# Ellen A. Ahlness

## Education

### University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Ph. D Student, Department of Political Science. Degree expected June 2020

Dissertation: States, Nations, and Stakeholders: The Arctic Council as a Discourse Theater

Qualitative Methodology Certificate.

M.A. Political Science. May 2017.

### Northern Arctic Federal University, Arkhangelsk, Russia

Russia in the Arctic Dialogue; Local and Global Context, 2019

### University of Dundee, Dundee, Scotland

Jean Monnet Summer School on European Security and Justice, 2016

#### Minnesota State University- Mankato, Mankato, MN

B.A. International Relations, Scandinavian Studies, *summa cum laude*, 2015 Telemark University College, Bø, Norway, 2014

## **Primary Research Interests**

**Substantive:** Indigenous Politics, Arctic Politics, Environmental Politics, International Organizations, Norm Creation and Compliance, Minority Politics

**Methodological:** Discourse Analysis, Interviews, Case Studies, Mixed-Method, Decolonizing Methodologies

## **Peer Reviewed Publications**

2018	The 'Duel' Level Domestic Legal Situation of Russia's Peoples of the Far North. Curre	nt
	Developments in Arctic Law 6: 25-32.	
2015	The Handshake that Made History: The Norwegian-Minnesotan Troop Exchange. The	?
	Cross Section 2(1): 4-15.	

Janteloven and Social Conformity in Thorbjørn Egner's Literature. *NCUR Proceedings* 5(1): 547-554.

The State Partnership Program: States as Global Actors. MSU-Mankato Journal 14(1): 3-20.

### **Book Reviews**

2019	Back to the Blanket: Recovered Rhetorics and Literacies in American Indian Studies.
	Communication Booknotes Quarterly
	From the Klondike to Berlin: The Yukon in World War I. Canadian Military History.

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2018 Governing Arctic Change: Global Perspectives. *The Polar Record* 54(4). China's Arctic Ambitions. *American Review of Canadian Studies*.

## **Working Papers**

- Of the Land, Of Another Land. Graduate History Review (R&R).
- Post-War, Peri-Youth: Physical and Social Remnants of the Tajik Civil War. *Childhood* (Forthcoming).
- Battling the Past: Intersectional Challenges to Indigenous Tourism Employment in the Nordic States. *Tourism Employment in Nordic Countries* (Forthcoming).
- Social Values and Building Pressures: Social Acceptance of Sustainable Energy Projects in Scandinavia. *The Discourse of Sustainability in Europe: Climate Change, Clean Energy, and Justice* (Forthcoming).
- The Anthropocene as a Guiding Principle in Indigenous-Inclusive Education. *Ethical Research Approaches to Indigenous Knowledge Education* (Forthcoming).
- Leadership and Neurobiological Brain Development. Considering Leadership Anew (Forthcoming).
- The Legacy of the Ting: Viking Justice and Effective Regional Governance. *World History Connected* (Forthcoming).
- Uncertainty, Maskirovka, and Militarism: Russian Perspectives and Amphibious Assault Potentiality in the Arctic's Near Future. *Amphibious Operations* (Forthcoming).
- Decolonizing Gray Spaces: Storytelling and Art as Political Activism Among Sami Herders. *Ecologia Politica* (R&R).
- Bridging Sky, Bridging Souls: Mountains as Sacred Placed in Animistic Sami Tradition. *Space, Place and Religious Landscapes: Living Mountains* (R&R).
- Accounting for Nonstate Actors: Values, Indigenous Nations, and the Liberal International Order. Rising Power Quarterly (R&R).
- Greener Than Them: Perceptions of Minority Environmental Commitment in Homogeneous States.

## Other Publications and Media Outreach

- 2019 Vikings in World History. Nortana News. January 12.
- 2018 FLAS Reflections. *University of Washington Language Blog.* November 12.
  - 8 Things Teaching Assistants Wish You Knew. Student Caring. November 5.
  - Encouraging Lifelong Learning Through a Minimalist Mindset." Pick The Brain. October 14.
  - Taste of Sarband: Culinary Histories and Dishes of Tajikistan. CreateSpace Publishing. Amazon Bestseller. Courmand World Cookbook Award: Silk Road, Fundraising.
  - The Minimalist Student: Cutting Away the Excess for Greater Well-Being. *The Daily*. January 12.
- 2016 Sami Cooking: Educational Recipes from Finnmark and the Arctic Circle. Sons of Norway and Viking Magazine special.
- 2014 The Handshake the Made History: The US-Norwegian Troop Exchange. Norwegian Armed Forces Library.
  - Lapp." The Cross Section 2(1): 16-17. December.
  - Students Globalizing their Education Through Study Abroad. The Honors Beacon. April 6.
- 2013 A Long Way Home. 365 Tomorrows. December 12.
  - The Test. Sensicality Journal. May 3.
  - Hvis Jeg Tror. Lishanu Journal. February 2.

