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Education

- **University of California-Berkeley**, Berkeley, California
PhD Candidate, Anthropology
MA, Scandinavian Languages & Literatures (2018)
Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (2020)
- **University of Cambridge**, Cambridge, UK
St John's College
MPhil Archaeology (2016)
- **University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, Michigan
College of Literature, Science, & the Arts; Residential College; Honors College
B.A. (Hons.) History, Scandinavian Studies, & Medieval and Early Modern Studies (2015)
Summa cum laude
- **Uppsala Universitet**, Uppsala, Sweden
History & Archaeology (2013- 2014)

Affiliations

- 2019, 2021** **Universität zu Köln**, Cologne, Germany
Visiting Scholar, Cologne Digital Archaeology Laboratory, Faculty of Archaeology
- 2020- 2021** **Uniwersytet Gdański**, Gdańsk, Poland
Visiting Scholar, Faculty of History & Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology
- 2020- 2021** **Uniwersytet Warszawski**, Warsaw, Poland
Visiting Scholar, Institute of History
- 2021** **Uppsala Universitet**, Uppsala, Sweden
Visiting Scholar, Department of Archaeology and Ancient History

Fields of Specialization

Social Network Analysis, digital mapping, & network theory
Anthropological theory of nation-states & trans-nationalism
New Materialist Theory

Medieval History & Archaeology
Cultural Heritage studies
Museum Studies & Anthropology

Fluent in Spanish & Swedish; Advanced reading knowledge in Latin, Old Spanish, Old Norse, Danish, Norwegian, Icelandic; B2-level German; Intermediate Arabic; Beginning Polish & Russian

Selected Grants & Fellowships

2020	UC Berkeley Graduate Student Assembly Professional Development Award
2020	Swedish Women's Educational Association (SWEA) San Francisco Stipendium
2020	UC Berkeley Department of Anthropology Diebold Fellow
2020	UC Berkeley Archaeological Research Facility Stahl Grant
2020	Summer Institute in Museum Anthropology at the Smithsonian, Washington DC <i>(rescheduled from 2020 to 2022, due to Covid-19 pandemic)</i>
2020	UC Berkeley Anthropology Lowie-Olson Grant for Research Travel
2020	UC Berkeley IES Berkeley- Uppsala Dissertation Research Grant
2019, 2020	UC Berkeley IES Berkeley- Cologne Dissertation Research Grant
2019	Paul J. Alexander Fellowship, UC Berkeley Graduate Division,
2017, 2018	UC Berkeley Graduate Division Conference Travel Grant
2017	Digital Humanities at Berkeley Summer Institute Fellowship
2016- 2020	Mellon-Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study
2015	Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi National Fellowship
2015	Cambridge Trust Scholarship for Graduate Study
2015	U.S. Fulbright-Hays Research Grant to Sweden <i>(declined)</i>
2013	Swedish Women's Educational Association (SWEA), Language Study Abroad Grant
2013	University of Michigan Residential College, Donald & June Brown Study Abroad Grant
2011- 2015	University of Michigan LSA George S. Fischler Scholarship

Honors & Awards

2020	Jeanne P. Steager Memorial Prize in Folklore (UC Berkeley), Winner <i>(University-wide)</i>
2019	UC Berkeley Grad Slam Competition, Semi-finalist
2019	UC Berkeley Graduate Division Distinguished Fellows Video Contest, Third Place
2015	Virginia Voss Memorial Award for Best Woman's Thesis in Academic Writing <i>(University-wide)</i>
2015	Arthur Fondiler Award for Best Thesis <i>(University of Michigan History Department)</i>
2015	University of Michigan Library Undergraduate Research Award, First Place <i>(University-</i>

wide)

2014 University of Michigan James B. Angell Scholar

2014 Grand Rapids Federation of the University of Michigan Alumnae Club, Julia Conger
Scholarship

Peer-Reviewed Publications

2021. "Itinerant Assemblages and Material Networks: The Application of Assemblage Theory to Network Analysis Methods." *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory*.

2020. "When Objects Misbehave: Materials & Assemblages in the Ancient Scandinavian Myths." *Fabula: Zeitschrift für Erzählforschung/ Journal of Folktale Studies* 61 (3-4): 257-277.
Winner of the UC Berkeley Jeanne P. Steager Memorial Prize in Folklore (2020)

2020. "An Archaeology of Diasporas." *Encyclopedia of Global Archaeology* (Ed. C. Smith). New York: Springer Reference. 1-7.

2019. "The Materiality of Myth: Divine Objects in Norse Mythology." *Temenos- Nordic Journal of Comparative Religion* 55(1). 29-53.

2018. "Migration and Mobility in the Viking Age: Global Perspectives." *Syllabus* 8(1). 5- 22.

