

# LIANNA TORRES

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## EDUCATION

**University of Washington** | Doctor of Philosophy in Scandinavian Studies | *Seattle, WA* September 2024 - Present

**University of Oslo** | Master of Philosophy in Ibsen Studies | *Oslo, Norway* August 2019 - May 2021

- Thesis: “Dancing with Ghosts: Tensions between Classical Ballet and Ibsen’s Modern Drama.”

**Luther College** | Bachelor of Arts in Nordic Studies | *Decorah, IA* August 2013 - May 2018

- Thesis: “The Manipulation and Transformation of the Norwegian Language in NRK’s *Skam*.”

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Private Language Instructor** May 2024 – Present  
Private - *Remote*

- Providing private Norwegian tutoring for several private students.
- Meet weekly with intermediate-level students to advance their Norwegian grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation.

**Adjunct Faculty** February 2024 – May 2024  
Luther College - *Hybrid: Decorah, IA and Remote*

- Visiting instructor for NORST 202: Det flerkulturelle Oslo (4 credits)
- Bi-weekly intermediate language course developing language fluency, literary understanding, and academic writing.

**Norwegian Language Teacher** February 2023 – Present  
Vesterheim Museum - *Remote*

- In collaboration with Vesterheim’s Heritage and Language Folk Art programs.
- Meet weekly with beginner-level students to learn the foundations of Norwegian grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation.

**Norwegian Language Teacher** September 2023 – May 2024  
Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library - *Remote*

- Piloting online Norwegian language learning programs.
- Meet weekly with beginner-level students to learn the foundations of Norwegian grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation.

**Freelance Norwegian Language Teacher** May 2022 – January 2023  
Berlitz - *Remote*

- Meet weekly with students of all language levels with goals of learning fluency, grammar, pronunciation, and culture.
- Each student meets for approximately 20 weeks of class.

**Program Leader** February 2017– March 2017, February 2018 - April 2018  
Vesterheim Museum - *Decorah, Iowa*

- Sponsored by The Margaret A. Cargill Foundation, Vesterheim Museum, and Luther College.
  - Meet weekly with elementary-aged children for an introductory review of basic Norwegian, discuss and compare Norwegian culture to their own, and learn traditional folk art.
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EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

<b>Semester Abroad</b>	Fall 2017
<i>University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completed a full semester course load including courses: <i>Norsk uttale i et fremmedspråksperspektiv</i> and <i>Norsk samtidslitteratur - en innføring for internasjonale studenter</i>.</li></ul>	
<b>International Summer School</b>	Summer 2016
<i>University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completed <i>Intensivt mellomkurs i norsk - trinn III</i></li></ul>	

PUBLICATIONS

<b>“Commodifying Ibsen: Performing the Cultural Icon at the Ibsen Museum and Theatre”</b>	
<i>Conference paper, SASS Minneapolis</i>	April 2025

PRESENTATIONS

<b>“Silence in Ibsen’s Ghosts: Tensions Between Dialogue and Movement”</b>	November 2021
<i>Webinar, University of Oslo</i>	
<b>“Language Use in Skam”</b>	May 2019
<i>Luther College, Decorah, IA</i>	

LANGUAGES

<b>English</b>   Native language
<b>Norwegian</b>   Professional, near-native fluency

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

<b>Study in Norway: Instructor Professional Development Grant</b>	March 2025
Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum supported in part by the John W. Kurtich Endowment	
<b>Amount awarded: \$5,000   Oslo, Norway, August 2025   Conducting personal research at The Ibsen Centre at the University of Oslo and developing a Norwegian pronunciation course for the Vesterheim Museum</b>	
<b>Endowed Scholarship Fund in Honor of the Nordic Museum Scholarship</b>	March 2025
Scholarship fund established by Ms. Karen Koon, established in honor of the National Nordic Museum	
<b>Amount awarded: \$2,500   Scholarship supporting PhD studies at the University of Washington</b>	

WORK EXPERIENCE

<b>Store Manager</b>   Fjallraven Saint Paul   <i>Saint Paul, MN</i>	Jan. 2023 - Aug. 2024
<b>Assistant Store Manager</b>   Fjallraven Saint Paul   <i>Saint Paul, MN</i>	Aug. 2022 - Dec. 2022
<b>Norwegian Language Advisory Contractor</b>   Lausanne Business Solutions   <i>Remote</i>	Nov. 2021 - May 2022
<b>Sales Associate and Social Media Manager</b>   Fjallraven Oslo   <i>Oslo, Norway</i>	Sep. 2019 - Sep. 2021