## **Teaching**

University of Washington, Seattle, WA. September 2015-Present

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Washington. September 2015-Present

2018 African American Political Thought

Introduction to International Relations (2015, 2017)

2017 Eco-Capitalism

Modern Scandinavian Politics Introduction to American Politics Religion and World Politics (2016)

2016 International Conflict

Comparative Public Policy

2018 eWay Learning Center, Bellevue, WA. *Instructor*, English, Reading and Writing, Debate.

2017-2018 Experience America, Seattle, WA. Instructor, International Political Economy, Marketing,

and International Relations.

2014-2015 Literacy Source, Seattle, WA. *Instructor*, English Reading and Writing.

Telemark University College, Bø, Norway. Language Tutor, English and Norwegian.

Lincoln Center, Adult Basic Education. Mankato, MN. Instructor, English.

## Relevant Professional Experience

2019 Writer, The Times of Central Asia.

2015-2018 Exam Proctor, Disability and Resource Services Center. University of Washington.

TA Conference Instructor, Center for Teaching and Learning. University of Washington. Course Developer, Introduction to Inuktitut (online). Language Learning Center. University

of Washington.

2018 Policy Aide, MN House of Representatives, District 38B Campaign. St. Paul, MN.

Issue Papers: White Bear Lake Water Levels, Preventing the Spread of Invasive Species in Ramsey and Washington County Waterways, Water Conservation Policy

And Response in District 38B.

2017-2018 Editor and Assistant, Freelance. Seattle, WA.

2014-2015 Cultural Event Coordinator. Telemark University College. Bø, Norway.

2013 Intern. US Department of State, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs. Office of International

Security Operations. Washington, D.C.

2012-2013 Editor, Writer. Century Times Newspaper, White Bear Lake, MN.

## **Awards and Distinctions**

2019 Science Debate Grant

Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation Travel Grant Dr. Werner and Mrs. Margit Weingarten Endowed Fund Scholarship

UW Impacting Woman Award

ICE LAW Early Career Scholar Grant

Aurora Borealis Best Paper Award: History and Social Science. Presented at the

Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian studies Conference.

Digital Scholarship Storytelling Award

EcoReps Student Award

#YouW Award

2018 Hayek Fund Grant

Ione E. Curtis Research Grant Normanna Lodge Grant FLAS Fellowship, Inuit

Sons of Norway Education Grant

University of Utah Asia Center Travel Grant

2017 Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation Travel Grant

Synnove Lien Fielding Endowed Fund Scholarship, University of Washington,

Department of Scandinavian Studies

Nordmanns Forbundet Pacific Northwest Chapter Scholarship

2016 GPSS Travel Grant, University of Washington

Jean Monnet Summer School Scholarship

2015 Jerome Evans Memorial Scholarship

Presidential Volunteer Service Award (2013-15)

Folds of Honors Scholarship (2013-15)

2014 Myrtle Beinhaur Fund

Women Who Swim Against the Current Grant, Lakselaget Foundation Outstanding Collegian Leader Award. Minnesota State University Mankato

Best Columnist Award, Minnesota Newspaper Association

2013 Honors Research Grant, Minnesota State University, Mankato

T Bureau Intern Essay Award, U.S. Department of State

U.S. Army War College Scholarship

Presidential Award, Minnesota State University, Mankato

American Veterans Grant, American Legion

Maverick Grant, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Core Values Grant. White Bear Lake. Norske Torske Foundation Award.

Tove Irene Dahl Award.

Sons of the American Revolution Award. St. Paul Chapter.

#### Service to the Field and Volunteerism

#### **Conferences and Seminars**

Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies. Panel Organizer for *Nested in the* 

North: Scandinavia in International Relations.

International Security Colloquium. Invited Speaker.

Severyns Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics. Discussant for Benjamin Smith.

2017 International Security Colloquium. Discussant for Tarak Bakwari.

Washington Institute on the Study of Inequality and Race. Invited Speaker.

#### **Invited Presentations**

2019 "Teaching Canada, Learning Canada" Panel. Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium. University of Washington. Seattle, WA.

"Eco-Capitalism" Guest Lecturer Graduate/Undergraduate Seminar. University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
"Slow Food in a Fast World" Guest speaker. University of Washington. Seattle, WA.
"Beyond Blue Eyes: Diversity and Multiculturalism in Scandinavia Today" Sons of Norway. Mankato, MN.
"Comparative Social Policy in the United States and Norway." Seljord Folk School. Seljord, Norway.
"Social Policy Across Scandinavia." Sons of Norway. Mankato, MN.

