 2019 “Iceland in (and after) the Viking Age: The Icelandic saga.”
7 FEB Guest Lecture in *Introduction to Scandinavian Culture*, Lecturer Liina-Ly Roos
University of Washington
- 2019 “Love and marriage in Medieval Scandinavia.”
9 JAN Guest Lecture in *Masterpieces of Scandinavian Literature*, Professor Marianne Stecher
University of Washington
- 2018 “Did you try adjusting the margins? Making manuscripts in medieval Iceland.”
8 FEB Guest Lecture in *History of the Vikings*, Professor Emeritus Terje Leiren
University of Washington
- 2017 “There’s something about Vinland.”
10 OCT Guest Lecture in *History of Scandinavia*, Assistant Professor Dean Krouk
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2016 “The Vinland sagas: *Grænlandinga saga & Eiríks saga rauða*.” Guest Lecture in
Celtic-Scandinavian Cultural Interrelations, Professor Thomas A. DuBois
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Employment

- 2018-present Assistant Teaching Professor of Scandinavian Studies
University of Washington (Lecturer, full-time, competitive hire)
- 2016-2018 Teaching Assistant in Scandinavian Studies
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2016-17 Graduate Language Program Coordinator (GLPC) for Norden House
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2015-16 JEGP Project Assistant (PA) under Professor Kirsten Wolf
University of Wisconsin-Madison & JEGP

Courses Taught

University of Washington

- Introductory Norwegian, First-Year series (2018-19)
- Introduction to Scandinavian Culture (Au19)
- Old Norse Language (Wi20 **new course**)
- Sagas of the Vikings (Sp19, Wi20)
- Scandinavian Mythology (Au18, Wi19, Au19, Sp20)
- Study Abroad: Justice in the Nordic Region (Su20 **new course, cancelled - COVID-19**)
- Vikings in Popular Culture (Sp20 **new course**)

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Introductory Modern Icelandic, First-Year series (2017-18; Instructor of Record)
Lit Trans 275: The Tales of Hans Christian Andersen (2017; TA)
Independent Study: Women in the Viking Age & Old Norse Literature (2017; TA)
Norden Seminar: Scandinavian Literature & Culture (2016-17; Instructor of Record)

Public & Department Service

University of Washington

2020-present SASS 2021 Seattle Conference: Community Engagement Committee Lead
University of Washington, Department of Scandinavian Studies

2020 Peer-reviewer for Bloomsbury Publishing

2019-present [H1 Humanities First Program](#) Committee Member, Instructor
University of Washington, Humanities Division

2019 Content Consultant for Capstone Press
Gagne, Tammy. *Freya: Norse Goddess of Love*. Capstone Press, 2019.

2018-present Diversity Committee Member
University of Washington, Department of Scandinavian Studies

University of Wisconsin-Madison

2017-18 Social & Outreach Committee Member, Space Committee Member
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of German, Nordic, Slavic (GNS)

2017 Peer-Reviewer for *Cross Section*, Undergraduate Journal of Scandinavian Studies
University of Wisconsin-Madison

2016-17 University Organizer for the Wallström Nordic Workshop
16-18 FEB (formerly the Annual Midwest Scandinavian Retreat)
Norden Folk: The Midwest Institute of Scandinavian Culture

2016 Organized brown-bag lunch lecture for [Dario Bullitta](#) on research methods in his
26 SEP 2017 VSNR publication; lecture entitled, “*Páls leizla*: Sources,
Provenance, and Christology of the Old Norse Vision of St. Paul”
University of Wisconsin-Madison

2016-17 GNS Liaison Committee Leader, Nordic Unit Graduate Student Representative
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of German, Nordic, Slavic (GNS)

2015-16 Web & Media Committee Leader, Website Manager
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Scandinavian Studies

2014-15 Colloquium Committee Member
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Scandinavian Studies

Professional Organizations

2016-present Nordic Graduate Student Association ([NGSA](#))
University of Wisconsin-Madison

2016-17 Primary Representative, GNS Liaison

2015-present Graduate Association of Medieval Studies ([GAMS](#))
University of Wisconsin-Madison

2016-18 Vice President

2017-18 53rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Organizer

2014-present Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies (SASS)

Languages

High Proficiency: English, Icelandic, Norwegian

Intermediate Proficiency: German

Reading Knowledge: Gothic, Latin, Old English, Old High German, Old Norse, Old Saxon