

Maren A. Johnson

I. EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Washington, Scandinavian Language & Literature, June 2014.

Dissertation: “Staging the Genius: Henrik Ibsen and Biographical Theater”

Advisor: Dr. Andrew K. Nestingen

Guest Researcher, Centre for Ibsen Studies, University of Oslo, March 2013 – May 2013

October 2013 – May 2014

M.A. University of Washington, Scandinavian Language & Literature, June 2011

Thesis: “Questioning the genius: Postmodern literary interpretations of national literary figures Henrik Ibsen and Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson”

Intensive Language Course, Norges Teknisk og Vitenskapelig Universitet (NTNU),
Trondheim, Norway, Summer 2010

B.A. Norwegian Language and Literature, Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma, Wash.),
May 2009, *Summa Cum Laude*, The Pinnacle Society

II. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

A. Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor, Nordic Studies, Luther College, Decorah IA.

September 2014 – Present

Teaching Assistant and Lead Teaching Assistant, Department of Scandinavian Studies,
University of Washington

September 2012 – March 2013

Instructor for second year Norwegian language courses (Norwegian 201, 202)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Scandinavian Studies, University of Washington

June 2012 - August 2012

Co-instructor for intensive first-year Norwegian course for nine-week summer term.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Scandinavian Studies, University of Washington

September 2011 - June 2012

Instructor for first year Norwegian language courses (Norwegian 101, 102, 103)

Large-Lecture Teaching Assistant, Department of Scandinavian Studies, University of Washington,

September 2010 - June 2011

Fall: “Environmental Norms in Global Politics”, Dr. Christine Ingebritsen

Winter: “Scandinavian Children’s Literature”, Dr. Lotta Gavel Adams

Spring: “Crime Scenes: Investigating the Cinema and Its Cultures”, Dr. Andrew Nestingen and Dr. Eric Ames

Research Assistant, Department of Scandinavian Studies, University of Washington,

September 2009- March 2010

Assistant to Dr. Andrew K. Nestingen editing to books: an edited volume, *Scandinavian Crime Fiction* and a book on Finnish auteur Aki Kaurismäki (2 quarters)

Assistant to Dr. Ann-Charlotte Gavel Adams and Dr. Christine Ingebritsen to plan the annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies, Seattle, Wash., April 22-24.

III. PUBLICATIONS

A. Peer Reviewed

“Jon Fosse’s *Suzannah*: Illuminating Henrik Ibsen’s Genius Partner,” Forthcoming *Scandinavian Studies*, 2014.

B. Book chapters

“Childlike Genius: Reading Hans Christian Andersen Through Biopics,” *More Than Just Fairytales: New Approaches to the Stories of Hans Christian Andersen*. March 2013

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

“The Spectacle of Color” *CLIT 520: Intro to Film Theory*, UW 10/23/12

Guest Lecturer, Professor Christine Ingebritsen’s SCAND/EURO 490/590: Eco-Capitalism, Scandinavian Studies, UW 3/5/12

“Norwegian Folktales: Discovering Norwegian-ness” *SCAND 335: Scandinavian Children’s Literature*, Scandinavian Studies, UW 1/12/12

“Lisbeth Salander as Femme Fatale?: Scandinavian Crime Fiction and the Swedish Welfare State”, *SCAND 190: Crime Scenes: Investigating the Cinema and Its Cultures*, Scandinavian Studies, 5/27/11

“Challenging the genius: Jon Fosse’s postmodern interpretation of Henrik Ibsen as national literary genius”, Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies, 4/29/11, Chicago, Ill.

“Norwegian Folktales: The Quest for Norwegian Identity”, *SCAND 335: Scandinavian Children’s Literature*, Scandinavian Studies, 1/10/11

VI. AWARDS

Kielland-Løvdahl Fellow, 2013-2014

Norwegian Commercial Club Scholarship, 2013-2014

Nadia Christensen Scholar, 2013

Synnøve Lien-Fielding Award, 2013

Teaching Assistant of the Year, University of Washington, June 2012

University of Victoria, Summer Institute for Digital Humanities, June 4-8, 2012

Nobel Peace Prize Forum Scholarship Winner, March 2012
Dr. Werner and Mrs. Margaret Weingarten Endowed Fund, 2011-2012
Synnøve Lien Fielding Scholarship, 2010-2011
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Summer 2010
Top Scholar Award, University of Washington

VII. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies
Ibsen Society of America
Norwegian Researchers and Teachers of North America

VIII. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Alumni Association Board, Annie Wright Schools, Tacoma, Wash.
September 2010—present
President, *June 2012 – June 2013*
Alumni Representative to the Board of Trustees, *September 2012 – June 2013*
Vice President, *September 2011 - June 2012*
Scandinavian Studies Department Representative, Graduate Professional Student Senate
September 2009 – 2013
Class Representative, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Wash.,
June 2009 – present
Class Representative, Annie Wright Schools, Tacoma Wash., *September 2008 – Present*

IX. LANGUAGES

Norwegian – near native fluency
French – advanced high proficiency
Swedish and Danish – advanced proficiency
German – reading knowledge