SNU Grant:

Arctic Identities Symposium

Scandinavian Studies University of Washington

Other Funders:

- * Scan Design Foundation, Seattle, Wash. A foundation promoting Danish-U.S. relations through cultural exchange
- * UW Scandinavian Studies Dept.

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A public conversation about the changing Arctic







Our Idea

A symposium that brings together the regional identities, and languages/language interests represented in our department to confront a salient or urgent issue that these identities face together.



Issue: The Arctic

Regions/Identities/Languages:

Sámi, Norwegian, Finnish, Greenlandic, Danish

Our Department

Scandinavian Studies at the University of Washington

Languages/Areas taught:

- * Norwegian
- * Danish
- * Swedish
- * Finnish
- * Estonian
- * Latvian
- * Lithuanian

Principal Organizers:

- * P-I: Andy Meyer (Norwegian)
- * Morten Bøje Stensgaard Larsen (Danish)
- * Anna-Maria Peltomäki (Finnish)

Our Event

A two-day event:

- * Thursday, May 18, 2023
 - → A three-hour public symposium
 - → Speakers each gave a 15-minute talk, followed by a 1-hour panel discussion, including Q&A
 - → The event was live-streamed via Zoom and recorded
- * Friday, May 19, 2023
 - → A special forum only for students in Danish, Swedish, and Norwegian language courses

Our Guest Speakers

- * Isalill Kolpus (Sápmi/Norway)
- * Emmi Nuorgam (Sápmi/Finland)
- * Jessie Kleemann (Greenland/Denmark)
- * Martin Breum (Denmark)

How we used the funds

- * Invited speakers
 - **→**Airfare
 - → Transportation
 - **→**Lodging
 - → Honoraria
- * Promotional material
 - **→**Posters
 - → Mailers
 - →Social Media boosts
 - →On-campus announcement boards
 - \rightarrow A/V production for the event
- * Catering for the two events (symposium and student forum)

Some Promotional Materials

Social Media:



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Where: Cascade Room at the Burke Museum on the UW campus When: May 18, 2023, 5 - 8pm.

Admission is free, but space is limited.

Please register to attend. (LINK IN BIO!)
Refreshments will be served.



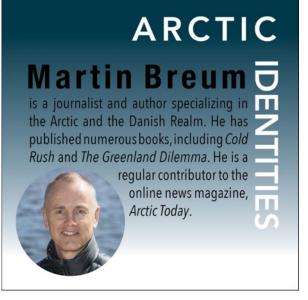




ARCTIC Isalill Kolpus isa Sámi educator and comedian in Norway. Along with her stand-up, she writes for several comedy programs for NRK, the Norwegian national broadcasting network. She is a former leader of Noereh, a Sámi youth organization.



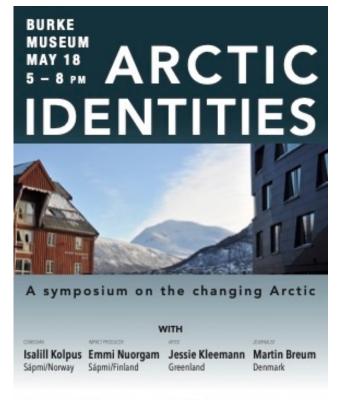




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The Nordic Far North is a region of vital global importance.

Cascade Room

The region is the most populous of the Arctic sub-regions and is subject to and agent of increasing pressures of globalization, technologization, and climate change. It is also in the midst of ongoing geopolitical and economic instabilities. The region is home to several ethnic, national and cultural identities: Sámi, Norwegian, Finnish, Swedish, Danish, Icelandic, and Greenlandic, alongside other neighboring circumpolar peoples. These diverse Arctic cultures face these challenges together, but they do so from their various perspectives, some overlapping and others unique. Therefore, questions of identity, language, sovereignty, selfhood, and cultural and political power are paramount. How do diverse identities navigate the mounting changes in the Arctic in collective and separate ways? How do their differences and similarities create both opportunities and challenges in mitigating the threats to Northern livelihoods that climate change and shifting geopolitics pose? In a context of uneven power distribution, how do these diverse communities confront these challenges together while retaining their cultural distinctiveness and integrity?

To confront these questions, the Department of Scandinavian Studies, with support from the Coordinating Committee for Nordic Studies Abroad and the Scan Design Foundation, has invited four guests who bring perspectives from across the Nordic Far North to participate in a symposium to be held at the Burke Museum on the University of Washington campus. It is our hope as organizers that presenting perspectives on these challenges to audiences in the Pacific Northwest will increase awareness of the effects of globalization and climate change on peoples and places in the Far North, and strengthen the public understanding of the complex challenges that Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultures experience differently, yet face together.

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The Arctic is changing rapidly, and with it, the landscapes, resources, and cultures that give rise to Arctic identities. As one of the most populous Arctic regions, the Nordic region, including Greenland and Sápmi, provides a unique image of the way identities respond to these radical changes.

This three-hour symposium puts voices into conversation that are particularly well-suited to explore the ever evolving identities of the peoples who call the Arctic home.

WHERE: Burke Museum, UW Campus

Cascade Room WHEN: May 18, 2023

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Space is limited; please register using the QR code:

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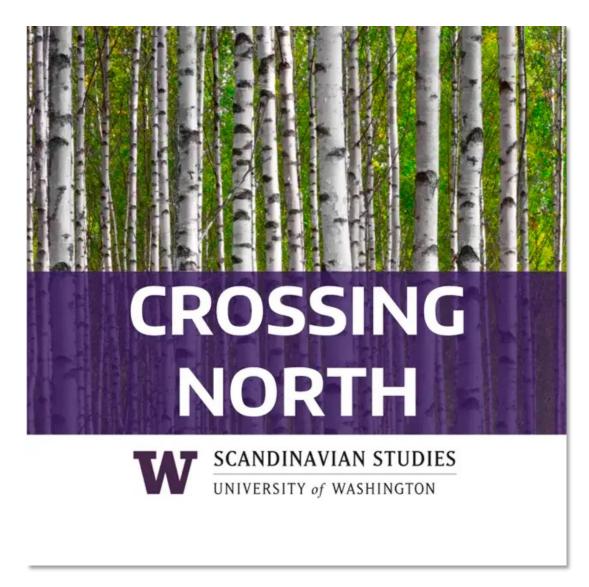
is a Danish journalist and Arctic expert







Some Promotional Materials



The Arctic Identities
Symposium will be the
centerpiece of an upcoming
episode of our departmental
podcast, *Crossing North*.

https://scandinavian.washington.edu/crossing-north-podcast