#### **Editorial and Review Duties**

2019 Advisory Board, Upping the Anti Journal.

2018 Reviewer, University of Toronto Journal of Political Science.

Reviewer, The Graduate History Review.

Reviewer, Teaching and Learning Symposium. University of Washington.

#### Volunteer

2014

Peer-to-Peer Pedagogy. Department of Political Science. Seattle, WA. (2017-2018)
 Department of Political Science Graduate President. Seattle, WA. (2017-2018)

 Steering Committee, Equality Initiative in Political Science. Seattle, WA. (2017-2018)
 Student Volunteer. University of Washington Academic Workers for a Democratic University. University of Washington. (2016-2017)
 Staff Team Leader. Kroa i Bø Culture House. Bø, Norway. (2014-2015)
 Bøy Scout Mentoring, Venture Crew 9201. Mahtomedi, MN. (2009-2015)

## **Conference Presentations**

2019 Praxis Conference. Anti-Racist Pedagogy, Visions and Practices for Institutional Change. Seattle, WA. February 22. Sustainability in Arts. EcoReps. January 21. Scholar's Studio. Seattle, WA. November 28. 2018 Democracy through Dialogue. Seattle, WA. November 13. Native American and Indigenous Studies Association. Los Angeles, CA. May 18-20. Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study. Los Angeles, CA. May 3-5. Symposium for Teaching and Learnings. Seattle, WA. April 17(with Beatrice Magistro). MPSA. Chicago, IL. April 4-8. Asia in the Russian Imagination Conference. Salt Lake City, UT. March 23-24. Borders and Bridges: Nordic Nationalisms and Transnationalisms. Berkeley, CA. March 9-10. Globalization, Education, and Diversity Conference. Spokane, WA. February 22-23. Pacific Northwest Political Science Association. Seattle, WA. October 12-14. 2017 Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN. May 11-13. Washington Institute on the Study of Inequality and Race, Seattle, April 24. 2016 Jean Monnet Summer School on European Security and Justice, University of Dundee Dundee, Scotland. June 20-26. Voting, Elections, and Electoral Systems. Seattle, WA. April 8.

MSU Research Symposium, Mankato, MN. April 21.

NCUR Annual Conference. Lexington, KY. April 3-5.

Upper Midwest Regional Conference. Wartburg College, Waverly, IA. March 23-25.

Midwest Scandinavian Studies Conference. Eau Claire, WI. February 20-22.

## **Professional Memberships**

2017-International Studies Association

Present Pacific Northwest Political Science Association

> International Arctic Social Sciences Association Arctic-FROST. University of Northern Iowa.

Center for Environmental Politics. Graduate Fellow. University of Washington.

American Political Science Association.

Native American and Indigenous Studies Association.

2016-Norwegian Researchers and Teachers Association of North America

Present Fellow, Washington Institute for the Study of Inequality and Race.

Fellow, International Security Colloquium. University of Washington.

Fellow, Severyns Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics. University of Washington.

Society for Advancement of Scandinavian Studies.

## **Research Activities and Data Sets**

2018	Research Assistant. Crowd Counting Consortium. Mansfield, CT.
	Contributor. "Gender Equality of the Arctic." Arctic Council Sustainable Development
	Working Group.

2016 "Norwegian Candidates: A Database of Party Candidates from the 21 Most Diverse Municipalities in Norway 2007-2016."

2015 Research Assistant. Public Achievement and Citizen Politics. Humphry School of Public Affairs. Minneapolis, MN.

## Professional Development

2019 C	)W	Digital Scholarsh	ip Fellowshi	p Program.	Seattle, WA.
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Safer Zone Training. Q Center, University of Washington. Seattle, WA.

2018 Research Ethics Training. World Health Organization.

Research Ethics Course. Practical Ethics Center, University of Montana.

Basic Security in the Field. UN Department of Safety and Security. Universal Design Training. University of Washington. Seattle, WA.

Deep Learning through Transformative Pedagogy. University of Queensland. St. Lucia, QLD.

Critical Pedagogy Summit. University of Washington. Seattle, WA.

Veterans Teaching and Advising Workshop. University of Washington. Seattle, WA.

Undocu-Ally Training. University of Washington. Seattle, WA.

#### Skills

Computer Languages and Applications: R, LaTeX, Atlas.ti, Wordpress, Omeka, WikiEducation

Languages: Norwegian (proficient), Swedish (proficient), Inuktitut (basic), Tajiki (basic-intermediate) Page 6 of 6

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