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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (student): University of Washington Department of Scandinavian Studies

Program begun in September 2023; general examination expected 2026, to focus on Sámi issues

Seattle University, MIT in Teaching, 2016

Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, MSJ in Journalism, 2003

University of Washington, BA in Psychology, 1998

University of Washington, BA in Orchestral Music, 1998

University of Washington, BM in Flute Performance, 1998

ACCEPTED CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

“American Sámi: Sámi and Sámi descendants in North America,” Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, Seattle, May 9-11 2024

“Researching America’s Sámi diaspora: Questions, contexts, methodologies and stories,” Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, Bodø, Norway, June 6-8 2024

“Braided threads: In search of an American Sámi identity,” Newberry Consortium for American Indian and Indigenous Studies (NCAIS) Graduate Student Conference, Feb. 8, 2025

“Weaving and reweaving threads: Duodji as a method of reclaiming Sámi heritage,” to be presented at the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Conference, Minneapolis, April 2025

“Káffe for Bidumsámegiela: Waking up the Pitesámi language in English heritage speakers,” to be presented at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Conference, Oklahoma City, June 2025

“Reading the reindeer: Sámi literature translated into English and its influence on America’s Sámi diaspora,” to be presented at the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading & Publishing Conference, Rochester, NY, July 2025

SYMPOSIA PRESENTATIONS

“Storing/Storying the Threads: Documenting the American Sámi Diaspora Experience,”
Summer Institute on Global Indigeneities Research Symposium, Seattle, July 19 2024

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

Summer Institute on Global Indigeneities Fellow, University of Washington, 2024

Endowment in Honor of the Nordic Museum Scholarship, awarded by the University of Washington Department of Scandinavian Studies, 2024

Birgit Baldwin Language Fellowship, awarded by the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, 2023

Norwegian Commercial Club Scholarship, awarded by the Norwegian Commercial Club (Seattle, WA), 2023

EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

Freelance: Copy Editor, Proofreader, Writer and Editor, Seattle
February 2017 – present

Bellevue School District: Teacher, Odle Middle School, Bellevue, WA
October 2016 – June 2018

Microsoft: Editor II, News app/MSN News, Bellevue, WA
November 2011 – June 2014

Microsoft (for Aquent LLC): Technical Editor, Bing.com, Bellevue, WA
April 2011 – November 2011

Microsoft (for Aquent LLC): Producer, Bing/MSN Travel, Redmond/Bellevue, WA
January 2010 – December 2010 and September 2008 – September 2009

Assistant Editor: Paradigm Communications Group, Seattle
February 2007 – September 2008

Copy Editor: The Olympian, Olympia, WA
December 2002 – February 2007

Reporter: Medill News Service, Chicago and Washington, D.C.
January 2002 – September 2002

Copy Chief: University of Washington Daily, Seattle
September 1996 – December 1998

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Pacific Sámi Searvi, Seattle

Board member, January 2021 – present and September 2013 – July 2019

President, January 2021 – January 2022 and September 2017 – September 2018

Treasurer, September 2018 – July 2019

Secretary, September 2013 – September 2017

Scandinavian Cultural Center at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA

September 2021 – present

Swedish-American Historical Society, Chicago

November 2024 – present

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study

Native American and Indigenous Studies Association

Society of Professional Journalists

American Copy Editors Association

Pacific Northwest Writers Association

Society of Children's Book Writers and Editors