2016. "Bridges to Eternity: A Reexamination of the Adoption of Christianity in Viking-Age Sweden." *Viking and Medieval Scandinavia* 12. 87-101.

Selected Conference Papers & Presentations

2021. "Decolonizing Transcultural Heritage: Towards a More Inclusive Archaeology of Abbasid Coinage in Medieval Eurasia." *Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting 2021*. Virtual Conference. 07-10 January. *Conference registration funded by graduate student grant from AIA*. Presenter & session chair.

2020. **Conference co-organizer.** *Overcoming the Challenges of Research On/ In Europe During the Times of COVID: A Roundtable Discussion*. Event sponsored by the Institute of European Studies at UC Berkeley and the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service). 04 December.

2020. Panelist in "Re-valuations of Life in Times of Social Upheaval." Society for Economic Anthropology-Sponsored Roundtable Discussion. *American Anthropological Association Virtual Meeting 2020: Raising Our Voices*. Virtual Conference. 07 November.

2020. "The Coins that Transformed Eurasia: Islamicate Heritage in Itinerant Assemblages." *European Association of Archaeologists Annual Meeting 2020: Networks*. Virtual Conference (previously scheduled for Budapest, Hungary). 24-30 August.

2019. "Arab and Scandinavian Networks in the Global North: Perspectives from the Viking Age." *The Global North: Spaces, Connections, and Networks Before 1700*. Stockholm, Sweden. 12-14 August.

2019. "An Ivory Diaspora: Digitizing Exchange & Production Networks in the Medieval World." *Representing Networks: Past and Present*. University of Cologne Institutes of Egyptology and

Archaeology. Cologne, Germany. 05- 06 June.

2018. "The Viking Landscape(s): Land Transformations & Environmental Behaviour in the North Atlantic," Session no. 449 "Temporality and Relationality in Place-Making." *European Association of Archaeologists Annual Meeting 2018*. Barcelona, Spain. 05- 08 September.
2018. "Law & Order in Saga Iceland: The Formation of Legal Networks & Political Landscapes." *17th International Saga Conference 2018*. University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland. 12- 17 August.
2018. "The Literary Landscapes of Hans Christian Andersen: Digital Methods in Romantic Scandinavian Literature." *Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Annual Meeting 2018*. UCLA, CA. 02- 05 May.
2018. "Transnationalisms in the Literary Landscapes of Hans Christian Andersen." *Borders and Bridges: Nordic Nationalisms and Transnationalisms*. UC Berkeley, CA. 9- 10 March.
2017. "The Materiality of Myth: Divine Objects in Norse Mythology." *Thinking About Mythology in the 21st Century*. University of Edinburgh, Scotland. 10- 11 November.
2017. "An Ivory Diaspora: Digitizing Exchange and Production Networks in the Medieval World." *Terra Digita: Digital Approaches to Medieval Mapping*. Cornell University, NY. 04- 05 November.
2017. "Mapping an Ivory Diaspora: The Archaeology of Cultural Movements." *Mid-America Medieval Association Conference XLI: Networks*. University of Missouri-Kansas City, MO. 16-17 September.
2017. "An Ivory Diaspora: The Archaeology of Cultural Movements." *Encounters & Reimaginings: Medieval Scandinavia and the World*, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 03 March.
2014. "Bridge to Eternity: Christianizing the Swedish Landscape," *Honors Summer Fellowship*, Ann Arbor, MI, 31 July.
2013. "Etched in Stone: Women & Gender in Viking-Age Scandinavia," *Honors Summer Fellowship*, Ann Arbor, MI, 07 August.

Invited Talks

2020. "The Archaeology of Islamic and Scandinavian Heritage in Viking-Age Sweden." *Swedish Women's Educational Association (SWEA) of San Francisco*. Virtual Presentation. 21 November.
2020. "Investigating Islamicate Archaeology and Heritage Through Itinerant Assemblages." *UC Berkeley Archaeological Research Facility 'Brown Bag Series.'* 18 November.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yg61nta25IY&feature=emb_logo&ab_channel=ArchaeologicalResearchFacility%2CUCBerkeley
2020. "Ask an Archaeologist, Episode 10: Network Analysis and Museums-Based Research in Eastern Europe and the Arab World." *UC Berkeley Archaeological Research Facility 'Ask an Archaeologist Series.'* 24 April. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COEBCDLJqUY>
2019. "Global Vikings: The Untold Story of the World's Greatest Travelers, from North America to the

- Arab World." *Fylgia Lodge's First Annual Leif Eriksson Day Celebration*. Morgan Hill, CA. 12 October.
2018. "The Medievalist's Guide to Preparing for the Academic Job Market." *The Middle Ages in the Wider World Multi-Campus Project*. UC Berkeley, CA. 07 March.
2017. "From Damsels to Warriors: Viking Women in Popular Culture." *Vasa Order of America*. San Jose, CA. 17 November.
2017. "From Damsels to Warriors: Viking Women in Popular Culture." *Community Lectures in Celebration of National Day of Sweden*. Swedish American Hall, San Francisco, CA. 03 June.
2017. "Bridges to Eternity: Women, Conversion, & Religion in Viking Age Sweden." Swedish American Hall, San Francisco, CA. 14 March.
2014. "The Vikings: Historical Memory & Popular Culture." *Factio Organization for Classical Studies*, Ann Arbor, MI, 23 October.

Professional Experience

ORIAS Speakers Bureau, UC Berkeley Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
Speaker & Educator for K-12 and Community College students (2019- 2020)

Stanford University, History Department

Digital Humanities Research Assistant, *Law & Resistance in Late Medieval Europe* (2017- 2019)

University of California Multi-campus Research Project Initiative "The Middle Ages in the Wider World"

Reader for Professionalization, Diversity, & the Global Middle Ages (Fall 2017)

University of Michigan Museum of Natural History

Summer Docent (2015)

University of Michigan Museum of Anthropology

Archaeology Intern under Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (2014- 2015)

University of Michigan Honors Summer Fellowship

Fellow (2013, 2014)

University of Michigan Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program

Research Scholar (2011- 2013)

University of Michigan History Department

Administrative Assistant (2012- 2014)

Teaching & Pedagogical Experience

UC Berkeley Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (Awarded Spring 2020)

University of California, Berkeley

- **The Social Life of Computing (Human Contexts & Ethics component of the Data Science Major)** [ISF 100J]
Reader for Prof. Shreeharsh Kelkar (Spring 2021)
- **Introduction to Archaeology (American Cultures course)** [ANTHRO 2AC]
Graduate student instructor. (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020)
- **Cultural Policy: Cultural Heritage and Cultural Diplomacy** [ANTHRO 136G]
Reader for Prof. Rosemary Joyce (Spring 2020)
- **Northern Europe & the Globe: Scandinavian Cross- Cultural Encounters from Ibn Fadlan to Isak Dinesen (Reading & Composition)** [SCANDIN R5B 003]
Course designer and instructor. (Spring 2019)
- **Sagas, Ciphers, & Cyborgs: Information Cultures in Scandinavia (Reading & Composition)** [SCANDIN R5B 002]
Course designer and instructor. (Fall 2018)
- **Migration and Mobility in the Viking Age: Global Perspectives (Reading & Composition)** [SCANDIN R5B 102]
Course designer and instructor. (Summer 2017; Summer 2018)
- **Scandinavian Myth & Religion** [SCANDIN 160]
Reader for Prof. Jonas Wellendorf (Spring 2018)
- **The Works of Hans Christian Andersen** [SCANDIN 106]
Reader for Prof. Monica Hidalgo and Prof. Jenna Coughlin, respectively (Spring 2017, Spring 2018)

Professional Affiliations & Service Work

Viking Society for Northern Research, Member (2015- 2017)

St John's College, Cambridge Graduate Committee, Post-Graduate Treasurer (2015- 2016)

Archaeological Review from Cambridge (ARC) Journal, Board Member, Secretary (2015- 2016)

Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, Member (2017- 2019)

European Association of Archaeologists, Member (2018- current)

Archaeological Institute of America, Member (2020- current)

American Anthropological Association, Member (2020- current)

Society for Economic Anthropologists, Member (2020- current)

In the Press

Swedish Women's Educational Association (SWEA) Bloggen. 16 July 2020. "SWEA San Franciscos stipendiat 2020- Sara Ann Knutson." <https://www.sweabloggensf.com/post/swea-san-franciscos-stipendiat-2020-sara-ann-knutson>

Sveriges Radio (P1). 01 June 2018. "Varför är amerikanerna så nyfikna på oss?" <https://sverigesradio.se/sida/avsnitt/1084264?programid=412>

DR (Danish Broadcasting Co). 15 April 2018. "Oldnordisk, vikinger og Kierkegaard. I Californien dyrker de skandinavisk historie." <https://www.dr.dk/nyheder/kultur/boeger/oldnordisk-vikinger-og-kierkegaard-i-californien-dyrker-de-skandinavisk>

Medium.com (Authored). "Inside the World of First-Generation College Students." 08 Oct 2017. https://medium.com/@sara_knutson/inside-the-world-of-first-generation-students-1187d4204ceb

Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at University of Michigan. 01 June 2015. <http://www.umphikappaphi.umich.edu/news.html>